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## CIT go crashing out of the cup

CORK Institute of Technology travelled to Belfast to participate in the Purcell Cup last weekend.

Despite fielding a strong side which included Cork senior Paula O'Connor and juniors Orla O'Sullivan and Emer O'Sullivan and former minor Ber Maher, the Cork girls had to give way to St Mary's Belfast in the semi-final.

However despite the result the side are pleased with the progress made this season which augurs well for the game within the college under the guidance of the college sports officer, Kilbrittan's Miriam Deasy.

A brave effort by Sacred Heart Ballyphehane in the week gone by was not enough to give them the Munster Junior B championship title over St Joseph's Borrisoleigh.

The Cork girls opened well with a point from Gemma O'Connor. The home side responded well and took the lead by the fourth minute after Melissa Stapleton had converted two points.

Sacred Heart got a vital break 17 minutes into the contest when Jenny Coughlan set up Gemma O'Connor, who made no mistake.

### Visitors

Three points from the same player gave the visitors a 1-4 to 0-2 half time lead but left them having to play against the strong wind in the second half.

With their defence on top the Sacred Heart side held solid despite Borrisoleigh's strong challenge.

Thirteen minutes into the half Ger Kinnane gave the home side the initiative when she finished to the net from close range.

Despite the protests of square ball the goal was allowed and again two minutes later the same player was involved in controversy when she looked to be standing with the 'keeper' as she scored.

The goal stood and Sacred Heart were behind, but they levelled matters with eight minutes remaining.

A free 60 yards from goal dropped to the net and Sacred Heart were in trouble.

One minute later Ger Kinnane added her side's fourth goal and with it gave her side their first Munster title.

Coachford Community College recorded a mid-week double in Cork Colleges competitions.

In the Senior B Championship they had too much power for a St Aidan's side at Glen Rovers.

In the Intermediate final played at Caherlag, the Coachford girls recorded a victory over St Fanahan's Mitchelstown to make it a good week for the school.

## National leagues are poised to swing into action



Douglas captain Deirdre Murphy is presented with the Seandún U-11 League trophy by Marion McCarthy.

## Future looks bright

CAMOGIE within the Carrigdhoun division continues to go from strength to strength with competitions organised both indoor and outdoor throughout the year.

At the AGM of the clubs within the division held recently at the Riverstick Community Centre, chairperson Mary Hurley reviewed a year of non-stop action for the clubs in county board and divisional competition.

The division's senior side, who participated in the senior county championship, put in a tremendous display, losing out to eventual winners Bishopstown by one point in the first round.

Officers elected for the coming year: Chairperson; Mary Hurley; minutes secretary: Patsy Downing; treasurer: Brid Buckley; asst treasurer: Geraldine Cremin; PRO: Noreen Quinn; competitions committee: Elizabeth Quinn, Ollie Hallihane, Mary Hurley.

# UCC begin quest for Ashbourne Cup

**WITH the national leagues at senior and junior level starting on March 5, selectors are preparing for busy campaigns.**

In a change of format to previous years, counties with a junior and senior team participating in the leagues are paired together.

This enables both games to be played together on the same day, cutting out unnecessary travelling.

The Cork sides travel to Down for the opening games of the league and with the hosts determined to make their mark in the senior grade a lively weekend is predicted.

There is a new face among the senior selectors this year. Senior county champions Bishopstown nominated Pat Harris as their representative on the selection committee in place of Pat Murray.

### Selectors

Mr. Harris will join Rose Mackey and Angela Higgins who were returned at county convention with Tom Nott again coaching the side.

The side will be captained by Vivienne Harris who also led the side last season.

UCC begin a quest in Galway this weekend which they hope will bring them their 29th Ashbourne Cup title.

The Ashbourne Cup is the oldest camogie competition and one of the most prestigious and was initiated as an inter-varsity competition in 1915.

In later years the rules were changes to expand the competition with teacher training colleges and regional colleges taking part.

It's a special weekend with the semi-finals on Saturday and final on Sunday.



Una O'Donoghue lines out with the UCC team for the Ashbourne Cup.

UCC, having recorded an impressive victory over Athlone IT in the preliminary round, will go into the semi-final against UL in confident mood.

They are a well balanced side and include Cork senior inter-county players Una O'Donoghue and Sinead O'Callaghan as well as junior All-Ireland medal holders Criona Harte, Elaine Burke, Linda O'Connell, Sinead Buckley, Caroline Giltinane and Ger Casey.

The team is coached by former inter-county hurler John Considine and they have put in a huge effort in their preparations.

In the second semi-final, holders WIT take on UCD.

WIT face a tough challenge from a

UCD side who last took Ashbourne honours in 1988.

In local competition Youghal and Carrigaline meet in the 1999 Junior B league final. The Carrigaline side contested the championship county final earlier in the year, losing out to Inniscarra.

They also contested the junior B final in 1998, losing out to Milford.

A lot of work has gone on in the Carrigaline club over a number of years and they are confident of taking their first adult trophy.

However, Youghal, who have worked steadily to re-establish themselves as a force, are a determined side and will also be hoping to make the breakthrough.

## RESULTS & FIXTURES

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Munster Colleges Junior B final: St Joseph's Borrisoleigh 4-2, Presentation Ballyphehane 1-5.

U 19 Championship quarter final: Aghabullogue 5-1, Courcy Rovers 2-2; Valley Rovers 1-4, Glen Rovers 0-2.

### FIXTURES

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19 Ashbourne Cup semi-finals: UCD v WIT, UCG Sports Grounds, Dangan, 1.30pm; UL v UCC, Castlegar, 3pm.

Under 12 and 14 Indoor Blitz semi-finals and final: Little Island Complex, beginning at 10am.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20 Junior B League final: Carrigaline v Youghal, Carrigaline, 2.30pm.

Ashbourne Cup final: Sports Grounds, Dangan, 3pm.

## Magic moments

THE Ashbourne Cup, played for since 1915, is the oldest competition in camogie.

Originally only the four universities participated, but in recent years a change in format has seen the teacher training colleges and regional colleges participating in a superb competition.



# LIMERICK, YOU'RE THE LADIES

**TWO IN A ROW FOR  
GRANAGH/  
BALLINGARRY**

**I**t is celebration time again down Limerick way, as the ladies of Granagh/Ballingarry retained their All Ireland Club camogie championship title over first time finalists, Davitt's of Galway.

Played in the cruel November weather, it is little wonder that the initial reaction of captain, Kay Burke was, "fantastic, if I could warm up". The elated wingback went on to say, "The conditions were terrible, but I am thrilled to have won. Despite trailing 1-3 to 0-1 at half time, I felt we were doing well enough against the gale force wind".

The day in question was unfortunately one of the wettest and windiest days so far this year, and it was such a pity that two of the top clubs in the country were not allowed display

In another corner of the changing area was the "Player of the Match", Eileen O'Brien. Sisters Breda and Beirne also collected their second All Ireland Club medals. Eileen, a seventeen-year-old Leaving Cert. student at St. Mary's of Charleville, scored 1-3 out of her sides' total of 2-4. While her goal might have been a trifle fortuitous, she was not giving anything away either. When asked if she went for goal, her reply with a grin simply said "yeah".

For centre-back Bernie Chawke, the 1999 club final was significant and memorable for several reasons. She was collecting her third All Ireland club medal - her first was exactly 21 years ago with another Limerick side, Ballygran. "They are getting more precious as we go on", declared Bernie soon after the game. It was also a case of double celebration in the Chawke household, as husband Mike was trainer to the victorious side.

Mike has a long association with the Granagh/Ballingarry club, and although very happy with the win, he was disappointed with the unkindness of the weather: "I would like to see the final being played a month earlier. It is not fair on the players having to play in such conditions. Today, we could have had a fantastic match".

But one thing is for sure, despite the lashing wind and rain, there was nothing could take from the determined effort made by these top two teams to lift the ultimate honour in club camogie.

The celebrations continue down Shannonside. 

## Name The Date And I'll Be There

### THE ALL IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW FOR 2000

July 8th: Preliminary round  
A - Down vs Tipperary

July 22nd: Quarter-finals  
B - Limerick vs Galway  
C - Kilkenny vs Cork  
D - Down/Tipperary vs Clare  
E - Wexford vs Dublin  
(In preliminary and quarter-finals, all first named teams have home venue)

August 12th: Semi-finals  
C vs E  
D vs B  
(replay date August 19th if needed)

September 3rd: Final (Croke Park)

their skill to the full. It was also disappointing that the big effort put in by the hosts, Tynagh, was lost to the poor conditions. Tynagh, Tommy Larkins, and Abbey/Duniry are the three areas that make up the Davitt's club.

But that aside, there was no taking from a spirited fight back from the All Ireland Champions, to lift the Carroll Cup for the second year in succession. The Galway side had built up a five-point lead by half time with the help of the strong wind, and also thanks to hard graft from Lourda Kavanagh and goal scorer Caitriona Finnegan.

But once Deirdre Sheehan - one of four sisters in the starting line up - rattled the Davitt's net ten minutes after the restart, it was clear that the title holders were not going to go down without a fight.

Later, in an ecstatic dressing room, the No 11 happily recalled the build up to Granagh/Ballingarry's opening goal: "Jean Cullinane hit it in, the goalie blocked it, and I just flicked it past her with my hurley". She added, "The conditions were unreal, but it was great to win the first 15-a-side club final".



**Granagh/Ballingarry, All-Ireland Camogie  
Club Champions**

Back left to right: Amy McCarthy, Sheila Treacy, Joanne O'Brien, Bernie O'Brien, Catherine Lesley, Vera Sheehan, Joanne Clifford, Brid O'Brien, Bernie Chawke, Jean Cullinane, Patricia Flynn  
Front left to right: Teresa Mulcaire, Edwina Boyce, Mairead Cagney, Eileen O'Brien, Aoife Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Deirdre Sheehan, Kay Burke, Maureen Sheehan  
Background: Mike Chawke (trainer/manager)

# Back in time

**PJ Fulham reviews the events of 30 years ago in the world of camogie**

**T**his week we glean back to 1970 which was a memorable year, during which the first National Coaching Course was held in Gormanstown.

Coaching and Referees Seminars were held throughout the country and the All-Ireland Colleges Council was set up under the Presidency of Lily Spence, Antrim. At National level, camogie was given a considerable boost with the appointment of the Ardunai Sighle Nic An Ultaigh to 'Cosac', the new Sports Council set up by the Government.

Apart from the All-Ireland Senior Championship for the 'O'Duffy' Cup and Senior Gael Linn, many competitions were in their infancy. There was no Intermediate, minor, junior Gael Linn or National Leagues.

Cork won the All-Ireland Senior Championship after a lapse of 29 years. They defeated Kilkenny 5-7 to 3-2 in the final and Anne Comerford was the captain. This great team went on to win four titles in a row. Cork team: Eleanor Cummins, Marie Costine, Hannah Dineen, Mary Joe Ryan, Shiela Dunne, Betty Sugrue, Anne McAuliffe, Anne Comerford, Pat Moloney, Liz Garvin, Peggy Dorgan, Rosie Hennessy. Subs: Mary Moran, Marion McCarthy, Anna Crotty, Nuala Guilly.

Liz Garvin won 'Miss Camogie Award' for 'Player of the Year.' Mary Moran became Uachtaran in 1979 and the referee of that day, Nancy Murray of Antrim, became Uachtaran in 1975.

The All-Ireland junior championship was in its 3rd year and Dublin won the 'New Ireland' Cup for the first time, overcoming Armagh on a scoreline of 4-2 to 3-3.

The captain was Vera Feely. This Dublin side went on to notch two more titles in the '70s but they have not won an All-Ireland junior crown since.

Dublin team: Anne Carey, Ann-Marie O'Loughlin, Claire Harrington, Vera Sullivan, Rita Whyte, Veronica Fingleton, Vera Feely, Muireann Hayes, Nora McDonald, Pauline Brennan, Rita Halpin, Marian Coogan. Subs: M O'Reilly, Pat Morrissey, Una Cornican, Una Carroll.

The club championship was in its 7th year and St. Paul's Kilkenny secured their third title in a row beating Bellaghy of

Derry in the final. The score was 6-5 to 2-0 while Mary Conway was the captain.

St. Paul's team: Teresa O'Neill, Nuala Duncan, Anne Phelan, Carmel O'Shea, K Brennan, Breda Cassin, Liz Neary, Maura Cassin, Carmel Doyle, Helena O'Neill, Mary O'Neill, Mary Conway.

In Gael Linn Leinster won the Cup for the tenth time in fifteen years when they recorded a 12-2 to 4-1 victory over Ulster.

The Captain, Jo Golden of Kilkenny, is currently Cisteoir Cumann Camogaitochta na nGael.

Leinster team: Jo Golden (Kilkenny), Mary Ryan (Dublin), Joan Murphy (Wexford), Margaret O'Leary (Wexford), Bridget O'Conn (Wexford), Liz Neary (Kilkenny), Ann Carroll (Kilkenny), Orla Ni Siochain (Dublin), Helena O'Neill (Kilkenny), Annie Kehoe (Wexford), Judy Doyle (Dublin), Maura Cassin (Kilkenny).

UCD won the 'Ashbourne Cup'.

UCD team: Jo Golden, Ann Marie O'Loughlin, Pat Morrissey, Vera Sullivan, Nora Stuart, Veronica Fingleton, Shiela Murray, Marian Coogan, Joan Traynor, Lucy Tallant, Mary Clossick, Marjorie Doohan.

The All-Ireland Senior Colleges was only in its second year and Presentation Kilkenny retained the title.

Presentation Team: Teresa O'Neill, Anne Phelan, Catherine Conway, Mella Hennessy, Patricia Cody, Carmel Doyle, Liz Neary (Capt), Brenda McEvoy, Patsy Byrne, Helena O'Neill, Claire Dowling, Mary Barry.



**Bertie Ahern prepares to greet Belle O'Loughlin at the camogie final last year**

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# Monaghan gets his charges in shape

THE Dublin Senior squad didn't bother with the Late Late Fashion Show last Friday night. Training is the pursuit that most occupies their weekends these days.

And as their fitness sharpens, thoughts are already straying towards their Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Championship tie against Wexford by the Banks of the Slaney in July.

Not for a long time has the mood being as optimistic in the capital. The arrival of new manager, Tom Monaghan, has seen the girls reach for the mountain tops.

One of their most seasoned campaigners is Crumlin's Ruth Lyons. "Tom doesn't only get a player physically fit. He also gets the head right. Mental fitness is a big thing with him, reflects Ruth, who won the All-Ireland Intermediate title with the Dubs in 1992.

"He talks a lot during the training sessions, and it certainly sinks in with you, states Ruth, who feels Dublin have a point to prove in the Wexford clash.

"We didn't play up to scratch when they beat us in the Leinster Final before Christmas. Now this season we want to prove to ourselves that we can be up there with the best.

It's a view also held by captain, Germaine

## CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

Noonan, the only remaining player in the squad that won the All-Ireland senior crown with Dublin in 1984, the county's last time to do so.

"It doesn't matter who we meet this year because we will be very well prepared. We began training very early this season, and that's something that has not happened in Dublin Camogie for some time. There's a new focus there now under Tom.

Yet Wexford manager, Seamus Murphy, has been delighted to welcome back some of Wexford's more established performers like Stella Sinnott, Paula Rankin and Fiona Dunne, who will add considerably to their strength.

Elsewhere, the other Championship draws sees the Dublin Juniors travelling to Laois. The U-16 Championship pits the Dubs against Kilkenny in Kilkenny, while in the U-18 Leinster Championship, Dublin host Louth.

And in the Leinster U-14 Championship, which is played on a League basis, Dublin are at home to Wexford in the first outing.



WINNERS: Receiving three year scholarships at NUI Maynooth were left, Pamela Nugent (Offaly) and right Aoife Cullen (Dublin) with Clem Ryan of CKR FII, centre

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## Brilliant Borris overcome Cork challenge

**St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh 4-2  
Presentation, Ballyphehane 1-5**

Borrisoleigh were crowned Munster junior 'B' champions in dramatic style recently. A large enthusiastic crowd were enthralled for fifty minutes at windswept Borrisoleigh.

The wind advantage was enjoyed by Ballyphehane in the first half as they declared intentions with the opening point within sixty seconds. A surging run from Melissa Stapleton yielded a quick reply.

Borris were determined not to be over-run against the wind and had been successful until the seventeenth minute when the Cork side's most prominent player Gemma O'Connor burst through for a well taken goal. Confidence grew in the Ballyphehane side as Borris failed to capitalise on some good ball.

Despite a free from Melissa Stapleton the signs were ominous at half time with a 1-4 to 0-2 scoreline.

Borris mentors Marcella Crowe, Theresa Cahill and Kevin McCarthy faced an onerous task in renewing the sense of belief in their young charges. After the interval Borris worked hard but the posts, were proving an elusive target. A goal from the now rampant Geraldine

Kinnane proved to be the required tonic. Maria Tynan worked very hard at midfield winning all possession that came her way making some great runs down the wing to feed the forwards.

The Borris backs were now more comfortable with the wind behind them. Helen Ryan was very solid at full back. Kathleen Kennedy, Norah Kinnane and Claire Treacy played with a greater sense of urgency as the Cork forwards found possession hard to come by.

Another pulsating run by Kinnane sent in a ball which was finished to the net by Michelle Hogan.

One felt that the tide had turned but Ballyphehane responded with an equalising score. With only five minutes remaining Maria Tynan won a free which was goaled by Geraldine Kinnane as a sense of relief was felt throughout the field.

Borrisoleigh were now on top in all departments. Geraldine

Kinnane finished the game with another goal which typified her inspirational day.

The Borrisoleigh girls were absolutely thrilled with this win, they now go on to play the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final in early March.

Ger Dullea, Munster Council vice-chairperson presented the up to captain Geraldine Kinnane.

St. Joseph, Borrisoleigh: Triona Dunne (Toomevara), Helen Ryan (Toomevara), Claire Treacy (Borrisoleigh), Kathleen Kennedy (Toomevara), Norah Kinnane (Drom-Inch), Aileen Kennedy (Templederry), Melissa Stapleton (Drom-Inch), Joanne Cowan (Borrisoleigh), Michelle Coffey (Toomevara), Geraldine Kinnane capt (Drom-Inch), Maria Tynan (Toomevara), Michelle Hogan (Templederry). Subs: Nicola Cuddihy (Toomevara), Carmel O'Meara (Toomevara), Margaret Shanahan (Upperchurch), Mary Hassett (Drom-Inch), Tara Kennedy (Templederry), Lorraine Hayes (Templederry), Caroline Lee (Templemore).



Tipperary Cidona Sports Awards: Back, left to right: Paul Fennessy, Brendan Wall (Clonmel Rowing Club), John Fogarty (Cashel Rugby Club), Paul Maloney, Philip Fenton (Horse Racing), Lam Cronin (Moyle Rovers, Gaelic Football), Tommy Dunne (Toomevara Hurling), Francis McGivney (Clonmel, Power Lifting). Middle row: Denis Coman (Moycarkey-Coolross AC representing his son Tomas, Athletics), Michael Grace (St. Michael's, Soccer), Robert Ryan (Mullinahone BC Boxing), Biddy Phillips (Thurles, Sports Executive), Maebhe Stokes (captain Tipperary Senior Camogie team), Joan Kennedy (Templederry Racquetball), Bernard Barry (Captain, Templemore Golf Club). Front: Jimmy Finn, Tony Reddin, Councillor Tom Ambrose (Lord Mayor, Clonmel), Paddy Doyle (chairman Sports Awards), Brendan McGuinness (Showerings, sponsors), John Doyle, Jimmy Doyle.



MUNSTER POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS

JUNIOR A

CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

V

ST. PATRICK'S, SHANNON

12<sup>th</sup> February, 2000.

Newtownshandrum @ 2 p.m.

REFEREE: Betty Joyce

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE ST. PATRICK'S, SHANNON

Navy and Blue

Blue and Gold

- 1 Elizabeth Lenihan
- 2 Aimee McCarthy
- 3 Aisling O'Brien
- 4 Sharon Lenihan
- 5 Karen Potter
- 6 Deirdre Hayes
- 7 Aoife Sheehan
- 8 Imelda Sexton
- 9 Eimear Watson
- 10 Marie Watson
- 11 Sinead McAuliffe
- 12 Joanne Quinn

- 1 Deborah Roughan
- 2 Melissa O'Connell
- 3 Anna Brennan
- 4 Aileen Kilmartin
- 5 Mairead Elliott
- 6 Ruth Kaiser
- 7 Audrey Shanahan
- 8 Fionnuala Keogh
- 9 Clare McMahon (Capt)
- 10 Heather Nolan
- 11 Laura Linnane
- 12 Elizabeth Danaher

Subs:

- 13 Amy Morrissey
- 14 Una Geary
- 15 Catriona Noonan
- 16 Sinead Herlihy
- 17 Selena O'Regan
- 18 Anna Geary
- 19 Elaine O'Riordan
- 20 Lorraine Myers
- 21 Jacqueline O'Connor
- 22 Karen O'Leary
- 23 Patricia O'Riordan
- 24 Leonie Boyce
- 25 Carol O'Regan

- 13 Rebecca Foley
- 14 Aoife Quinlivan
- 15 Mary Jean Shanahan
- 16 Eibhlin McCafferty
- 17 Karen Kirby

COACH: Mr. Vincent Harrington

Mr. Gerry Arkins

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## UCC hold off UCD in decider

UCC 2-3  
UCD 1-5

UCC recorded their 28th Ashbourne Cup success after they defeated UCD by the narrowest of margins, UCD in the final at Dangan Sportsfield, Galway yesterday.

The Cork based students had a great start with a goal from full forward Una O'Donoghue and a point by Criona Harte.

UCD hit back with a Caoimhe Harrington point but a goal and a point second by Siobhan Sexton had a goal and a point which stretched UCC's lead to 2-2 to 0-1.

Harrington added a point midway through the half for UCD before a long range free from midfielder, Aine Codd, ended up in the net to reduce the gap to three points.

The last point of the first half played in truly wretched conditions came from Harrington once more to leave the interval score at UCC 2-2, UCD 1-3.

UCD reduced the deficit after 42 minutes through Sile Nic Coitir, but eight minutes later, Criona Harte had a critical point for UCC.

UCD, the conquerors of holders, WIT in the semi-final, had the game's last point from Harrington, but it was not enough and the Cup went back Leaside after a two year interval.

Scorers, UCC: S. Sexton 1-1, U. O'Donoghue 1-0, C. Harte 0-2.

Scorers, UCD: C. Harrington 0-4, A. Codd 1-0, S. Nic Coitir 0-1.

UCC: S. Ricken, D. Quigley, N. Tracey, L. O'Connell, C. Gilman, S. Buckley, L. Kelleher (capt.), T. Roche, N. Bonar, R. Cahalane, S. O'Callaghan, E. Burke, S. Sexton, U. O'Donoghue, C. Harte.

UCD: N. Doran, D. Corcoran, S. Treacy, M. Tarrant, E. Connery (capt.), U. O'Dwyer, E. Walsh, A. Codd, A. Kelly, S. Nic Coitir, M. O'Leary, H. Frawley, R. Treacy, C. Harrington, G. Walsh, Subs: E. Gleeson for Tarrant (47mins), C. Murphy for G. Walsh (50mins).

Referee: J. Morrissey (Tipperary).

## UCC lift Ashbourne

UCC made up for defeat in last year's Ashbourne Cup final by defeating UCD by the narrowest of margins, 2-3 to 1-5 in yesterday's final in Galway.

Criona Harte was the scoring star but it was an impressive team performance which saw of a fine UCD for whom Aine Codd and Caoimhe Harrington must have secured All-stars.

In Saturday's semi-finals UCD defeated the holders Waterford IT by a single point while Criona Harte shot 1-5 in UCC's 3-8 to 3-4 victory over Limerick.

In the Shield, Queen's gave Mary Immaculate Limerick a two-goal start in the opening five minutes but put in a spirited performance in going out by 3-7 to 1-4 with captain and Down Senior

Jennifer Braniff scoring 1-3. Athlone however defeated MICE in the final.

Meanwhile, holders St Patrick's Maghera lost their Ulster Colleges title to a counter-attacking St Mary's Magherafelt side which claimed a famous 3-0 to 1-2 victory.

Maghera's problems started as early as the first 10 seconds when Paula Bell found Rowena Cassidy and her sharp strike from 25 yards skidded off Clara Boyle for the opening score.

Cassidy went on to collect all three goals for St Mary's, the second in the 16th minute her best.

Paula McCloy showed some glimpses of hope for the holders, her second point in the 10th minute a gem, but Cassidy killed the game with ten minutes to go, pouncing on a Marie Therese McCann free.

### CAMOGIE

## Mary's march on

ST MARY'S ..... 4-8

ST PATRICK'S ..... 1-4

CHARLEVILLE acs St Mary's retained the Munster Colleges Junior A Camogie title with an impressive win over St Patrick's Shannon at Newtownshandrum on Saturday.

This was a ding-dong battle until the 28th and 30th minutes when Emer Watson broke loose to blast home two goals to give Charleville a 3-5 to 1-3 lead at the break.

Shannon's goal was scored by Elisabeth Granagher. However, Watson's second goal was the turning point. Any second half effort from St Patrick's was well taken care of by a staunch Charleville defence. Charleville went on to notch up a further 1-3 to St Patrick's 0-1.

They now meet the Leinster champions in the All-Ireland semi-final on March 11.

SCORERS — St Mary's: E Watson 2-0, A Sheridan 1-5, J Quinn 1-0, M Watson 0-3, St Patrick's: E Granagher 1-0, L Linnane 0-3, A Sheridan 0-1.

### CAMOGIE

Ashbourne Cup Camogie semi-finals, Castlebar: UCC 3-8 (C. Harte 1-5, E. Burke, S. Sexton 1-1, R. Cahalane 0-1), UL 3-4 (C. Murray 2-0, A. Lane 0-4, J. Cullinane 1-0); UCD 2-6 (C. Harrington 1-2, S. Nic Coitir 1-1, A. Codd, A. Kelly 0-1 each), Waterford IT (Holders) 0-10 (P. Comerford 0-8, B. Mullally 0-2).

Final, UCC 2-3 (S. Sexton 1-1, U. O'Donoghue 1-0, C. Harte 0-2), UCD 1-5 (C. Harrington 0-4, A. Codd 1-0, S. Nic Coitir 0-1).

Ashbourne Shield Final, Dangan: Athlone IT 1-12 (C. Hennessy 1-8, T. Maher 0-4, U. Hussey 0-2, M. Glynn 0-1), Mary Immaculate, Limerick 2-5 (S. Kelly 2-4, J. Dolan 0-1).

Puc Fada Competition Winner: A. Hardiman (NUIG).

### CAMOGIE — Leinster Sen Col

Final: FCJ Buncloody 0-5, Mercy Ennisconny 0-2. Munster Jun A Cola Final: St Mary's Charleville 4-8, St Patrick's Comprehensive School Shannon 1-4.

Ulster Sen A Cola Final: St Mary's Magherafelt 3-0, St Patrick's Maghera 1-2. Ulster Sen B Cola Final: St Louis Ballymena 2-0, St Patrick's Keady 1-3.

Ashbourne Cup Final: UCC 2-3, UCD 1-5. Ashbourne Shield Final: Athlone IT 1-12, Mary I. Limerick 2-5. Puc Fada winner: Anne Hardiman (UCC).

National

### ● CAMOGIE ●

Ashbourne Cup All-Star selection v All-Ireland Senior Champions, Tipperary, on February 28 at The Ragg: N. Doran (UCD), F. Healy (Athlone IT), N. Treacy (UCC), F. Corcoran (UL), R. Cahalane (UCC), U. O'Dwyer (UCD), S. Kelly (Mary Immaculate, Limerick), A. Hillary (Athlone IT), A. Codd (UCD), D. Murphy (NUIG), T. Maher (Athlone IT), M. O'Leary (UCD), C. Hennessy (Athlone IT), C. Harrington (UCD), U. O'Donoghue (UCC), Subs: S. Ricken (UCC), V. Curtin (NUIG), S. O'Callaghan (UCC), P. Comerford (Waterford IT), J. Braniff (QUB).

Co. Junior "B" League Final: Carrigaline 4-11, Youghal nil.

## UCC's honours

UCC..... 2-3 UCD..... 1-5

A POWERFUL first half flurry put UCC on the way to their 28th Ashbourne Cup camogie success after they defeated UCD by the narrowest of margins at Dangan in Galway yesterday.

The Cork students had their first goal on 60 seconds from Una O'Donoghue. Two minutes later the score was extended when Criona Harte had a point. UCD had their opening point after six minutes from Caoimhe Harrington. The next two minutes were critical as in that time Siobhan Sexton had a goal and a point to leave it 2-2 to 0-1.

Harrington had a point midway through the half for UCD and a long range free from midfielder Aine Codd which ended in the net reduced the gap to three points (2-2 to 1-2). The last point of the first half which was played in truly wretched conditions came from Harrington once more to leave it 2-2 to 1-3 at the interval.

Sile Nic Coitir edged UCD closer with the first point on the second half on 42 minutes. However, eight minutes later Criona Harte scored what turned out to be UCC's only second half score. UCD could only manage one more point from Harrington and that elusive equaliser never came.

SCORERS — UCC: S. Sexton 1-1, U. O'Donoghue 1-0, C. Harte 0-2. UCD: C. Harrington 0-4, A. Codd 1-0, S. Nic Coitir 0-1.

UCC — S. Ricken, D. Quigley, N. Tracey, L. O'Connell, C. Gilman, S. Buckley, L. Kelleher, capt. T. Roche, M. Bonar, R. Cahalane, S. O'Callaghan, E. Burke, S. Sexton, U. O'Donoghue, C. Harte.

UCD — N. Doran, D. Corcoran, S. Treacy, M. Tarrant, E. Connery capt. U. O'Dwyer, E. Walsh, A. Codd, A. Kelly, S. Nic Coitir, M. O'Leary, H. Frawley, R. Treacy, C. Harrington, G. Walsh, Subs: E. Gleeson for Tarrant, C. Murphy for Walsh.

REF — J. Morrissey (Tipperary).

## UCC win over UCD

UCC won their 29th Ashbourne title at a wind and rain swept Daingean on Sunday afternoon.

After a titanic struggle with UCD, just one point separated the sides in the end. Two first half goals from Siobhan Sexton and Una O'Donoghue gave the Cork students a 2-2 to 1-3 advantage at the break.

In the second half UCC pointed once to the Dublin side's twice, to give the Cork college a one point victory.

### Defeated

In the semi-final UCC defeated UL 3-8 to 3-4.

Athlone IT proved too strong for MICE in the Shield final 1-12 to 2-5.

In the Munster Colleges Junior A Final, St. Mary's Charleville made it four-in-a-row provincial titles.

Two goals from Eimear Watson on the stroke of half time proved to be the deciding factor in this game, giving them a eight point lead over St Patrick's Shannon.

A fourth goal by Joanne Quinn put the issue beyond doubt five minutes from time.

# Maloney steps down as Dubs' boss

### CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

squad.

Endeavouring to step into their distinguished shoes are Pat Duncan, Marie O'Brien and Gerry McMahon.

Duncan, from Kilkenny, was a mentor with the Dublin Minor side last season, while O'Brien was involved with the Dublin Minors when they reached the All-Ireland semi-final of 1997.

Meanwhile, it's back to basics on Sunday with the commencement of the Dublin Leagues.

And it's a red-letter day for Naomh Mear-

nog, who make their debut in Senior A with a trip to Finglas against Erin's Isle.

Mearnog, the Senior B double champs, have been under the guidance of mentors, Noel Rooney and John McGarry since the U-12 ranks, and their side contains much quality.

It includes Siobhan Madden, a Dublin Minor last term, ace-poacher, Ciara Duffy, and the holder of a prized Ashbourne Cup medal, Paula Carroll, plus new signing from St. Vincent's, Ger Walsh.

Meanwhile, the Dublin U-14 trials have been packing them in at the Phoenix Park under Tom Hayes, Lorraine Kearney and Marie Keating — 75 players turned up recently. They go ahead again next Sunday

(2.30).

● UCD, co-managed by Grace O'Neill of Ballyboden St. Enda's, had a superb run in the Ashbourne Cup at the weekend, beating the holders, Waterford IT, in the semi-final, but losing, by a point, to UCC in the final.

### FIXTURES

SUNDAY: Sen A (2.0): Pearra Park: Crumlin v Raheny. Finglas: Erin's Isle v Naomh Mearnog. Phoenix Park: Good Counsel v Na Fanna.

Inter (12.30): Herbert Park: Clanna Gael v Skerries Harps. Maypark: Croagh Chiarain v St. Peregrine's. Sallynoggin: Cuala v Round Towers. Silver Park: Kilmacud Crokes v Naomh Padraig.

Jun B (11.0): Griffin Park: Lucan Sandfields v O'Dwyer's. Rathcoole: Commercial v Naomh Fionnbarra. Fairview Park: St. Vincent's v Naomh Buid, Mobhi Road: Na Fanna v Thomas Davis.

AN ERA has ended with the resignation of Billy Maloney as manager of the Dublin Junior team.

Billy, along with his assistant, Gerry Carroll, has given much to the squad over many years, and Gerry is also standing aside.

The highlight of Billy's reign was winning the National Junior League in 1987, while last season only extra time, and Wexford, deprived them in the semi-final of the National Junior League.

Billy, a member of the Crumlin club, has long been recognised as one of the top hurling referees in the county.

And it is to the credit of Billy and Gerry that many of the players they nurtured over the years are now part of the Dublin Senior



# Good things come in small packages

SHE is one of the country's greatest sportspersons. Now Sandy Fitzgibbon has decided to retire from the club scene. John McHale reports



**WHEN you ask GAA supporters in Cork to name the greatest Cork hurler of all time, you get one answer, Christy Ring. Ask any GAA follower in Cork to name the greatest Cork camogie player of all**

time and chances are that they will say Sandy Fitzgibbon.

A winner of six senior All-Ireland medals and three minor medals with Cork, Sandy has also won ten county titles with her beloved Glen Rovers and four All Ireland club medals.

She has also been named camogie player of the year twice.

She played with Cork for 16 years and contested 13 senior All Ireland finals.

Small in stature, Sandy is proof the best things come in small

packages. Having retired from inter county camogie, two years ago, Sandy has now decided to retire from club camogie.

Having played with the Glen since she was nine, the food technologist who works in the Research and Development Department with Swissco in Cork has finally decided to put away her hurley.

"All good things come to an end and I have had a great innings. I have enjoyed every minute of my time playing," Sandy Fitzgibbon said.

"The last few years have been very hard. I was injured for long spells and the enjoyment had gone from playing.

"I was not enjoying it any more and playing matches was becoming an ordeal for me," Fitzgibbon added.

"I always said as soon as I stop getting enjoyment from playing I would stop and now is the right time to do that," Fitzgibbon added.

Having played her first All Ireland final in



Sandy turns on the style for Cork. See appeared in 13 All-Ireland finals.

1982 and her last an incredible 15 years later, Sandy who started her camogie career as a midfielder and moved to centre back in later years has some great memories.

"I have had many great moments but two in particular stand out.

"When I captained Cork to All Ireland success in 1992 after a lapse of nine years and winning the county with the Glen in 1994," Fitzgibbon said.

"We had just won five counties in a row and

the county board changed the format of the competition.

"We as a club side were forced to play against divisional sides but we still managed to go on and win the county. That win gave me great personal satisfaction," Fitzgibbon added.

"My biggest disappointment came in 1994 when I was captain of the Glen. We lost in the All Ireland Club Final to St Paul's from Kilkenny.

"My old pal Angela

Downey doing all the damage. We were 10 points up with a few minutes remaining and we lost by three points," Fitzgibbon said.

"To this day I still can't understand how we lost that day. It was amazing.

"Every time they came up the field in the last few minutes they scored a goal," Fitzgibbon added.

Having playing camogie at the top for so long, Sandy Fitzgibbon has played with

some great players and lists Mary O'Leary, Liz Dumphy, Val Fitzpatrick, Linda Mellerick and Lynne Dunlea in the current era as some of the best players ever.

Sandy who also captained her country at basketball and has over 70 caps as well as numerous league and cup titles with Blarney and will still remain active even though she will no longer play camogie.

"I will continue to play basketball with Panda's in the local leagues and maybe a bit



Sandy Fitzgibbon in action for Glen Rovers. She won 10 Cork County Senior Camogie Championships.

of soccer in the summer with CSO, but my career as a camogie player is over. It was great but now is the right time to stop," Fitzgibbon said.

"Simply irreplaceable" were the words used by Nora Newman chairperson of the Glen Rovers camogie club when asked to give her reaction to the news that Sandy Fitzgibbon was retiring from club camogie.

"Sandy has been with the Glen all her sporting life and I remember

seeing her as a nine year old girl. She stood out even then as a youngster.

"Her potential was obvious from the start. She was a natural," Nora Newman said.

Nora witnessed Sandy Fitzgibbon develop into a superstar of the game of camogie but her one great memory of Sandy came back in 1986.

"We were playing St Paul's from Kilkenny in the All Ireland club final and we were playing very well against the defending cham-

pions. "We were three points up with minutes to play when Sandy broke out of the defence and scored a wonder point from 70 yards out," Newman said.

St Paul's came down and scored a goal and Sandy's point ended up being the winning score as the Glen captured their first All Ireland title.

"Sandy was magnificent that day and that point was the best score I have ever seen in all the games I have watched. It was Sandy

in her prime at her best," Newman added.

"She was a great player and a real superstar of our sport but more importantly she is the nicest and kindest person you could meet.

"The Glen are very proud of Sandy and what she has achieved," Newman said.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sandy for her commitment to the club and county and wish her well."

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# College dig deep to land honours

UCC won their 28th Ashbourne Cup last weekend, defeating UCD by the narrowest of margins in appalling weather conditions in Galway.

The UCC girls defeated UL in Saturday's semi-final, advancing on a 3-8 to 3-4 scoreline while UCD had a 2-5 to 0-10 win over holders WIT.

UCC got off to a dream start in the decider when Una O'Donoghue goalied after five minutes. Criona Harte added a point before the Dublin University got on the scoresheet with a point from Cork senior Caoimhe Harrington.

Siobhan Sexton stretched UCC's lead with a well taken goal and added a point three minutes later to make it 2-2 to 0-1.

UCD rallied and Harrington pointed before finishing to the net to leave the half-time score 2-2 to 1-3.

With weather conditions deteriorating rapidly the going was extremely testing in the second half.

## Determined

UCD began the half in determined fashion and Aine Codd reduced the deficit after 12 minutes.

But back came UCC and Criona Harte added a point eight minutes later.

This was to be the Cork girls' only score of the half but it turned out to be a vital one.

UCD pressed and were rewarded with a point from Caoimhe Harrington's close in free.

The Dublin University pushed forward at every opportunity but could not breach a UCC defence in which Sinead Buckley, Caroline Giltinane and captain Lisa Kelleher shone.

The U-18 Championship continues this weekend with the meeting of Cloughdun and Milford on Saturday.

Both clubs have enjoyed tremendous success at U-14 and 16 levels in previous years and a cracking tie is in prospect.

Milford will include Cork minors Marie Watson and Christine O'Gorman and they have other aces in their ranks in Siobhan Linehan and Regina Curtin.

Cloughdun boast no fewer than five members of the All-Ireland winning minor side, among them Aoife Murray who was also a member of the Cork Junior All-Ireland winning side.

Joanne and Orla O'Callaghan, Orla McCarthy and Sinead Corkery starred in the Cork's Minor All-Ireland victory while Una O'Donoghue is a member of the senior county side.

It is an interesting pairing and one which is expected to go right down to the wire.

## Eire Óg bring home the U-14 title with victory over Killeagh



Action from the U-12 indoor camogie final between Killeagh and Douglas (in white) at Little Island.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

# Douglas deliver the Killeagh blow

**T**HE indoor camogie tournament at the Little Island Sports Centre reached its conclusion on Saturday last with the semi-finals and finals of the U-12 and U-14 competitions.

In the U-12 final Douglas, with fine displays from Deirdre Murphy, Rachel O'Sullivan and Sara O'Regan, were victorious over Killeagh.

The U-14 final paired Eire Óg and Killeagh together in a final that is sure to have brought back memories to both clubs given the long tradition that existed throughout the seventies when the clubs often met at final stages through the Senior County Championships.

## Excitement

Saturday's final provided similar excitement for the youngsters from both clubs with the final played in competitive fashion.

A great display from Claire O'Connell, a cousin of Kilkenny hurling star DJ Carey, Catriona O'Leary and captain Trisha Murphy saw Eire Óg take the title to Ovens.

Credit must go to all the teams and to the semi-finalists Glen Rovers in U-14 and Eire Óg and Ballincollig in the U-12 for ensuring a great day's camogie.

## MAGIC MOMENTS

**CORN DE BURCA** is the trophy presented to the winners of the National Junior League.

Former Dublin inter-county player Eileen Bourke presented the trophy to Central Council in memory of her late sister Joan, a former secretary of Leinster Colleges.

Carrigaline came of age on Sunday last when they took the Junior B league title with a devastating display to which Youghal had no answer on a day when weather conditions were not conducive to good camogie.

Played in driving wind and rain, the Carrigaline girls registered the opening score after one minute with a point from Avril Cooney. With their centre field pairing of Jacqui O'Keefe and Maura Brogan on top, the Carrigaline girls kept up the pressure and slotted over five points from Emma Green (2), Avril Cooney, Clodagh Fitzgerald and Muireann Conlon.

Despite working hard the



Action from the U-12 indoor camogie final at Little Island.

Youghal girls could not breach the strong Carrigaline defence where Avril Cooney, Marie Scully and Siobhan Deasy excelled.

Youghal found themselves in further trouble with two Carrigaline goals inside a minute from Green and Conlon to give the Carrigaline girls a 2-9 to 0-0 half-time lead.

A determined rally from the Youghal side saw them play with more determination in the second half and indeed they kept the Carrigaline goalkeeper Rose Harrington busy by

having to bring off several fine saves.

Bad free taking in front of goal was also Youghal's downfall as they missed several chances to get on the scoreboard.

Carrigaline with further goals from Niamh Murphy and Deirdre O'Connell ran out convincing winners and made up for their disappointment in the county championship final to Inniscarra.

It was a great day for the club who were taking their first adult trophy since the club was reformed.

## O'Neill's ready for action

**FR O'NEILL'S** will hold their AGM next Friday, February 25, in the Lady'sbridge Hall and already they are looking ahead to a busy year.

The club's very successful indoor leagues are in progress and cater for girls from third to sixth class from the parish school of Kileredra.

The club's under-age teams had a busy year on the playing fields in the past 12 months with teams fielded at under 12, 14, 16 and 18 grades in county board competitions.

Fr O'Neill's senior team contested the senior county final, losing to Bishopstown.

The club will approach the new season in upbeat mood.

## RESULTS & FIXTURES

**RESULTS**  
Ashbourne Cup semi-finals:  
UCC 3-8, UL 3-4; UCD 2-5,  
Waterford IT 0-10.  
Final: UCC 2-3, UCD 1-5.  
**FIXTURES**  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26  
Under 18 Championship  
quarter-final: Cloughdun v  
Milford, CIT Grounds,  
Bishopstown, 2.30pm.

## PHIL MCBRIDE (ARMAGH)

Phil McBride was widely known as the 'mother of the GAA in Armagh'. A member of the Trodden family, her love for Gaelic Games was handed down by her father. The family hotel in Armagh was the Association's headquarters in the city for several decades until the Ceannaras was opened in 1984. Phil provided accommodation, food and advice for generations of Armagh officials and players and her popularities knew no bounds. She was President of both the Armagh and Ulster Camogie Boards and played in the first game to take place in the county, in 1925.



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Leinster Colleges  
Junior 'B' Camogie  
Semi-Final

## Courageous Kilmuckridge bid denied

Mountmellick CS.....3-1  
Kilmuckridge VC.....1-1

DESPITE PRODUCING a courageous challenge, Kilmuckridge Vocational College's junior camogie team made a heartbreaking exit from the Leinster Colleges 'B' championship to Mountmellick Community School on Wednesday afternoon of last week in Carlow.

The Wexford girls battled bravely throughout, with Linda Burke of Buffers Alley following-up her superb display in the previous round with an equally impressive show.

Elaine Doyle, who was one of seven members of the Oulart-The Ballagh club in action, was strong in the midfield exchanges and ensured a steady stream of possession filtered through to the forwards.

Upfront, Tanya Stamp was among the Kilmuckridge players who kept their Laois opponents on their toes through to the end with some lively attacking.

Stamp accounted for Kilmuckridge's goal while Marie Mythen - both of whom savoured All-Ireland success with Oulart-The Ballagh in Division 1 of the Féile na nGael in 1998 - chalked up their solitary point.

No fewer than six of the junior team were striving to help Kilmuckridge qualify for the Leinster senior final yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon against another Laois team, namely St. Aengus Post-Primary of Mountrath. Due to deadlines a report and photos from same has been held over for publication in next week's edition.

**Kilmuckridge Vocational College** - Alecia O'Sullivan (Buffers Alley), Caroline Murphy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Aisling Kelly (Buffers Alley), Mary O'Connor (Buffers Alley), Mary Doyle (Oulart-The Ballagh), Nicola Stamp (Oulart-The Ballagh), Elaine Doyle (Oulart-The Ballagh), Linda Burke (Buffers Alley), Maire Mythen (Oulart-The Ballagh, 0-1), Claire O'Sullivan (Buffers Alley), Tanya Stamp (Oulart-The Ballagh, 1-0), Sinead Fortune (Oulart-The Ballagh).

**Subs:** Yvonne Fortune and Laura Kenny (both Oulart-The Ballagh), Danielle O'Brien and Clodagh O'Sullivan (both Buffers Alley), Melissa Kenna (Ballygarrett), Sharon Wallace (Blackwater).



Colaiste Bride defender Patricia Quigley is hot on the heels of FCJ Bunclody midfielder Aine Mullins during last Saturday afternoon's Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final at Coolree. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

### Leinster Schools Senior Camogie Final

# Dogged FCJ back on top after eleven years

Ronan Fagan

FCJ Bunclody.....0-4  
Colaiste Bride.....0-2

Reproducing the sort of passion that had been a hallmark of their performances en route to last Saturday afternoon's final at Coolree, an eager FCJ Bunclody outfit regained the Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship crown they last held in 1989 with a character-driven victory over holders Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy.

In a fairly keenly contested fixture the Bunclody girls showed true grit and determination from the word go, taking the game to their more fancied opponents in what was an historic first-ever all-Wexford affair.

Manager Rory Kinsella had drummed the message home to his FCJ charges all week, stressing that they would have to show supreme commitment from the first through to the last minutes if they were to conquer the two-in-a-row All-Ireland runners-up, who had nine of the 1999 squad among the starting line-up.

And the Niamh O'Connor-captained winners answered the call, forcing the pace of the game in the first-half



FCJ Bunclody captain Niamh O'Connor raises the Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship trophy aloft at Coolree on Saturday afternoon last following her side's final win over holders Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

with a performance brimming with enthusiasm and lacking nothing in terms of ambition.

A strong feature of Bunclody's performance over the course of the first 25 minutes was the number of hooks and block downs they got in as they went about disrupting Colaiste Bride's game plan to in essence prevent the holders from finding

their rhythm.

In fact, but for their poor rate of finishing the Bunclody challengers could have established a commanding lead come the break, by which juncture they had tallied 10 wides, but only managed to muster a flimsy 0-2 to 0-1 lead whilst assisted by the wind.

The contest evened out during the second-half, and towards the

finish, with FCJ having stretched their advantage to 0-4 to 0-2, the Bunclody goal had a number of narrow escapes as the resolute Colaiste Bride girls came agonisingly close on a number of occasions to netting a potentially decisive goal.

In each instance the Bunclody defence applied sufficient pressure, and indeed it was the endeavour shown by the maroon-clad backs which determined where the 'A' crown would go in 2000. Those defenders rarely conceded an inch as they strove to stop the Colaiste Bride forwards from expressing their undoubted skill.

The various Colaiste Bride lines, in fairness, tried their utmost. However, in too many instances they took too long to get into the game, by which stage the FCJ had established a foothold which they never allowed slip.

One wonders where the FCJ found the energy, but thankfully from their point-of-view it was all worth it as in the end they joined Mercy, Callan of Kilkenny at the head of the roll-of-honour, with six outright victories in the 40 year history of the competition.

Most encouraging is the fact that so many of the Bunclody contingent

are eligible for three more seasons, and with that statistic being repeated in the case of Colaiste Bride hopes are high that Wexford schools can keep the county to the fore in Leinster, at least. That's not forgetting St. Mary's, New Ross, who possess great potential too, and who no doubt are not too far away from adding their name to the provincial title list.

Colaiste Bride have represented Wexford superbly over the past few seasons, and were unfortunate to come up against a slick St. Mary's of Charleville unit at the ultimate hurdle in the past two years.

In both deciders the Enniscorthy school competed with great pride and, certainly in the case of the 1998 All-Ireland nobody would have begrudged them a taste of All-Ireland glory.

For Bunclody, the focus now switches to the search for the glittering prize. They are scheduled to meet another traditional force from Munster, namely St. Mary's of Nenagh in county Tipperary in the semi-finals on March 4th.

While it is an away fixture for the Wexford school there should be no reason why they should not expect to do well in it. They have clawed out victories

## Classic junior rematch in store

Colleges Focus  
Ronan Fagan

FCJ BUNCLODY and Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy are set to do battle again on Friday afternoon at Coolree in what should be a classic Leinster Post-Primary Schools junior championship semi-final replay.

The Bunclody girls number six of the senior team together with three other members of that particular squad, namely goalkeeper Fiona Kavanagh together with Mary Claire Kirwan, Marian Hanrick, Ciara Meyler and the shooting stars, Ferns sisters Lisa and Josie Dwyer.

Paula Sinnott, Lisa Nolan and Aisling Murray were on the subs' bench for the senior encounter, but all are key figures on the junior team who defeated Birr Community School on a scoreline of 4-6 to 2-3 in the quarter-finals.

They had Elaine Doyle to thank in the original semi-final encounter with Colaiste Bride after the Kildavin girl plundered a last gasp goal to force a replay (FCJ Bunclody 1-6 to 2-3).

Eight of the Colaiste Bride senior squad will be gunning for revenge on Friday, those being Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Mary Leacy and Ursula Jacob, together with Catherine O'Loughlin, Ciara O'Connor, Michelle Frayne, Louise Codd and Deirdre Codd.

against St. Mary's of New Ross, Loreto Kilkenny (both after replays) and Colaiste Bride, that have said so much about their ability to achieve the desired result when the odds were seemingly stacked against them.

The average measure of Bunclody's wins coming into the final was just in excess of two points (0-2.5 points to be exact), and certainly on the evidence of the first-half against Colaiste Bride it never appeared likely that if they actually came out on top the margin would be considerable.

Josie Dwyer, the Bunclody school's top shooter, drew first blood with a fourth minute point off a '30 which was negated a minute later as Jennifer Codd struck a great free to tie the scores.

Bunclody asserted themselves for the remainder of the half, with Colaiste Bride having sights of the target on only a few



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Catherine O'Loughlin of Colaiste Bride and an FCJ Buncloody opponent challenge for possession in the final of the Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship at Coolree on Saturday afternoon last. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

occasions, and in an effort to indicate how much the tide flowed in the FCJ's favour they had six wides to none from their opponents after ten minutes.

The winners were denied goaling opportunities as the Colaiste Bride defence made important interceptions before the second of the Dwyer sisters, Lisa restored Buncloody's lead after 16 minutes (0-2 to 0-1).

FCJ netminder Fiona Kavanagh made a crucial goal-line clearance at the expense of a fruitless '30 during added-time from an Angeline Westnott shot to ensure her side held onto their fragile one point advantage at the changeover.

Things started to look more promising for Buncloody three minutes into the second-half when midfielder Eimear O'Connor punished a slip up in the Enniscorthy defence with a well taken point, following good work by team mate Mary Murphy, to put her side 0-3 to 0-1 clear.

Jennifer Codd, who again was one of Colaiste Bride's best performers on the day, set up Gretta Heffernan in the 33rd minute, but the Oylegate player saw her blistering shot find the wrong side of the posts.

Heffernan made amends in the 36th minute when capitalising upon a free to reduce the difference to a mere 0-3 to 0-2 and pave the way for a nail biting finish.

Josie Dwyer too made up for an earlier miss when putting Buncloody

back two points clear with nine minutes remaining (0-4 to 0-2), and importantly so considering the fact that Colaiste Bride's challenge was gaining increased momentum.

The defending champions had stabs at goal whenever an opportunity presented itself with the FCJ goal having narrow escapes in both the 45th and 50th minutes from attempts by the aforementioned Codd.

Helena Jacob, the Colaiste Bride captain, was also unlucky not to have found the FCJ net four minutes into injury-time, and soon afterwards referee Williams sounded the final whistle which was greeted by joyous scenes.

During the presentation ceremony Jacob, while expressing her sadness at Colaiste Bride relinquishing the title, in the same breath said that she was delighted that it was to another Wexford school that they lost it.

Referee Williams, who co-ordinates Leinster Schools camogie fixtures, had the honour of presenting the Cup to FCJ Buncloody's ecstatic captain Niamh O'Connor, who thanked Colaiste Bride for such a sporting contest before calling for the customary three cheers for the green-and-golds.

**FCJ Buncloody** - Fiona Kavanagh (Kildavin), Lisa Frayne (Duffry Rovers), Mary Claire Kirwan (Kildavin), Marian Hanrick (Buncloody), Paula Tracey (Kildavin),

Mary Murphy (Kildavin), Aine Mullins (Buncloody), Eimear O'Connor (Duffry Rovers, 0-1), Ciara Meyler (Buncloody), Niamh O'Connor (Duffry Rovers, capt.), Lisa Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's, 0-1), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's, 0-2).

**Subs:** Catriona Hanrick (Buncloody) for L. Dwyer; Paula Sinnott, Lisa Nolan and Wendy Roche (all Kildavin), Aisling Murray, Emma Meyler and Denise Nolan (all Ferns St. Aidan's), Catherine Behan, Bernice Byrne and Aoife Druhan (all Buncloody).

**Colaiste Bride,** Enniscorthy - Fidelma Hogan (Rathnure), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown), Aisling Moran (Oulart-The Ballagh), Niamh O'Connor (Rathnure), Patricia Quigley (Oylegate), Gretta Heffernan (Oylegate, 0-1), Laura Murphy (Rathnure), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Jennifer Codd (Duffry Rovers, 0-1), Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh, capt.), Angeline Westnott (Rathnure).

**Subs:** Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer) for U. Jacob; Ciara O'Connor (Rathnure) for Westnott; Angela Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Elaine Morris (Marshallstown), Ciara Murphy, Michelle Frayne and Anne-Marie Frayne (all Rathnure), Louise Codd, Deirdre Codd and Linda Codd (all Duffry Rovers).

**Referee** - Brendan Williams (Kilkenny).

# Rory delighted with level of commitment

## Match Chat

Ronan Fagan

THE SMILE said it all - Rory Kinsella was full of contentment having guided FCJ Buncloody back to the top of the Leinster Schools senior camogie championship last Saturday.

The former Wexford manager spoke in glowing terms of his side's performance, and particularly of the manner in which they applied themselves against the two-in-a-row champions, Colaiste Bride.

"They were very enthusiastic all the way through," he said. "Colaiste Bride have many excellent players throughout the field, but our girls got in their hooks, their blocks and chased down everything, even what appeared lost causes."

"To hold a team like Colaiste Bride to two points, a team that has been in the last two All-Irelands, proves just how capable our girls are, and we certainly deserve to be champions."

"We had played Enniscorthy in a practice match earlier in the season when they absolutely pulverised us. But today our girls were very enthusiastic and played to their strengths."

"I am delighted that we have won Leinster again and also because we now join Callan as the most successful school since the inception of the competition back in the 1960s."

"We (FCJ) have only really been playing



Gretta Heffernan of Colaiste Bride blocks a shot by Mary Murphy (FCJ Buncloody) during the Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final on Saturday afternoon last at Coolree. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

camogie for the last 20 years, during which time we have established records at junior and, if my memory serves me right, minor. It has been a tremendous 20 years."

He revealed that Lisa Frayne, the Duffry Rover who has been an inspirational force in the Buncloody defence throughout the current campaign, overcame early nerves to help FCJ achieve victory.

"She wasn't feeling too well - at the start of the game she was suffering from dizziness. But she wouldn't come off and stuck to her guns to have a tremendous game, as did every one of our players."

Kinsella is hopeful for Buncloody's chances of overcoming the next test, which comes on March 4th against St. Mary's of Nenagh in the last-four of the All-Ireland championship.

"I remember they beat us in a junior semi-

final eight or nine years ago over in Nenagh, and we must go there again this year. We should have Aoife Druhan back for the semi-final after a spell out through injury and she will certainly boost our chances."

Colaiste Bride coach Elva Moriarty is enthusiastic about FCJ's chances of at least making it to the All-Ireland.

"Today they didn't let us hurl and if they play like that again in the semi-final I would be very hopeful for their chances," she said. "The FCJ have some very classy players and certainly their fitness is something which should stand to them."

In reflecting upon last weekend's match, Moriarty said: "We didn't get our game together in the first-half, but we came on strongly in the second-half and I feel we were very unlucky not to have got one or two

goals. "All our girls played as well as could have been expected, but Buncloody fought as hard as nails, and certainly they deserved their victory."

Considering the youthful nature of the Colaiste Bride team she is, meanwhile, optimistic for the chances of the Enniscorthy school being major contenders for a while to come.

"Most of the team are 2nd and 3rd Years, so if they can compete at the top level so well when they are so young it suggests to me that we will be competing strongly for senior honours in the years ahead."

"I would definitely expect us to be in the semi-finals next year," she added, before thanking the Duffry Rovers club for providing the facilities for the Leinster final. "They're support is well appreciated."



FCJ Buncloody captured the Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship title for the first-time since 1989 when defeating defending champions Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy on Saturday afternoon last at Coolree. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).



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St Catherine's, who took part in the Sciath na Scol indoor camogie contest.



Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy relinquished the Leinster Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship title to FCJ Buncloody in last Saturday afternoon's final at Coolree. Back row (l-r): Angela Leacy, Yvonne Moulton, Catherine O'Loughlin, Ursula Jacob, Linda Codd, Mary Leacy, Clara Murphy, Angeline Westcott, Helena Jacob (capt.), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Elaine Morris. Front row (l-r): Gretta Heffernan, Deirdre Codd, Ciara O'Connor, Louise Codd, Fidelma Hogan, Patricia Quigley, Niamh O'Connor, Aisling Moran, Jennifer Codd, Laura Murphy. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

## Douglas, Beaumont dominate play-offs

### SCIATH NA SCOL

FOUR more schools have booked their places in the indoor finals which will take place in Neptune Stadium in mid March.

The fourth class play offs took place last Thursday at Whitechurch Community Centre and St Anthony's School gym, Ballinlough.

At Ballinlough, Beaumont and Douglas dominated their sections and won through to the finals at Whitechurch, where six schools battled for the two available final places. Milford, Carrignavar, Belgooly and Charleville were very evenly matched.

After some very exciting games reigning champions Milford qualified and were joined by Carrignavar who got the better of Charleville after extra time.

Of the four fourth class qualifiers, Beaumont, Milford and Carrignavar were involved in the third class finals last year with Beaumont coming out on top.

Carrignavar have qualified for the third and fourth class finals and will be looking to make it three out of three when they contest the camogie play-offs shortly.

The last place in the camogie play-offs goes to Dungourney. The camogie play-offs take place at Whitechurch on Tuesday February 29.

Dungourney, Gaelscoil Tomás Daibhis, St Columbas (Douglas) and Whitechurch play in group one, while group two is comprised of Milford, Shandrum, Carrignavar and Innishannon.

The top two teams in each group go forward to the county finals in Neptune Stadium.

#### Camogie play offs FEBRUARY 29

Group 1. Start time 3pm - 3pm Dungourney v GS Tomás Daibhis, 3.15 - Douglas v Whitechurch, 3.30 - Dungourney v Douglas, 3.45 GS Tomás Daibhis v Whitechurch, 4pm - Dungourney v Whitechurch, 4.15pm - GS Tomás Daibhis v Douglas.

Group 2. Start time 4.30pm.  
4.30pm - Milford v Shandrum, 4.45pm - Carrignavar v Innishannon, 5pm - Milford v Carrignavar, 5.15pm - Shandrum v Innishannon, 5.30pm - Milford v Innishannon, 5.45pm - Shandrum v Carrignavar.

# Junior camogie league returns

The National Junior League commences on Sunday next with three games down for decision. The most interesting tie will be Offaly versus Derry. Derry are the league holders winning the title last season for the first time ever by defeating Wexford 3-7 to 3-0. They went on to reach the All-Ireland Championship final where they were unlucky to lose out to Cork by the minimum score 1-13 to 2-9.

Offaly made it to the quarter-final of the league where they were knocked out by Cork 6-19 to 2-9. However, the Midland County made a great recovery and went on to win the Leinster Championship title for the first time in thirty six years and in the All-Ireland semi-final their opponents were once again Cork. After an exciting encounter Offaly had to give way on a score of 2-13 to 2-8.

There is not much between the sides at present which should produce a thriller.

Home venue may give Offaly the edge.

In an all Leinster affair Carlow host old rivals Kildare. The last time the sides met was in the quarter-final of the Leinster Championship last year when Carlow came out tops 2-11 to 0-5.

Both sides will field a number of new players. Jimmy Donnelly, Sarsfields, has taken over the training of Kildare and will be hoping to get off on a winning note. Roscommon will host Tyrone. This should be an evenly matched affair with little separating the sides at the finish. However, the home side should shade it.

St. Mary's Charleville retained the Munster Junior A Colleges Camogie Championship title with a good win over St. Patrick's Shannon at Newtownshandrum on Saturday last on a scoreline of 4-8 to 1-4.

The first half was a ding dong battle until the 24th and 25th minute when Emer Watson broke loose to blast the ball home for two goals to give Charleville a 1-5 to 1-3 lead at the break, with Shannons goal coming from Elizabeth Ganagher. Watsons goal was the turning point of the game. Any second half effort made by St Patrick's was well taken care of by a staunch Charleville defence.

Charleville went on to notch off 1-3 to St Patrick's 0-1 in this half. Scorers: St Mary's: Emer Watson 2-0, Aoife Sheehan 1-5, Joanne Quinn 1-0, Marie Watson 0-3.

St. Patrick's: Elizabeth Ganagher 1-0, Laura Linanne 0-3, Audrey Shanahan 0-1.

Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork

Charleville now meet the Leinster winners in the All-Ireland semi-final on March 11th.

Colleges B title at Brocagh beating St. Pat's Keady by 2-6 to 1-3. The strong wind dictated the pattern of play and neither side scored when facing it. St Patrick's took an early lead with a goal by Claire McCann and points by Laura Lavery. Geraldine O'Hanlon and Pauleen Murray gave them a 1-3 to 0-0 lead at the break. On the resumption Marie McNaughton opened the scoring for St. Louis with a goal and despite great effort they did not take the lead until five minutes from time when Maread O'Connell grabbed the all important goal. Ciara Heffron and Marie McNaughton added some well taken points to give Ballymena a comfortable victory.

Scorers: St. Louis: Maread O'Connell and Marie McNaughton 1-1 each, Clara Heffron and Angela Graham 0-2 each.

St. Patrick's: Claire McCann 1-0, Laura Lavery, Pauleen Murray and Geraldine O'Hanlon 0-1 each.

St Louis team: Brenda Neeson, Donna Neeson, Lisa Webb, Mairead Graham, Anne McMullan, Judith O'Hagan, Catherine Smullin, Maread O'Connell, Angela Graham, Mary Ellen McErlean (Capt), Siobhan Doherty, Marie McNaughton. Subs: Deirdre McCloskey, B Neeson, Ciara Heffron.

St. Patrick's: Brona Toal, Colette Brogan, Donna O'Reilly, Melissa Lavery, Brenda McQuade, Frances Comiskey, Pauleen Murray, Patricia McCabe, Laura Lavery, Lisa Corrigan (Capt), Geraldine O'Hanlon, Claire McCann.

Sub: Breige O'Farrell. Referee: Melissa Conway, Tyrone

Results: Ulster Senior A Colleges Final

St. Mary's, Magherafelt 3-0 St Patrick's Keady 1-2

Ashbourne Cup: Semi-Finals: UCD 2-5 Waterford IT 0-10

UCC 3-8 UL 3-4

Final: UCC 2-3 UCD 1-5

Ashbourne Shield Semi-Finals: Mary I. 3-7 QUB 1-4

Athlone IT 2-7 NUIG 0-10

Final: Athlone IT 1-12 Mary I 2-5

Poc Fada: Anne Hardiman, UCG



St Louis, Ballymena retained the Ulster

Derry - National Junior League holders



## Before camogie league final



Referee Dave Daly from Sarsfields pictured with Denise O'Connell of Carrigaline and Janette Power of Youghal at the start of the Cork County Junior B Camogie League Final in Carrigaline.

## Busy weekend on camogie scene

THIS weekend is a busy one on the camogie scene. On Saturday the All-Ireland Senior A and B All-Ireland Colleges semi-finals takes place at two Northern venues. In the Senior A Seamount, Kinvara travel to Magherfelt to play the home team at 12.30 p.m.

Seamount are former winners of the Junior All-Ireland three years ago, and will be looking to advance to their first Senior final. Their key players are Elaine Kerins, Sherry Mannion,

Claire Linnane and Roisin O'Connor.

In the Senior B semi-final St. Cuan's College, Castleblakeney take on the unknown St. Louis, Ballymena in Dunloy at 1.00 p.m. St. Cuan's had a good win over a fancied Woodford side on Saturday last in the Connacht final.

They will be looking to County minor panelists Valerie Gavin and Ann Divilly as well as County under-14 players Gemma Kelly and Nicola Gavin, who accounted for nine points between them on Saturday 1st. Captain Sheila Fitzgerald and 'keeper Fiona Morgan will also be influential to the outcome.

The National Senior and Junior League also start on Sunday when Galway take on Wexford in Junior at 1.30 p.m. and Senior at 2.45p.m. at Turloughmore. Both games promise to be highly entertaining. This will be the first game of the year for the Senior team under the new management of the former successful manager, Tony Ward, Pat Forde and Ann Bolger.

The Junior team will be starting their new season under Michael Broderick, Noeleen Cormican and Colette Walsh. Both teams will be trying out many players in the League in order to prepare for the upcoming Championship.

## Junior 1 league win for Carrigaline



Carrigaline, who defeated Youghal on a scoreline of 4-12 to 0-0 in the Cork County Junior B Camogie League Final in Carrigaline.

## Dublin women face Antrim in a fixture that is laced both with history and promise

DUBLIN open their National Senior League campaign against Antrim in the capital next Sunday in a fixture that is laced with history.

Back in 1967, Antrim beat the Dubs in the replay of the All-Ireland Final. Dublin didn't collect the O'Duffy Cup again until 1984, while Antrim earned All-Ireland glory in 1979.

Antrim have never won the Senior League title, and the last of Dublin's three titles came back in 1983.

Last season, Antrim defeated Dublin in

### CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

the League, and their manager, Jim Nelson, the ex-Antrim hurling supremo, is expecting "a tough, hard match, and a good one if the surface is firm."

Dublin boss, Tom Monaghan, has the Dubs in super shape. There is an experienced look about the hosts, and they'll be hoping that Ballyboden's Sile Nic Coitir, playing at full-forward, will see plenty of possession.

Also in Dublin, the Dublin Juniors, under the new charge of Pat Duncan, also face Antrim, who are managed by the distinguished referee, Catherine O'Hara.

O'Hara is assisted by former Antrim Senior hurler, Seamus Elliott and Neil O'Neill, and in Tara Lundy, the Northern girls have a top-class defender.

Says Pat Duncan: "This is a learning process. I have great faith in this panel for the future. We have introduced many new faces, but we still possess a blend of experienced players from a number of years."

Dublin Seniors: Uzzie McGuinness; Colette Murphy, Aoife

Cullen, Germaine Noonan; Ann-Marie Gray, Catherine Boyle, Sonya Byrne; Ruth Lyons, Veronica Teehy; Sarah Crossin, Irene Kirwan, Eimear Brannigan; Gillian McQuiskey, Sile Nic Coitir, Ann McQuiskey. Subs: Fiona Ni Chiorraoin, Gillian McQuiskey, Eve Talbot, Aidis Ni Thuathail, Michelle Coleman.

Dublin Juniors: Lisa Ryan; Siobhan Young, Lorraine O'Connell, Gráinne Madden; Davina Hutton, Eadaoin Mulcahy, Fiona Gucklany; Siobhan Curran, Fiona Bernard; Joyce Donnelly, Siobhan Barrow, Aidis Ni Thuathail; Fiona Hughes, Eimear Ring (C), Michelle Coleman.

The Finals of the Naomh Bríd Indoor Tournament take place next Sunday in Russell Park (11.30). The semi-finals are scheduled for 10.30. This competition has proven to be one of the best in the country.

Fixtures: Sunday: Venue TBA National Senior League: Dublin v Antrim. National Junior League: Dublin v Antrim.



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# Double defeat for Tipperary

The combined colleges camogie games took place on Saturday last with depleted Tipperary suffering defeat to both the Purcell and Ashbourne Cup teams.

The Junior (Purcell Cup) squad were out first in the camogie pitch. The Ragg on a wet cold mucky evening where the final score registered Tipperary 1-6, Combined Colleges 3-8.

In this game, Tipperary suffered because of a poor supply of ball to the forward line with the Purcell girls dominated totally in the first half, finding each other, clever passes and picking off their points, they should however have had a much higher score at the final whistle.

A lot of wasted ball throughout the game kept the Purcell side from gaining too much ground. However, a goal in the tenth minute from Michelle Casey (LIT) brought no response from the Tipp side, despite their best effort, but four points later from the Purcell girls a breakthrough came for the Tipp side when Anna Woods passed the ball across to Norma Maher who sent it over four minutes from the half and to register Tipperary's first score of the game.

The opposition replied within minutes with a well taken devastating goal from Carla Doherty (St. Mary's) and shortly after that a point from Emily Hayden (CIT) to leave the half time score at Combined Colleges 2-7, Tipperary 0-1.

The second half proved that the home side could get their act together as they began to come more and more into the game, picking off points and making better use of the ball, lifting the game when Norma Coffey pulled on the ground ball to send it blasting past the keeper to the back of the net and one wondered if they had more time, could they have won this match?

Final score: Combined Colleges 3-8, Tipperary 1-6.

In fairness to the Tipperary side, this panel of girls have not trained at all as a unit so it's still early days to tell what they really are like with the management side working on putting a panel together still. It's also difficult to single out any one particular girl, as weather conditions were poor because of heavy showers throughout the game, but the Tipp backline were under severe pressure, particularly in the first half and did very well to keep the opposition score so low. Goalie Sarah O'Brien made some good saves while Siobhan Ryan (captain) in full back pre-

vented many attacks.

**Colleges team:** Ailish Doyle CIT, Maureen Duffin UUJ, Noelle O'Dwyer LIT, Tara Doherty UUJ, Maureen Barry UUJ, Blathin McGiver, St. Mary's, Orla Smith, St. Mary's, Emily Hayden CIT, Carla Doherty, St. Mary's, Vera Sheehan LIT, Michelle Hearne, St. Pat's, Grainne Connolly UUJ, Michelle Casey LIT, Siobhan Treacy, St. Pat's, Karen O'Sullivan, CIT. Subs: Deirdre McGurk, St. Mary's, Claire Harrington, Trinity; Ena O'Donnell, LIT, Ann Marie Daly, St. Pat's, Angela Fenon UUJ.

**Tipperary:** Sarah O'Brien, Drom/Inch; Deirdre Delaney, Drom/Inch; Siobhan Ryan, Holycross; Mary Rose Ryan, Toomevara, Norma Coffey, Cashel, Jackie O'Connor, Drom/Inch, Deirdre McDonnell, Burgess, Lorraine Burke, Templemore, Julie Delaney, Drom/Inch, Joanne Ryan, Drom/Inch, Alice Deane, Kilruane, Emma Carroll, St. Cronan's, Anna Woods, Toomevara, Grace Ormonde, Templemore, Norma Maher, Templemore, Niamh Connolly, Templemore.

**Referee:** Bernie Nugent, Drumcullen.

## ASHBOURNE 2-12 TIPPERARY 2-6

Six points in favour of the Ashbourne Combined team was the end result of a very enjoyable game which took place in the GAA pitch in Drom/Inch but with the Tipp side missing some of their more seasoned players.

The home side had three points to their credit before the opposition replied and went on to have a one point lead at the interval.

The distribution of ball in favour of Tipp in the second half was not enough with the Ashbourne team having the upperhand as a result.

Even though the All-Ireland champions started better both in the first and second half, the opposition soaked up the pressure and in the last 15 minutes of the game left the home side totally out of scoring chances.

**Ashbourne:** Noelle Doran UCD, Fiona Healy AIT, Naomí Treacy UCC, Fiona Corcoran UL, Ruth Cahalane UCC, Una O'Dwyer UCD, Suzanne Kelly MIL, Aine Hillary AIT, Aine Codd UCD, Deirdre Murphy NUI, Theresa Maher AIT, Michelle O'Leary UCD, Cathriona Hennessy AIT,

Caoimhe Harrington UCC, Una O'Donoghue, Sandra Ricken UCC, Sinead O'Callaghan UCC, Ronnie Curtin NUI, Pauline Comerford WIT, Jennifer Braniff QB.

**Tipperary:** Jovita Delaney (capt), Niamh Harkin, Claire Madden, Marie Harkin, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Gaynor, Libby Twomey, Angela McDermott, Theresa Brophy, Philomena Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy, Grainne Shanahan, Helen Kiely, Deirdre Hughes, Eimear McDonnell, Louise Ryan, Helen Campion, Louise Young, Nora Dwan, Emily Hayden.

Congratulations to all the Tipperary girls who played for their respective colleges on Saturday on the Purcell and Ashbourne teams. The girls were presented with medals for their efforts.

## APOLOGY

On the weekend of the 19th/20th the Ashbourne Cup and Shield for third level colleges took place in Galway.

An article appeared in last week's local papers with results and I have been informed that one of our inter-county junior players was omitted. Dearbhla Quigley from Thurles was part of UCC's Ashbourne cup winning team and Dearbhla somehow got left out by the author of that article. While the board offers its congratulations to you Dearbhla on this great win, we also wish to apologise to you for this omission.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The first round of the Junior and Senior National League campaign gets under way on this coming Sunday when Tipperary travel to a Derry venue.

This will be a team building exercise particularly for the junior side who will be anxious to put a firm panel of girls together in time for the championship which will take place later in the year. The last time the junior side played Derry was in '98 in the All-Ireland semi-final and after a nail biting draw in the county grounds, the replay in Derry saw the Tipperary girls claim victory on a four point victory.

From the senior point of view, selector with the side Jim Madden (Portroe) said the league is important to them at this time and he would be anxious to see the girls winning as many games as possible.



Agnes O'Reilly and Mary O'Mahony, members of the 1954 Junior team which won the County title pictured with Daithí O'Donovan, President Carrigaline Gaa Club and Jackie O'Connor, trainer 1954 team pictured at the Carrigaline Camogie Club Dinner in the Carrigaline Court Hotel recently.

# A wonderful celebration for Carrigaline Camogie Club

THE Carrigaline Camogie Club had a wonderful celebration night on Friday last at The Carrigaline Court Hotel.

The club was celebrating the winning of the U 14 'B' county championship and the recent win at adult level in the county junior 'B' league. The victorious U 13 South East winners and the U 14s, who were County Feile na Gael finalists in 1999, were also presented with their medals.

All guests and members entering were treated to a photographic display organised by Club PRO, Rose Harrington. Rose was complimented for her tremendous work for the club during the night, especially under age. The club's trophies were also on display at this point.

Winner of nine All-Ireland camogie medals, Sandy Fitzgibbon, was a special guest of the evening and presented the very deserving young players with their medals. County camogie chairperson, Sheila Golden and her husband Tommy, were guests as were county PRO Mary Newman and South East PRO Noreen Quinn. There was great support from the Carrigaline GAA Club members as well.

Carrigaline Camogie chairman, Des O'Connell welcomed the large crowd and included some members present from the 1954 county final win by Carrigaline in camogie.

Des gave a special welcome to all the ex officers of the club present who had done great work for Carrigaline in the recent past. He thanked all the selectors of the various teams including the U 16s who were defeated in the championship but are still in the league. Sheila Golden, Chair-



Sisters Brid and Soreha McGrath seen attending the Carrigaline Camogie Dinner recently in the Carrigaline Court Hotel.

person Cork County Camogie, thanked the club for the kind invitation and congratulated all the girls on their great achievements. Sheila acknowledged the work of the officers of the club and said the junior 'B' county championship is not far away. Sheila applauded the work going on for camogie in South East Cork and urged the other divisions (acknowledging as well the competitions in Seandun) to follow suit.

Carrigaline executive chairman, John Noonan, addressed the gathering and applauded the tremendous efforts made by the club. He asked that the county selectors would take note of the standard of players in Carrigaline when picking the county panels. He wished the club the very best of luck.

Andrew O'Farrell trained the U 13s in '99. They had a draw with Ballygarvan in the play-off. They had a marathon competition with Valley Rovers, winning in extra time in third game. They won by a goal in the final against Ballinhassig.

Junior captain, Denise O'Connell made a special

presentation to Maura Brogan who was returning to Roscommon while a 21st birthday celebration was also held for Avril Cooney.

The victorious junior 'B' panel is as follows: Denise O'Connell, Jennifer Fogarty, Maura Brogan, Amy Collins, Muireann Conlon, Siobhan Cooney, Avril Cooney, Nicola Corcoran, Clodagh Fitzgerald, Emma Greene, Grace Harrington, Rose Harrington, Anne Kiely, Jan Kiernan, Cathriona Mahony, Amy Morgan, Niamh Murphy, Olivia Murphy, Aishling O'Connor, Vicki O'Doherty, Jacqui O'Keeffe, Joanne O'Keeffe, Terri O'Keeffe, Caroline O'Keeffe, Caroline O'Keeffe, Roisin Pinfield, Emily Power, Marie Scully, Trish Sullivan.

Congratulations were also in order as a presentation was made to Niamh Murphy on her recent All-Ireland win with the Cork minors.

Player and selector, Marie Scully, presented Des O'Connell with a special trophy in honour of his outstanding work with the club in 1999.



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# Carrigaline girls produce superb display in final

## Carrigaline Camogie dinner



Des O'Connell, trainer, seen with sisters Jacqui and Terri O'Keeffe, at the Carrigaline Camogie Club dinner in the Carrigaline Court Hotel.

## LIMERICK CO. CAMOGIE BOARD COUNTY SENIOR AND JUNIOR NATIONAL LEAGUES ROUND ONE 'COME ON YOU GIRLS IN GREEN'

Saturday next, March 4th is the date of the double bill. Neither venue nor time is confirmed as we go to press, but the Gaelic Grounds, Ennis Road, 2p.m. (junior) and 3.30p.m. (senior) are very likely. The Limerick panels were selected after a trial at Bruree on Sunday last and the Co. Board expresses its thanks to the home club for the use of its facilities.

The panels are: Senior-Grace McNamara (Adare), Jordana Dolan (Ballygran), Pauline McCarthy, Liz Leonard, Edel Reale, Mary Lonergan (all Bruff) Marion Neville (Croagh Kilfinny), Bernie Cleary (Galbally), Aine O'Reilly (Garryspillane), Bernie O'Brien, Breda O'Brien, Eileen O'Brien, Jean Cullinane, Kay Burke, Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Sheehan (all Granagh Ballingarry) Michelle Casey, Deirdre Fitzpatrick (both Kill-ceedy), Meadhbh de Nais (Newcastlewest), Rose Collins (Milford).

Junior-Debbie Ryan (Abbey Gaels) Margaret Hickey, Lorraine Crosse, Louise Powell (all Abane), Avril Lane, Laura Hourigan (both Adare), Alison White (Ballygran), Fiona Godfrey, Sharon O'Shaughnessy (Bruff), Edwina Boyce, Katherine Leslie (Granagh-Ballingarry), Eileen Collins (Milford), Sandra Hedigan (Galbally), Veronica Dillon (Newcastlewest), Margaret Leahy, Grainne Quilligan (Na Piarasigh), Aedin Bennis, Siobhán O'Brien, Fiona O'Brien (all Patrickswell), Edel O'Brien (Fr. Ryans).

Selection committee-Brother Philip Ryan (Manager), Gerry O'Donoghue, Anne Marie O'Keeffe.

The senior panel is backboned by experienced Granagh-Ballingarry and Bruff players

while young players such as Grace McNamara, Aine O'Reilly, Bernie Cleary, Meadhbh de Nais, Jordana Dolan, Deirdre Fitzpatrick are relatively new to this demanding grade. Clare are making huge strides in camogie (Shannon Comprehensive won the Munster Senior B Schools Championship and contested the U-16A final) and will be very tough, competitive, skillful opponents.

The Limerick juniors are, in general, young, have loads of spirit and heart and will no doubt find their Banner counterparts in no mood to give away the points. Another great game is expected. Hopefully legions of Limerick supporters will make it their business to come along and cheer on the team (and make enquiries before heading for the wrong venue).

### COUNTY U/16

While the seniors and juniors swing into action on Saturday next, the U-16's look forward to their Munster B Championship (Cork and Tipperary are in A) clash with Waterford. Training for the panel is at M.I.C.E. on Sundays at 12.00 noon.

### COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS THREE WEEKS AWAY

The fixtures committee met in

a marathon session last Monday week and the fixtures are with the Club now. On-field action begins in March, with U-16's (Friday March 24th), Juniors (Saturday March 24th), Intermediates and seniors (both on Sunday March 26th) setting the ball rolling.

Best of luck to all the teams, mentors should ensure that results are communicated to the relevant result keepers!

### CAMOGIE STAR EIMEAR WINS HOCKEY AWARD

Eimear Cregan, Laurel Hill, Milford and Limerick camogie player, is the 1999 Examiner Aer Lingus Junior Sports Star for hockey. The high scoring Irish U-18 and U-16 centre forward has been outstanding for her Club and county to date and looks set for a successful career at full international level. She is of course an exceptionally skilled and determined camogie player with her lightning pace, ball control, accuracy and spirit guaranteed to make her a forward to be feared! We wish her well in her chosen sport and hope to see her camogieing in the green of Limerick also! Coincidentally, another Eimear (Emer) McDonnell, of Tipperary is the Examiner/Aer Lingus Junior Sports Star for camogie.

### RACE NIGHT

The Co. Board Fundraiser takes place at the Dunraven Arms on Thursday March 16th.

### POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS LIMERICK SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Weather continues to hijack the above championship and no games have been played for the past three weeks. With Pre's now on in most schools, a post St. Patrick's Day completion is extremely likely.

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Camogie and football will feature in this year's Munster Senior Championship programme, and so our young camogie players can look forward to 20 minutes of action when Limerick meet Cork (Cork must beat Kerry in hurling) in this year's Munster Hurling Championship.

The indoor camogie Championships (5 a side) begin this week, with the Co. final fixed for Caherconlish on March 7th and the Munster final pencilled in for St. Patrick's Day.

Carrigaline .....4-11  
Youghal .....nil

Sunday week saw the staging of the long-awaited Junior League final between Youghal and Carrigaline. These two teams had qualified for this final several months previous. However, due to Carrigaline's continued progression in the championship, this fixture was put on hold until the championship final had been played.

Youghal therefore were without a competitive match since they had been beaten by Carrigaline in the earlier rounds of the championship. This game had all the makings of a great one, with Youghal out for revenge and Carrigaline out to undo their disappointment of the defeat in the championship by Inniscarra. Conditions were disastrous, with heavy rain and wind sweeping across the field but this was not going to get in either team's way!

Despite having all the ingredients to make this final an epic, it turned out to be a rather disappointing one-sided affair. The game got off to a blistering pace with the South East side six points up after ten minutes of play. The Carrig girls went out determined not to be beaten in their fourth junior county final in three years and so it showed in their play from the very first minute to the very last.

### OUTCLASSED

Carrigaline outclassed the Youghal girls by far for the whole game. Avril Cooney opened the scoring in the first minute of play with a pointed free after the ever-impressive Muireann Conlon earned a free straight in front of the posts. In the following few minutes, Emma Green was desperately unlucky for a couple of goals. The very muddy state of the goal was trapping all of the sliotars and one found it difficult to remove the sliotar from the holes in which it seemed to embed itself.

Patience is a virtue, and Emma got her score when she slotted the ball over the bar for Carrig's second point in the fourth minute. Muireann Conlon was causing havoc in the Youghal defence and earned another free in the fifth minute, which Avril Cooney duly placed between the posts. The midfield duo of Maura Brogan and Jaqui O'Keeffe seemed to have a great

understanding between themselves and were dominating the central area of the field at all times.

The best score of the game came in the tenth minute when O'Keeffe laid off a great pass to Clodagh Fitzgerald on the left wing. She in turn soloed the ball to the by-line and put the ball over the bar for a great point from a very acute angle. This was closely followed with two more points for Carrigaline, one from Green at full-forward and Conlon who stormed her way through the Youghal half-back line and calmly placed the ball over the bar.

The Youghal girls didn't know what had hit them at this stage. Yet they never let their heads drop and often got the ball up into the Carrig defence. The Carrigaline backs were always alert and between them they cleared the ball each time. The midfield duo picked them up and turned defence into attack straight away.

Carrigaline eventually found the net in the fifteenth minute when Green pulled hard on the ground, avoided the sticky muck and sent the ball to the back of the Youghal net. Conlon added another goal to her tally in the eighteenth when she rifled a shot past the Youghal 'keeper. There followed three more points before half-time for the Carrig girls from Niamh Murphy, Conlon and Cooney.

### POWERFUL LEAD

This left Carrigaline running to the dressing room at the break with a powerful lead of two goals and nine points. The second half promised to be a different ordeal altogether with the South-East side now playing against all the conditions. This was not going to change the attitude of the team and they started with guns blazing again. From the throw in, Murphy picked up the loose ball and went on one of her menacing solo runs down the right hand side of the field and sent a high ball in over the keeper's head and to the back of the net.

Realising that they were in the deepest of trouble now, Youghal piled on the pressure and threw everything that they had into all of their tackles. They won numerous frees in the opening fifteen minutes of the second half but, disappointingly, they failed to convert their chances due to shots going wide and the splendid display of the Carrigaline backs. They found an opening in front of goal in the tenth minute after the corner forward burst her way through the defence. She sent a scorching shot towards the target, which had the Car-

rig keeper scrambling across her goal mouth but the ball went inches wide. This seemed to sum up their day as they prayed for the referee to blow the final whistle.

### SUPERB DISPLAY

The younger members of the Carrigaline team put up a superb display. Jaqui O'Keeffe and Niamh Murphy picked up all of the loose balls and sent some great passes to the inside forward line. Marie Scully and Jennifer Fogarty cleaned up in the back-line, never letting anything pass them. Muireann Conlon scored a further point in the twelfth minute of play, which was followed with an Emma Green goal when she capitalised on a rebound shot. A triple substitution by the mentors saw Olivia Murphy, Amy Collins and Emily Power come into the action and all three did splendidly well, maintaining the excellent performance by everyone on the team. Niamh Murphy finished off the scoring in the twentieth minute from forty yard out, when she sent the sliotar sailing over the cross-bar.

Overall, it was a great day for the club. An outstanding effort was put in by everyone, players and mentors alike. The final score was Carrigaline 4-11, Youghal 0-0. A Junior title had finally reached the banks of the Owenabue after an absence of 46 years! The Carrigaline Captain, Denise O'Connell, mentioned in her speech that they had been three years in a row in the same final. Finally Carrigaline's turn had come and it was worth the wait! She thanked Youghal for a gallant effort but they were very unlucky to come up against such a forceful team that were going to let nothing or nobody stand in the way of their victory.

We would like to congratulate the girls on this great occasion as well as the trainers Des O'Connell, whose victory has finally come at Junior Level, and Ollie Conlon for all his hard work and dedication throughout the year. A word of thanks also has to go to Jack McGrath and his helpers who made soup and sandwiches for both teams after the game.

**Carrigaline:** Rose Harrington, Caitriona O'Mahony, Siobhán Cooney, Avril Cooney, Marie Scully, Jennifer Fogarty, Joanne O'Keeffe, Maura Brogan, Jaqui O'Keeffe, Niamh Murphy, Muireann Conlon, Grace Harrington, Denise O'Connell, Emma Green and Clodagh Fitzgerald. Subs used, Emily Power, Olivia Murphy and Amy Collins.



# Camogie surges back to town

CAMOGIE was played in Carrigaline in the 1940s and 50s but lapsed for many years. Revived in 1991 the club has enjoyed tremendous success and the future is looking bright. When Kay and Billy Fitzgerald, Joe Lynch, Frances Power and Phil Jones gathered a group of enthusiastic girls in 1991 little did they envisage the successes that lay ahead. It only took one year for the first trophy to sit on the sideboard when the South East U-10 Indoor title came to the club. The following year 1993 saw the girls field in U-15 South East league and record the first victory for the club. The South East Indoor title at U-10 and 11 again found their way to the now vibrant club in 1994 as they continued to grow in stature. The U-16 team reached the club's first county final since 1954 when they met Ballygarvan in the U-16B county final. On the day they had to give way to their opponents but were determined to stick together and the big breakthrough came with a league final win over Eire Og as Melanie Fitzgerald led her side to first county success for 41 years.

The U-11s again hit the success trail in 1996 with a South East title and went on to contest the county U-12 final the following year when they lost to Milford. 1999 has been the year when it's all come right for the hard working under-age committee who put in a huge effort both on the field in coaching and off it where they organise a successful weekly fund-raising disco. It was no surprise to see the club enter a team in the junior league and championship competitions. Reaching the league finals in 1997 and 98 the teams experienced the heartbreak of losing to Ballygarvan and Milford respectively but, undaunted, they stuck together under the guidance of Des O'Connell and former St Finbarr's senior player Marie Scully to reach the Junior B championship final. However, they went down to a star studded Inniscarra side. A league final still beckoned and this time the Carrigaline girls were not going to falter against Youghal for a victory hard found since 1991. The club celebrated the year with a dinner dance on Friday at the Carrigaline Court Hotel. Honoured were the teams who took South East U-13 County U-14B league and Junior B league honours. The club also paid tribute to Niamh Murphy who won an Minor All-Ireland with Cork in 1999. A great night to celebrate a great year for a club totally focused on the future.

Exciting times with build-up to forthcoming competitions



The Carrigaline side which beat Youghal 4-12 to 0-0 in the Cork County Junior B League final at Carrigaline.

# Cork teams aim Down for points

**SUNDAY** brings the return of Inter-County action with the Cork Senior and Junior teams going to Co. Down for the opening rounds of the league.

The junior team — following their All-Ireland victory over Derry — are favoured to do well this season.

As the players from the winning All-Ireland side will only be graded as intermediates for the championship series, they are eligible to play junior league.

The side will be minus a few players who are involved in pre-leaving exams but selectors can still call on experienced players like Jill Hannon, Marie Corkery and Ciara Healy.

Two of last year's selectors, Lillian Zincent and Mairead O'Callaghan have retired their places to Kathleen Healy and John Hayes. They join Kay Dunne on the committee, while coach Pat Murray remains in place.

With the disappointment of last year's semi-final defeat firmly behind them the senior side are focused on the season ahead.

The opening game of the league has the holders pitted against a Down side they defeated in last season's league.

The Cork side will be minus the services of Lynn Dunlea who is presently in Australia and may be with-

## MAGIC MOMENTS

CORN PURCELL is presented to the winners of the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship, inaugurated in 1992.

The trophy is in memory of the late Agnes Purcell (nee Hourigan), wife of GAA writer Pádraic and who herself was a well-known camogie correspondent for many years.

out a few regular campaigners due to work and study commitments.

Experienced campaigners Linda Mellerick, Eithne Duggan and Denise Cronin will be expected to be amongst a strong senior line out that is sure to include several new faces as the selectors set out with a busy years work ahead.

The selection committee itself will have a new face with Pat Harris joining Angela Higgins and Rose Mackey as the representative of Bishopstown.

Mr Harris's daughter Vivienne again captains the side this year while Tom Nott guides the coaching fortunes of the side.

Down having won the Intermediate All-Ireland title in 1998 are a well or-



At Sciath na Scol primary schools South East hurling competition at Rochestown College are: Lucey Hawkes (Inniscarra) and Helen O'Driscoll (Knockavilla). Picture: Gerard McCarthy.

ganised outfit, this season they have a new management team with former Tipperary hurler Eddie McGrath and Pádraic O Mianain a former Inger-county hurler with Derry taking over the reins.

The Down side is captained by Jennifer Braniff who lined out with Queens in the recent Ashbourne Cup, but they will be minus the services of Nuala McGee who has retired and Edel Mason who is not playing inter-county at present.

While it's the first game

in the league both sides will be going into their respective clashes determined to gain two valuable points as set the wheel in motion for what will hopefully be a successful year.

In other senior national league action Limerick entertain Intermediate All-Ireland champions Clare. Tipperary also make the journey north to meet Derry. Kilkenny also make it all roads leading north when they play Armagh away. Galway entertain Wexford and Antrim travel to Dublin.

## Night games begin

THE first night action begins this Friday when St Finbarr's are due to play hosts to Newcestown at 5pm in the Under-18 Championship.

The Barr's are a strong side who can call on the experience of Linda O'Connell, who starred with Cork Juniors and UCC in their All-Ireland and Ashbourne Cup successes.

Newcestown have already won the U-16B County title and include Cork minors Suzanne Deasy and Colette Desmond.

St Mary's Charleville made it four Munster titles in a row and also took the Munster Junior A Colleges title when they were too strong for St Patrick's Shannon.

Two first-half goals from Cork minor Marie Watson and a goal from Joanne Quinn put the issue beyond doubt five minutes from full time.

**FIXTURES**  
FRIDAY MARCH 3  
U-18 Championship: St Finbarr's v Newcestown, St Finbarr's 5pm.  
SUNDAY MARCH 5  
Senior and Junior National League: Cork v Down, Ballykenter, Co. Down.

# Obituaries

## JULIE HAMILL (DOWN)

Julie Hamill was murdered recently following a night out in Portrush. She was from Downpatrick and was a former pupil of St. Louis Grammar School in Killeel. She was a talented sportswoman and had captained the St. Louis camogie team in the Ulster final in 1989.



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## Cork and Down in meet on double

INTER-COUNTY camogie resumes this weekend for Cork juniors and seniors as the National Leagues swing into full gear.

The league opener for the defending senior league holders and junior All-Ireland champions is a meeting with Down in a double-header which will see the Cork sides make the long trip north.

Following on the junior's magnificent victory in the All-Ireland final Cork's sights are now firmly focused on the league campaign and one which affords them an opportunity to achieve the county's first national league title in this grade.

They will be without number of key players due to examinations but they will still field a strong line-out that will include the experienced Linda O'Connell, Ger Casey and Jill Hannon.

It's reported that Down, under the new team management of former Tipperary hurler Eddie McGrath and Padraic O'Mainain, have combined their junior and senior panels and that the sides are training collectively. Their junior side will be a young team made up mainly of minor and U18 players who are sure to be severely tested by the All-Ireland champions.

The county's senior team to face Cork will be captained by Queens University star Jennifer Braniff and they are confidently looking forward to their meeting with the league champions.

Cork will be opening their campaign minus the services of the Dunlea sisters, Lynn and Stephanie, who are in Australia. They may also be without a few regular campaigners due to work and study commitments. However, the intention of the team management is to try out new players.

Other senior league action sees Tipperary playing Derry, and Kilkenny do travelling to Armagh. All-Ireland intermediate champions, Clare, play neighbours Limerick while Galway entertain Wexford and Antrim play Dublin.

# Senior camogie league returns

Next Sunday, the National Senior Camogie league gets underway with six matches down for decision. Cork, the holders, travel to take on Down in a repeat of last year's semi-final when the Rebels had a 3-13 to 1-5 win over the 'Mourne girls'. This will be Cork's first inter county outing since their defeat by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final last August and they will be favourites to take their first brace of points.

Galway will host Wexford in what should be another interesting tie. Galway reached the league semi-final last year but were knocked out by Tipperary 3-14 to 3-7 while Wexford failed to collect any points so Galway look set to collect the points here. Derry, senior newcomers, show their hospitality to All-Ireland senior champions Tipperary. This will be a tough assignment for the junior league holders. It looks like Tipperary will get off the mark. Clare travel to Limerick and this should be an evenly balanced encounter. Both ended their league campaign last season on level points. Home venue may give Limerick the edge.

Dublin have home advantage against Antrim. When the sides met last year the result was a draw and this was Antrim's only point in the league while Dublin ended the campaign with four points. It looks like Dublin will take the spoils here.

Kilkenny travel to Armagh in yet another intriguing tie. The sides were in different divisions in the league last year and neither team figured in the knock out stages. Kilkenny are All-Ireland senior finalists so they should have no difficulty securing the points.

Most of the above mentioned are dually involved taking on the same opponents in junior league games except Armagh who meet last year's All-Ireland Junior semi-finalists Offaly. This will be a stiff challenge for the 'Orchard County'. Offaly will be on a high following their win over the holders Derry last weekend and should add another brace of points here.

Also in the junior league Carlow travel to Cavan. This will be Cavan's debut and home venue may give them the edge.

Roscommon make the trip to Kildare this weekend after the latter's draw with Carlow last Sunday while Roscommon's meeting with Tyrone did not materialise. This should be a close tussle going down to the wire.

Offaly got off to a good start in the National junior league when they gained victory over the title holders Derry at Killurin last Sunday. The underfoot conditions were not great which made it

awkward for the players.

Fifteen minutes had elapsed before the first score of the game came when Michelle Davis gained possession 15 metres out from the Derry goal and sent a sizzling ball to the net. Minutes later, Sabrina Carroll sent over the bar to give Offaly a 1-1 lead. Derry's only score in this half came with a point from Aileen O'Kane on the 25th minute.

The winners forged further ahead with points from Edel Corcoran and Jeanette Feighrey.

At the end of the third quarter disaster struck the 'Faithful County' when Ailish Grogan broke through for a goal and from the puck out Edel Chambers had the ball back in the Offaly net to put Derry in front by a point. Both sides fought hard for scores that were hard to come by.

Jeanette Feighrey was the star as far as Offaly was concerned as she raced through the Derry defence to rattle the net on the 25th minute to give her side a two point victory.

Final score: Offaly 2-3 Derry 2-1

Scorers: Offaly: Jeanette Feighrey 1-1, Michelle Davis 1-0, Sabrina Carroll and Edel Corcoran 0-1 each.

Derry: Ailish Grogan and Edel Chambers 1-0 each, Aileen O'Kane 0-1.

Referee - Noeleen Cornican, Galway.

Carlow and Kildare shared the spoils in this National Junior league tie played at Carlow Hurling Ground. Kildare led by 1-4 to 0-2 at the break, the goal coming from Aisling Treacy. Carlow came more to the fore in the second half scoring 1-2 and holding Kildare scoreless.

Final score: Carlow 1-4 Kildare 1-4

Scorers: Carlow: Valerie Crean 1-3, Mary Coady 0-1

Kildare: Aisling Treacy 1-3, Christine O'Neill 0-1

Referee - John Codd, Wexford

Tyrone did not travel to play Roscommon



Cork celebrate winning last year's league title

## Oranmore Camogie Club reunion



The Oranmore Club was the dominant force in Galway camogie in the sixties and seventies, winning a record nine county titles in a row as well as bringing the All-Ireland Club championship to the West for the first time ever. A big reunion dinner dance has been organised for the Oranmore Lodge Hotel on Saturday night, March 4. Music, spot prizes and a special Fear an Tí will help to make it a night to remember. Pictured above is the 1974 all conquering Oranmore team. Front row, left to right, Josie Fahy, Pat Feeney, Grace Divilly, Josie Kelly, captain, Margaret Murphy, Mandy Cosgrove, Teresa Carroll. Back row, Margaret Burke, Brid Hanley, Mary Wynne, Ann Dilleen, Sheila Quinn, Marian Forde, Nono McHugh (her daughter Jennifer is front right), Rosemary Divilly.



# Youthful Camogie Captains

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Pictured at the Carrigaline Camogie Club Dinner in the Carrigaline Court Hotel were captains Lisa O'Driscoll, under 13 South East, Denise O'Connell, Junior B Championship and Terri O'Keffee, under 14 South East Championship

**CAMOGIE**  
**National Senior League: Down**  
0-3 Cork 2-15; Down scorers:  
Colleen Hynds 0-2, Jennifer  
Branniff 0-1; **Cork scorers:** Elaine  
Burke 2-2, Marian Deasy 0-3,  
Diona O'Driscoll 0-3, Paula  
O'Connor 0-2, Emer Dillon 0-2,  
Ursula Troy 0-1  
**Dublin 5-4 Antrim 2-8; Dublin**  
**scorers:** Irene Kirwen 2-4, Louise  
Curry 1-0, B Byrne 1-0, Anne  
McCloskey 1-0; **Antrim scorers:**  
Anne McKee 1-1, Elaine Downs  
1-2, Caitriona Higgins 0-5  
**National Junior League: Down 1-0**  
**Cork 8-11; Down scorers:** Moya  
Maginn 1-0; **Cork scorers:** Val  
O'Sullivan 3-0, Louise Murphy 2-  
1, Mary Bridget Lengess 1-2,  
Marie O'Connell 1-1, Ger Collins  
1-3, Eileen O'Hurley 0-2,  
Catherine Crookery 0-2  
**Dublin 4-5 Antrim 1-3; Dublin**  
**scorers:** Joyce Donnelly 2-4,  
Sinead Curran 1-0, Emer Ring 1-  
0, Michelle Donnelly 0-2; **Antrim**  
**scorers:** Catherine Scullion 1-1,  
Orla McGrath 0-1, Sinead  
McKeaveney 0-1  
**All-Ireland Colleges Semi-**  
**finals:** St Mary's Magherafelt 0-4  
Seamount Kinvara Magherafelt 3-  
11; St Mary's Nenagh 3-8 FCJ  
Buncloy 0-4; St Louis Ballymena  
0-7 St Cuan's Castleblaney 3-5;  
St Patrick's Shannon 1-6 Birr CC  
0-1

## Dublin dampen new beginning for Antrim

LATE goals from Irene Kirwen and Anne McCloskey denied Jim Nelson victory in his first match after his return as Antrim camogie coach.

Nelson's side led by a point going into the last three minutes but conceded one goal to McCloskey from long-range and straight from the puck out Kirwen smashed in her second goal of the game.

At the end of the first half, Anne McKee's goal left Antrim with a 1-5 to 1-2 lead but Dublin equalised on the restart and the lead changed hands four times during a closely contested second half, before Dublin hit the tape on a scoreline of 5-4 to 2-8.

In the proceeding Junior game, Dublin had a convincing 4-5 to 1-3 victory with St Louis Ballymena student Catherine Scullion the goal scorer for the Saffrons.

Down fared worse in both the Senior and Junior league ties with Cork. The Seniors went down by 2-15 to 0-3, Elaine Burke claiming both goals for the league champions.

The Juniors were no match for a very experienced Cork side containing many who won All-Ireland medals against Derry last September. Moya Maginn was Down's only scorer in a 8-11 to 1-0 thrashing.

Armagh Seniors put a creditable show against All-Ireland finalists Kilkenny but still went down by 6-6 to 3-4, with Mairead O'Kane, Olive McGeown and Caitriona Curry grabbing the goals.

However, they were totally overwhelmed 7-12 to 0-2 in the Junior game while the Derry v Tipperary double-header had to be postponed because of the unavailability of the pitch.

**Dublin scorers:** I Kirwen (2-4), L Curry (1-0), S Byrne (1-0), A McCloskey (1-0).  
**Antrim scorers:** A McKee (1-1), E Dowds (1-2), C Higgins (0-5).

■ SEAMOUNT, Kinvara accounted for St Mary's Magherafelt 3-11 to 0-4 in Saturday's All-Ireland Colleges A semi-

final at Magherafelt.

The Galway college unveiled a new camogie star in full-forward Elaine Kerins, a sister of Galway hurlers Mark and Alan.

The No 11 claimed 2-9 herself and set up the other goal for Pamela Huban. Younger sister Miriam also grabbed one of the Kinvara points.

However it would be wrong to claim that Elaine Kerins was the difference between the sides, skillful and all as she is. Basically her team was sharper than the homeside and restricted them in most areas of the field.

Kerins had three points on the board before Catherine McAuley opened Magherafelt's account with a point from a free which she herself won. But Kerins fielded the puck-out and pointed immediately.

Hutan scrambled home the first goal after 15 minutes and although Maire Theresa McCann shot a good point in reply, her side was 2-6 to 0-2 down at the break, Kerins' goal a beauty.

She had the sliotar in the net within ten seconds of the restart but it was ruled out for sister Miriam being in the square. Not to be denied, though she broke through for a goal in the second minute.

Meanwhile in the B semi-final St Louis Ballymena lost out on a 3-7 to 0-6 scoreline to St Cuan's.

Ballymena were well in with a chance until Emily Egan shot St Cuan's third goal ten minutes from the end.

Mairead O'Connell pointed from the puck-out but St Cuan's best player, 13-year-old Gemma Kelly, pointed immediately and the spirit flagged for Ballymena.

**St Mary's:** A O'Kane, E Conway, P Bell, S Mulholland, MC McGrath, M Gormley, E Totten, N Lavery, G Downey, C McAuley (0-1 free), R Cassidy, MT McCann (0-3, two frees) **Subs:** K McCoy for MT McGrath, C McCann for R Cassidy, C Bradley for P Bell.

**Seamount:** S Kavanagh, R O'Connor, C Lunan, P Huban, K Huban, S Mannion, C McMahon, M Quinn, R Burke, P Huban (1-1), M Kerins (0-1), E Kerins (2-9, four frees) **Sub:** E Kilkelly for M Kerins.

**Ref:** Catherine O'Hara (Antrim).

## McDonnell the Mary's ace

St Mary's, Nenagh  
FCJ, Buncloy

3-8  
0-4

A SUPERB display by Examiner-Aer Lingus Junior Sports Star Award-winner Emer McDonnell paved the way for an easy win by St Mary's, Nenagh, over FCJ, Buncloy, in the All-Ireland Senior Colleges Camogie semi-final at Kilmacanogue on Saturday.

McDonnell, a niece of former Cork football ace, Billy Morgan, scored a total of 3-5 to ensure Nenagh of a showdown with Seamount, Kinvara, who beat St Mary's, Maherafelt, by 3-11 to 2-4 in Saturday's other semi-final.

This was a competent performance by Nenagh, who improved dramatically since their narrow Munster final victory over Clona-

kilty last month. Two early goals by McDonnell left Nenagh with a comfortable lead of 2-1 to 0-1 after only ten minutes of play.

Buncloy's challenge, led by the brilliant Josephine O'Dwyer, was never strong enough to worry their more polished opponents. Nenagh's Anna Woods and Denise Ryan dominated the exchanges around the centre of the field.

Nenagh led by 2-3 to 0-2 at half time after a first half that was played at a ferocious pace. Buncloy tried desperately to make an impression in the first ten minutes of the second half, but their onslaughts were thwarted on almost every occasion by a solid Nenagh defence, where Sheena Howard, Mary Rose-Ryan, Olive Slattery and Siobhan McCarthy were rock

solid.

McDonnell's twin sister, Deirdre, showed she also has inherited some of the flair of her uncle, Billy.

For a short period, Nenagh took their foot off the pedal and Niamh O'Connor managed to put two points on the board for the Wexford side.

But before the end, Nenagh shook off their composure and McDonnell scored her third goal.

**Scorers for St Mary's (Nenagh):** E. McDonnell 3-5 (0-3 from frees), S. Howard 0-2, D. Ryan 0-1. **FCJ (Buncloy):** J. O'Dwyer, N. O'Connor 0-2 each.

**ST MARY'S:** A. Kissane, M.R. Ryan (Capt.), S. McCarthy, S. Howard, O. Slattery, A. Woods, D. McDonnell, A. Mulcahy, A. Forde, D. Ryan, C. O'Sullivan, E. McDonnell. **Subs:** N. Hogan for C. O'Sullivan, D. Troy for A. Forde.

**FCJ:** F. Kavanagh, L. Frayne, M.C. Kirwan, M. Henrick, P. Treacy, M. Murphy, A. Mullins, E. O'Connor, J. O'Dwyer, A. Orshan, L. Dwyer, N. O'Connor (Capt.). **Sub:** C. Henrick for L. Dwyer. **Referee:** B. Joyce (Cork).



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# Dubs display qualities in fight-back

DUBLIN opened their National Senior League campaign with an encouraging victory over Antrim at the Balgriffin home of Innisfauls on Sunday, 5-4 to 2-8.

Dublin displayed character in recovering from a 1-5 to 1-3 half-time deficit to produce a determined showing on the resumption, which was helped by goals from Louise O'Hara and Eve Talbot.

Irene Kirwan, with 2-4, her four points coming from frees, was Dublin's chief scorer, with O'Hara, Talbot and Anne McCluskey all notching goals in a win that pleased the boss, Tom Monaghan.

"This was an important win for us. We played to a system and the girls adopted well to positional switches.

"Our defence was strong, but there's still much work ahead, and I'm always on the look-out for players, mused Tom, whose next assignment is away to Limerick on

## CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

March 19.

Dublin: L. McGuinness, C. Murphy, A. Cullen, G. Noonan, A. Gray, C. Boyle, E. Talbot, R. Lyons, V. Trehy, S. Crosbie, I. Kirwan, E. Brannigan, L. O'Hara, S. Nic Colfá, A. McCluskey. Subs: J. Donnelly for Brannigan.

At the same venue, Duncan's Doughnuts were too hot to handle for Antrim in the National Junior League as Dublin won by 4-5 to 1-3.

Manager Pat Duncan was delighted. "I am full of praise for the girls. It's always pleasing to win your first game, but had the Antrim forwards been sharper in the first half, they would have scored a couple of goals. Our goalkeeper, Lisa Ryan, made two important saves at that stage, reflected Pat.

Joyce Donnelly, with 2-4, was the Player of the Match. The hosts led 2-2 to 0-2 at the

interval, with the midfield pairing, Fiona Bernard and Siobhan Curran, working a treat.

The solid defence saw excellent offerings from Grainne Madden, Devina Hutton and Lorraine O'Connell. Dublin dominated with the breeze and the slope on the resumption, and Eadaoin Mulcahy and Curran added further goals as thoughts turned to a trip to Limerick in two weeks time.

Dublin: L. Ryan, S. Young, L. O'Connell, G. Madden, D. Hutton, E. Mulcahy, F. Guckian, S. Curran, F. Bernard, J. Donnelly, S. Barcoe, S. Elliott, E. O'Leary, E. Ring, M. Donnelly. Sub: N. Ryan for Elliott.

● The Balgriffin occasion was decorated by a splendid programme.

● IN a very successful St. Brigid's Indoor U-11 Tournament, the third run by the club, St. Vincent's beat Skerries Harps in the final by three goals to no score.

Vins defeated Ballyboden St. Enda's in the semi-final, with Harps overcoming the hosts. The winners received plaques, while

the runners-up got medals, and each child was presented with a certificate, which was signed by the Camogie President, Phyllis Breslin.

"Indoor camogie is the future for young girls in the winter, states chief organiser, Patsy Powell.

"Some of the children were as young as seven, and the atmosphere was electric at all times. Fair play to David Hayes of St. Peregrine's for arranging the certs.

## FIXTURES

SUNDAY: Sen A (2.0): Phoenix Park: Good Counsel v Ballyboden St. Enda's. Fingles: Erin's Isle v Na Fionna. Pearse Park: Crumlin v Naomh Meánóg. St. Anne's Park: Raheny v St. Vincent's. Inter (12.30): Silver Park: Kilmacud Crokes v Clanna Gael. Shankill: Cuala v Naomh Padraig. Hartstown Road: St. Peregrine's v Skerries Harps. Jun B (11.0): Mohli Road: Na Fionna v Lucan Sarsfield. Pairc Naomh Uinsinn: St. Vincent's v Thomas Davis. Rathcoole: Commercial v Naomh Buid. John Paul Park: Naomh Fionbarr v O'Dwyer's.

# Passionate players give their all

PASSION and dedication are vital to the survival of any sporting organisation.

Running about a muddy field in the wind and rain is anybody's prerogative, but a 600-mile round trip to play a camogie match has to be sheer madness.

Last Friday evening, Mary O'Connor left Limerick Institute of Technology and travelled as manager with the college hurling team to Waterford in preparation for their Fitzgibbon Cup semi-final clash the following day.

"That did not go so well for us. It was our first time reaching that stage of the competition, so I suppose you would have to say we were entering the unknown.

"It was a learning experience and

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hopefully we will be back again," she said.

LIT were well beaten by the holders and eventual winners, WIT.

After the 12.30pm match at Mount Sion, Mary bade farewell to the south east and headed for the mountains of Mourne.

"If the hurlers had beaten WIT and got into the final, then I would have stayed.

"That is my job and that's the way it is," added Mary.

But because of the defeat a contingency plan was put into place — drive to Dundalk and stay overnight with her team-mates from the Cork senior camogie team, before they would travel on to Ballykinlar for the opening round of the league.

"I haven't missed a league game

in five years, and when I heard the matches were clashing, it was on my mind to travel up if we didn't get into the Fitzgibbon final.

The game against Down resulted in a win for Cork — so was it worth the journey?

"Yes, it was worth it. Down gave us a fright when we last played them and I expected a tougher challenge. It's great to have a win and to get last year's championship defeat against Kilkenny out of our system," she replied.

When I caught up with Mary on Sunday night, she was passing through Nenagh on her way back to Limerick. The speedometer read 515 miles, not allowing for the journey from Limerick to Waterford.

A lot of mileage, but that is only a taste of what sports people do for the love of the game.

Last Sunday morning I watched one of the Evening Echo Junior Football League games.

Ten people graced one sideline, with 25 huddled along the other (subs included), with just one umpire at each end. Some jerseys worn had high numbers — 20, 22, 23, 25 and a couple of 19s.

But, it didn't matter a damn to these players what numerical value was pasted onto their backs.

They were out there for their clubs, playing their hearts out on a cold March morning. This is the beauty of sport at our grassroots level — these are the people we should take our hats off to.



The Togher Girls NS team who took part in the Sciath Na Scol camogie competition.

# Cork open title defence in style

Cork 2-15  
Down 0-3

by Mary Newman

CHAMPIONS Cork opened the defence of their Camogie senior National League title with the good victory over Down in Ballykinlar yesterday.

Minus the services of five of last year's championship side the champions introduced several new faces to their team and will be well pleased with their debutantes displays. Cork settled quickly with three points inside six minutes from Paula O'Connor, Fiona O'Driscoll and Arousal Troy. Domi-

nating in all sectors Cork enjoyed maximum possession and stretched the lead when Sinead O'Callaghan's precision pass was batted to the net by Elaine Burke. Colleen Heinz opened the Down account with a pointed free. With one minute remaining in the half Elaine Burke stretched the Cork lead with a well taken goal, Colleen Heinz pointed on the half time whistle to leave it 2-8 to 0-2 in favour of Cork. Turning to play against the strong wind the Cork defence were superb. Up front Minima Deasy opened the half with a Cork point and the Leesiders continued the trend from there on in. Points from Fiona O'Driscoll, Emer Dillon and Paula O'Connor two apiece

had the points secured for the champions long before Jennifer Branniff had the home side's only score of the half.

Scorers, Cork: E. Burke 2-2, P. O'Connor 0-4, F. O'Driscoll 0-3, M. Deasy 0-3, E. Dillon 0-2, U. Troy 0-1. Down: C. Heinz 0-2, J. Branniff 0-1. Cork: C. Keohane, D. Cronin, E. Duggan, M. Burke, H. Walsh, M. O'Connor, K. Kelleher, E. Dillon, U. Troy, S. O'Callaghan captain, F. O'Driscoll, P. O'Connor, U. O'Donoghue, M. Deasy, E. Burke. Subs: C. Healy for L. Kelleher, M. Corkery for U. O'Donoghue, J. Hannon for E. Dillon. Down: T. McGowan, D. Savage, D. Mullin, C. McGovern, D. Kelleher, P. Greene, S. Savage, J. Branniff, M. McAleenan, V. Heinz, B. Collier, M. Murray, J. Tobin, C. Heinz, C. Ward. Referee: John Pender (Kildare).

Cork 8-11  
Down 1-0

● AS a curtain raiser to the

senior game Cork and Down met in the Junior National League.

Cork led 7-7 to no score at the interval champions were never troubled and went on to take the two points.

Scorers Cork: L. Murphy 3-1, V. O'Sullivan 2-0, M. Ennequess 1-2, E. O'Hallahan 1-2, M. O'Connell 1-1, G. Collins 0-3, C. Corkery 0-2. Down: M. McGinn 1-0. Cork: G. Casey, S. Buckley, E. O'Sullivan, C. O'Gorman, L. O'Connell, G. Hannon captain, N. Ahern, M. O'Connell, V. O'Keeffe, G. Collins, E. O'Hallahan, C. Corkery, L. Murphy, V. O'Sullivan, M. Ennequess. Subs: A. Kelleher for G. Hannon, A. Ragan for V. O'Keeffe, K. O'Sullivan for G. Collins. Down: K. Smith, N. McFarlane, E. McCrickard, L. Tarr, F. Magee, C. McGreevy, B. Gallagher, K. Fagan captain, R. Ferns, M. Doyle, M. Goff, M. Murphy, N. Mason, M. McGinn, K. Fagan. Referee: E. Hansen (Derry).



# Sharon shines as Barrs advance

St Finbarr's  
Newcestown 2-5  
2-2

THE Barr's and Newcestown served up a thriller in this Under-18 championship game at St Finbarr's on Friday last.

A close first-half saw just one point between the sides. Barr's full-forward Sharon Fitzgerald had given her side the lead with a well taken goal before Suzanne Deasy goalied at the other end to keep Newcestown in contention.

Points from Ber Maher, Gemma O'Connor and Rachel Myers for the Barrs were answered by Suzanne Deasy to leave it 1-3 to 1-2 in favour of the Barr's at half-time.

Throughout the second-half the Barrs kept their noses in front and with Deasy and Fitzgerald swapping goals only the minimum separated the sides.

Points from Alleen Clarke and Gemma O'Connor proved crucial to the Barr's who had to contend with tremendous pressure from a determined Newcestown but hung on to advance.

St Finbarr's will meet Barryroe in the quarter-final on Sunday next in Barryroe, and here the home side, having received a walk-over from St Catherine's in their opening game, will be mindful of the benefit that the St Finbarr's side will have gained from their game with Newcestown.

## Advantage

However, with home advantage the Barryroe side will face confidently into the challenge where Rosalie Holland, Jennie O'Leary and Ger Collins will play key roles.

The Barr's will look to Cork junior Linda O'Connell, Rachel Myers and Catherine McCarthy to help them advance.

In the quarter-final of the same competition also on Sunday next Milford and Cloughduv meet at CIT grounds. The pairing is sure to be the game of the championship.

Milford will include in their side Cork minors Marie Watson and Christine O'Gorman and they have exceptionally strong players in Siobhan Linehan and Regina Curtin.

The Cloughduv side can also boast no fewer than five members of the All-Ireland winning minor side, amongst them Aoife Murray who was also a member of the Cork junior All-Ireland winning side, Joanne and Orla O'Callaghan, Orla McCarthy and Sinead Corkery whilst Una O'Donoghue is a member of the senior inter-county side. This game should go down to the wire to find a winner who will advance to a semi-final spot with Aghabullogue.

## Easy wins for Cork's senior and junior camogie teams



St Mary's Charleville, who will contest the All-Ireland Colleges semi final on Saturday.

# Impressive wins as league opens

**C**ORK'S senior and junior sides made the long journey north last weekend for the opening rounds of the National League.

The opening saw the Junior team fielding with just three of their All-Ireland winning side and introducing a number of new faces to their panel.

Settling quickly, Cork were on the scoreboard after three minutes when corner forward Val O'Sullivan slotted over the game's opening score goaling from close range.

Dominating in all sectors, the Cork girls gave a tremendous display of camogie and continued to pick off their scores. Three first half goals from Louise Murphy plus one apiece from Mary Enneguess, Val O'Sullivan and Marie O'Connell plus a host of points gave Cork a 7-7 to no score half time lead.

Turning to play against the strong wind the Cork defence did come under pressure, a Moya McGinn goal for the home side ten minutes into the second half saw them raise their game, but Cork with further scores from Enneguess, Ellen O'Herlihy

## Magic Moments

MUNSTER Council president Eithne Neville won an All-Ireland senior medal in 1957 and was following in the footsteps of her father Mick who also won honours with Dublin.

and O'Connell ran out convincing winners on an 8-11 to 1-0 scoreline.

Cork: G Casey, S Buckley, E O'Sullivan, C O'Gorman, L O'Connell, J Hannon (C), N Ahern, M O'Connell, V O'Keeffe, G Collins, E O'Herlihy, C Corkery, L Murphy, V O'Sullivan, M Enneguess, Subs: A O'Regan for V O'Keeffe, A Kelleher for J Hannon, K O'Sullivan for G Collins.

The second game on the agenda, the senior clash, again saw Cork the reigning league champions take the points.

Introducing four players making their senior debuts - Lisa Kelleher, Helen Walsh, Emer Dillon and



The Eire Óg under 14 team which won the Little Island Indoor Camogie Tournament.

Elaine Burke - they opened the scoring with three points inside six minutes from Paula O'Connor, Fiona O'Driscoll and Ursula Troy. Fifteen minutes into the half a Sinead O'Callaghan pass was met by Elaine Burke and batted to the net to give Cork their opening goal. Coleen Heinz opened the Down account with a pointed free but back came Cork with two

points. A minute from half time Elaine Burke was the hero when she blasted past the keeper after good work on the wing.

Cork: C Keohane, D Cronin, E Duggan, M Burke, H Walsh, M O'Connor, L Kelleher, E Dillon, U Troy, S O'Callaghan, F O'Driscoll, P O'Connor, U O'Donoghue, M Deasy, E Burke, Subs: C Healy for L O'Donoghue.

## Eire Óg finish on top

EIRE ÓG camogie club added another trophy to their great collection.

The under-14 team took the Little Island sports complex seven-a-side title after defeating Killeagh in an exciting final.

Throughout the tournament which was played over two weekends, the Eire Óg team showed they were going to be there at the final shake up.

Qualifying as winners, their group gave a great performance in taking the honours.

Captained by Trisha Murphy, the Eire Óg side enjoyed great displays from Cathriona O'Leary, Muireann Corkery and from Avril Desmond.

## FIXTURES

FRIDAY MARCH 11  
CCIA Division 1 semi-final:  
UCC v UCD at UCD, 1pm.

SATURDAY MARCH 12  
Colleges All-Ireland Junior A  
Championship semi-final: St  
Mary's Charleville v Colaiste  
Bride, Enniscorthy, 2pm.

SUNDAY MARCH 13  
Under 18 Championship:  
Milford v Cloughduv, CIT  
Grounds, 1pm; Barryroe v St  
Finbarr's, Barryroe, time to  
be arranged.



## Trip pays off for Cork

By MARY NEWMAN

THE long journey north to Ballykenler, Co Down proved to be a fruitful one for the Cork Senior and Junior camogie sides who opened their National league campaign yesterday.

With the sounds from the army firing range ringing in their ear the Junior side got the day off to a good start with an 8-11 to 1-0 victory over a young Down side. Despite fielding over three of their winning All-Ireland team the Cork girls were always in control and never looked troubled. A hat-trick of goals from Aghabullogue youngster Louise Murphy in the opening half set the trend that gave the visitors a 7-7 to no score half-time lead, continuing to dominate Cork ran out convincing winners 8-11 to 1-0.

Defending League champions Cork were never troubled by a hard-working Down side.

### Debut

Having included four players making their senior debut in their starting fifteen selector Angela Sheehan expressed satisfaction at the teams performance.

The contribution of Elaine Burke scoring 2-2 and Emer Dillon with 0-2 shows the determination of the new members to succeed. It's the intention of the selectors to use the league to try out new players with a meeting with Galway pencilled in for March 19.

College Camogie saw a St Mary's Nenagh made it to the All-Ireland Senior A final with two first half goals from Emer McDonnell giving them a 3-8 to 0-4 win over F CJ Buncloody, they meet Seamount Kinvara who recorded a 3-11 to 0-4 victory over St Mary's Magherafelt.

The Senior B Colleges finals will see St Patrick's Shannon come head to head with St Cuan's, Castleblaney, Laura Linnane's contribution of six points gave the Shannon girls a good win over St Brendan's Birr, St Cuans defeated St Louis Ballymena in the second semi-final also on Saturday.

## Watson duo can be star billing

ST MARY'S, Charleville and Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy enter the All-Ireland Junior Colleges series with such contrasting pedigrees.

There are always high expectations of Charleville, a school which already boasts 18 All-Ireland camogie medals.

Most of these were won in the '90s, and all under the astute stewardship of coach Vincent Harrington. Reflecting on their Munster final win over St. Patrick's, Shannon he recalls, "Shannon didn't play as well as they could that day, therefore it is hard to know how good we really are".

But an indication of his belief in his team, is highlighted by him keeping faith with the same starting line-up.

This means that Sharon Lenihan still misses out through injury, but they have found an able deputy in Amy Morrissey. Aoife Sheehan, an All Ireland medalist with Granagh/Ballingarry, and the Watson sisters, Eimear and Marie will trouble any opposition.

The mood is upbeat in Enniscorthy. "We were delighted to win the Leinster championship. It took two replays to get over FCJ, Buncloody, so I suppose you could regard that as extra training," commented PE teacher Elva Moriarty.

"We realise that Charleville are steeped in tradition, while we have a very young panel ourselves," she added.

However, with Oulart-the-Ballagh winning the Felle in the past two years, it cannot be long before that success filters through.

## ALL-IRELAND COLLEGE CAMOGIE SEMI-FINAL:-

# Nenagh Book All-Ireland Place

St. Mary's, Nenagh.....3-8  
FJC Buncloody.....0-4

By Peter Gleeson

St. Mary's, Nenagh booked their place in the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Camogie Final after a fantastic display by Tipperary player, Emer McDonnell, proved crucial in the drubbing they inflicted on FCJ Buncloody in the semi-final played at Kilcoleman on Saturday last.

St. Mary's are now due to face Seamount of Kinvara in the showdown on Saturday, 1st April. The Galway side beat St. Mary's of Maherafelt by 3-11 to 2-4 in the other semi-final which was also played on Saturday. Nenagh won their last senior All-Ireland in 1994 and, judging on their latest performance, it looks as if they are good enough to win another title.

The ease with which the Nenagh girls saw off the Buncloody challenge was not exactly the type of test their coach, Ger Dullea, would have liked for his side with just three weeks to go to the final. Still, it was a highly satisfactory victory and a vast improvement on the display that saw them narrowly beat Clonakilty in last month's Munster final.

There were many heroes for St. Mary's but the chief architect of the fine victory was Emer McDonnell who registered all but three points of her side's total score. Two early goals by McDonnell left Nenagh leading by 2-1 to 0-1 after only ten minutes - and the game was already over as a contest at that early stage.

St. Mary's just overwhelmed the Wexford girls in all areas of the field and their outright domination was underlined by the brilliance of Anna Woods and Denise Ryan who both gave inspiring performances. The wiry Woods was dogged and tenacious. She

foraged and chased every ball and was a commanding influence at centre-field. Ryan, playing on the half-forward line, showed supreme determination right through the game.

Buncloody's challenge, led by the brilliant Josephine O'Dwyer, was never strong enough to worry their more polished opponents. St. Mary's led by 2-3 to 0-2 at half-time -

Sheena Howard, Mary Rose Ryan, Olive Slattery and Siobhan McCarthy were rock solid.

For a short period, Nenagh took their foot off the pedal and Niamh O'Connor managed to put two points on the board for the Wexford side. But before the end, Nenagh shook off their composure and McDonnell scored her third goal.

Slattery, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Aine Mulcahy, Aileen Forde, Denise Ryan, Claire O'Sullivan and Emer McDonnell.

Subs - Niamh Hogan for C. O'Sullivan and Deirdre Troy for A. Forde.

**Buncloody** - Fiona Kavanagh; Lisa Frayne, Mary Claire Kirwan, Marian Henrick, Paula



St. Mary's, Nenagh camogie players Emer McDonnell and Sheena Howard, two of the stars in their school's win in the All-Ireland senior semi-final over Buncloody on Saturday last in Kilcoleman. Nenagh will now play Seamount, Kinvara in the final on April 1st.

### Scorers-

Nenagh - E. McDonnell 3-5 (0-3 frees); S. Howard 0-2 and D. Ryan 0-1.

Buncloody - J. O'Dwyer, N. O'Connor 0-2 each.

**Nenagh** - Amy Kissane; Mary Rose Ryan (captain), Siobhan McCarthy, Sheena Howard, Olive

Treacy, Mary Murphy, Aine Mullins, Emer O'Connor, Josephine O'Dwyer, Aoife Druhan, Lisa O'Dwyer and Niamh O'Connor (captain).

Sub - Catriona Herrick for L. O'Dwyer.

**Referee** - Betty Joyce, Cork.

## Now for Tipp

### CAMOGIE

**WELL DONE** to Presentation secondary school junior camogie team and their coach Ms. Brennan. They beat Mountmellick community school in the Leinster 'B' final in Thomastown on Saturday, 2-5 to 1-2.

They now meet Borrisoleigh community school in the All-Ireland semi-final on Saturday in Pre-

sentation secondary school 2 p.m.

Panel: Marie O'Connor (captain), Susan Kennedy (vice captain), Deirdre Shortall, Aisling Reade, Karen Brennan, Aisling McDonald, Angela Cody, Carolyn O'Dowd, Louise Rafter, Deirdre Mooney, Stephanie Kelly, Lisa Ryan, Kathleen Cummins, Siobhan Hickey, Caroline Walsh, Orla Healy, Ciara Brennan, Rebecca Phelan, Claire McDonald, Ciara Morris, Carina Shortall, Lorraine Maher, Leanna O'Shea, Marian Maher, Orla Ryan, Elaine Nolan, Yvonne Leahy.



# St Mary's put All-Ireland title on the line against Colaiste Bríd

by Mary Newman

FIELDING three of last season's victorious side, St. Mary's, Charleville, travel to Coolroe, Co. Wexford, this afternoon, to put their All-Ireland Junior Colleges title on the line, when they meet Colaiste Bríd, Enniscorthy in the semi-final.

In the second semi-final, Seamount, Kinvara, and St. Mary's, Magherafelt, come head-to-head in

Galway. Charleville, the holders, have taken the Junior A Colleges title on six occasions and, with the vast array of talent at their disposal, are favourites this afternoon to advance to another final.

Their defence, with goalie Elizabeth Lenihan, Amy McCarthy, Sharon Lenihan, Karen Cotter and Aisling O'Brien, showed in their Munster final victory over Shannon that they are a solid unit. As the Col-

leges are still fielding at 12-a-side, we have a three formation at centrefield from where Denise Hayes captains the side, with Grenagh-Ballingarry and Limerick inter-county star, Aoife Sheehan, and Imelda Sexton as her partners.

It's up front that Charleville hold all the aces with Cork minor, Marie Watson, and her sister Emer, flanked by Ballyhea's Joanne Quinn and Sinead McAuliffe. Coach Vin-

cent Harrington, already having lost the senior title, has put in a huge effort with his team and is confident of making it to the final stages.

Ironically, it was Colaiste Bríd, whom St. Mary's defeated in last year's senior encounter, and three of that side also line out with the Wexford college this afternoon.

Catherine O'Loughlin, Ursula Jacob and Caoimhe Fitzpatrick will be called on to rally the rest of their

side and, with home venue, will fancy their chances.

In local competition, the Under-18 Championship quarter-finals have St. Finbarr's making the long journey to Barryroe, whilst Cloughduv and Milford meet at the CIT Grounds, both on Sunday.

In a repeat of the Ashbourne Cup Final UCC and UCD again clash when the sides meet in the CCIA League semi-final today.



The Presentation Secondary School – winners of the Leinster Post Primary Schools' Roinn 'A' Championship Final at Thomastown.

## Borrisoleigh Strive for All-Ireland Spot

St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh will take on the Presentation, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland junior B semi-final in the Presentation school grounds in Kilkenny on Saturday, 11th March.

Borrisoleigh have made their way through Munster, the most crucial win was against Clare opponents Tulla.

The Munster final was in Borrisoleigh against Ballyphehane from Cork City and it wasn't until the second half that Borrisoleigh got on top.

Team: G. Kinnane (Drom-Inch), T. Dunne (Toomevara), H. Ryan (Toomevara), K. Kennedy (Toomevara), N. Kinnane (Drom-Inch), C. Treacy (Borrisoleigh), M. Stapleton (Drom-Inch), M. Tynan (Toomevara), J. Cowan (Borrisoleigh), M. Coffey (Toomevara), A. Kennedy (Templederry), M. Hogan (Templederry), M. Ryan (Toomevara), C. O'Meara (Toomevara), M. Shanahan (Upperchurch), T. Kennedy (Templederry), L. Hayes (Templederry), C. Shanahan (Borrisoleigh), M. O'Meara (Toomevara), Y. Ryan (Templederry), E. Ryan (Templederry), N. Cuddihy (Toomevara), M. Hassett (Drom-Inch), C. Lee (Templemore).



Catherine Kavanagh, Loreto Kilkenny on the move in the Leinster Post-Primary Schools Junior Camogie Roinn 'A' Championship Final.

Picture: Michael Brophy.



Leinster Post-Primary Schools' Senior Camogie Roinn A Championship Finalists 1999  
Back: M. Connors, V. Sutton, C. Fennelly, G. Fennelly, C. Fennelly, N. Hughes, P. Kenneally, I. Connolly, H. Aylward, P. Duggan.  
Front: A. Fitzpatrick, K. Kinahan, C. Hughes, G. Fennelly, A. O'Farrell, J. Kenneally, C. Duggan, D. Duggan.



Scoil Lachtaín GAA/INTO Mini Sevens Camogie  
Back: Mr T. Doherty, C. Neary, M. Phelan, E. Berman, M. Anderson.  
Front: M. Maher, N. Kennedy, D. Minogue, E. Fitzpatrick, M. Dalton, A. Dalton.

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Jubilee Celebration

Pictured at the Croke Park reception for the All Ireland Jubilee team were Peggy Muldowney, Beatrice Treacy and Mary Canavan.

## Silver Jubilee!

Earlier in the year the club honoured Mary Canavan (nee Kennedy) and Peggy Muldowney (nee Carey) on the occasion of the silver jubilee of their and Kilkenny's first All Ireland title in 1974. Beatrice Treacy was a selector on that team. All three were subsequently honoured at a reception in Croke Park prior to this year's All Ireland camogie final. Well done.



# Ashbourne & Fitzgibbon Historic Double by WIT

PNM Fanning



WIT Waterford Ashbourne Cup Champions 1999

Back: M. Walsh, J. O'Connor, A. Drohan, C. Scallan, M.E. Butler, U. Walton, T. Bergin, B. Mulally, K. Kelly, M. Butler, A. Sheehy, P. Phelan.  
Front: C. Fitzgerald, U. O'Rourke, K. Atkins, A. Byrne, K. Long, J. Power, C. Moran, B. Davern, S. Nealon, E. Cleary, E. Murphy

When Waterford R.T.C., as the college was then known, became the first non university to win the historic Fitzgibbon Cup in 1992, it was written at the time that a tradition had been established and standards set for future Waterford R.T.C. teams. Now, seven years on, as we enter the new millennium, the Waterford I.T. G.A.A. club has not only maintained that tradition but has continued to set new standards of achievement on the field of play. At the same time W.I.T. has become a role model for all College G.A.A. clubs in terms of administration by demonstrating what can be achieved through organisation, planning, dedication and hard work.

The year of 1999 saw Waterford I.T. scale new heights with the winning of the Fitzgibbon Cup for the third time in Templemore and most significantly, the winning of the Camogies Ashbourne Cup for the first time. In both cases victory was particularly sweet, as the college teams had suffered defeat in the finals of both competitions in the previous year to the same opposition, U.C.C.

The winning of the Ashbourne Cup was very special in as much as it demonstrated the tremendous spirit and resilience of team and management in putting the 1998 one point defeat by U.C.C. behind them and going on to achieve a magnificent Cup and League double a year

later. It was a proud moment for second year nursing student Brigid Mulally of Glenmore to step up and accept the Ashbourne Cup as team captain following that brilliant final win by 1 - 6 to 0 - 4 over U.C.C. Indeed what a year for the Mullally's of Glenmore with Denis later captaining his club to the Kilkenny senior hurling title.

Besides Brigid, three other members and of the successful W.I.T. team, Kelly Long, Kathleen Atkins and Mary Ellen Butler were members of the Kilkenny team that went down narrowly to Tipperary in this years All - Ireland Camogie Final. Also on that

day Brigid Mulally's direct opponent was Tipperary's Sinead Nealon, her W.I.T. colleague and predecessor as W.I. T. Camogie Captain.

The driving force behind this success came from the management team of Colm Bonnor of Tipperary fame, and Sheila Donohue, herself a former Ashbourne winner with U.C.D.

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Ballyhale - Leinster Vocational Schools' Junior Camogie Roinn A Champions 1999

Back: Ellen Grant, Linda Power, Maria Connolly, Geraldine Fennelly, Assumpta O'Farrell, Paula Kenneally, Carol Hughes, Keira Kinahan.  
Middle: Katie Murphy, Elaine Aylward, Carol Hughes, Ciara Fennelly (Capt.) Patricia Duggan, Aislinn Walsh, Jenna Kenneally.  
Front: Josephine Murray, Lisa Millea, Niamh Cottrell, Jemma Walsh, Christabel Walsh, Denise Duggan, Catherine Duggan.

## St Lachtain's - 1999 Senior Camogie County Champions



St Lachtain's 1999 Kilkenny Senior Camogie Champions

Back: April Purcell, Tom Ryan (Trainer), Marie O'Connor, Esther Kennedy, Mary Ellen Butler, Margaret Kavanagh, Margaret Hickey, Cora Dowling, Gillian Dillon - Maher, Sinead Kavanagh, Breda Dowling.  
Front: Fiona Dowling, Sinead Connery, Helen McGrath, Fiona Connery, Paula Dowling, Emma Fitzpatrick, Imelda Kennedy (Capt) Mairead Costello, Martina Maher, Sinead Costello, Mary Carmel Ryan, Cathriona Cormack, Aoife Fitzpatrick.



## Champs primed for fresh test with Charleville

### Colleges Focus

Ronan Fagan

DESPITE THE extremely hectic schedule endured by the Caoimhe Fitzpatrick-captained outfit over the past month, Colaiste Bríde coach Elva Moriarty is confident her juniors are fresh enough to press on with their search for All-Ireland honours.

Five of the under-16 team were involved with the seniors in their push for a third successive Leinster title last month while also assisting the juniors in their programme of fixtures, which included a demanding three-match semi-final marathon with FCJ Buncloody.

That saga reached its end on Wednesday afternoon of last week, and three days later Colaiste Bríde underlined the fact that their hunger for victory hasn't abated with a convincing provincial final performance to overcome Loreto Kilkenny in Thomastown.

"The girls are all extremely young and for that reason they tend to recover much faster than, for instance, the seniors would," explains Moriarty, whose disappointment at the loss of the senior crown was greatly eased as the juniors brought an eight-year famine to an end with a 3-7 to 1-3 victory over Loreto.

"We were just delighted to have qualified for the Leinster final," she said, "so to have won it was brilliant. I told the girls that we would have to make a strong start to stand any chance of beating Loreto, and they responded by scoring 2-3 within the first ten minutes.

"Still the rest of the game was pretty tough, but we were delighted to have the junior championship especially after the disappointment at losing the senior, but also because there wasn't a junior title in the school since 1992.

"In addition, it is a very young team, with most of them being only first and second years, and in that sense achieving success at this age suggests that Colaiste Bríde will be to the fore in senior competition for some years to come."

However, it is the immediate future, and this weekend's grudge All-Ireland semi-final encounter with Enniscorthy that is occupying the minds of Moriarty and the Caoimhe Fitzpatrick-

captained contingent.

In the past two All-Ireland senior finals the Cork girls inflicted defeat upon the Cathedral town side, a fact which is serving to fuel Colaiste Bríde's desire to gain retribution, albeit in a lower grade.

Three of the Leinster champions, namely the aforementioned Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown) together with Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh) and Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boalavogue) were part of the senior set-up in last April's 3-10 to 0-5 final loss to Charleville.

And the manager is hopeful the experience gained by that trio will prove to be of immense benefit as the team looks to negotiate a tough penultimate hurdle against reigning champions St. Mary's.

"Having been part of a senior All-Ireland last year it should stand to them, and certainly I would be hoping that Ursula, Caoimhe and Catherine, who are all fabulous players, would provide leadership for the other players.

"Even while we have home venue we know Charleville are going to be red-hot favourites, and we are just hoping to put up a good challenge. We will definitely have to put in a 100% effort if we are to beat such quality opposition.

"Playing at home should help as we saw in the senior All-Ireland semi-final against Portumna of Galway last year, when the girls produced an unforgettable display to win at Bellefield.

"I would be hoping that the juniors gain inspiration from that particular display and maybe even produce a repeat performance against Charleville.

"But, I have no doubt that if our girls play to their potential that we will be there or thereabouts at the finish."



Colaiste Bríde attacker Ursula Jacob is challenged by Sinead Corrigan of Loreto Kilkenny during last Saturday afternoon's Leinster Post-Primary Schools junior 'A' camogie championship final at Thomastown, County Kilkenny. (Pic: Michael Brophy).

### Leinster Schools Junior Camogie Final

# Classy Colaiste Bríde clinch Leinster crown

Colaiste Bríde.....3-7  
Loreto Kilkenny...1-3

THOMASTOWN GAA grounds was the stage on which Colaiste Bríde performed heroics on Saturday afternoon last to capture their third Leinster Post-Primary Schools junior 'A' camogie championship at the expense of hosts Loreto Kilkenny.

The Enniscorthy side opened their current campaign by clocking up a 10-15 to no-score victory over Ballyhale Community School in the quarter-finals, and

they eventually overcame FCJ Buncloody at the third time of asking, with the second replay even going to extra-time.

The experience gained from those close encounters stood them in good stead last weekend, and it was clearly evident that the whole team had come on in leaps and bounds under coach Elva Moriarty's tutelage.

Having been notoriously slow to start in the three semi-final outings, Colaiste Bríde stormed into decider immediately after the throw-in, forcing a close-

in free and a '30 within five minutes, both of which were pointed by captain and centre-forward Caoimhe Fitzpatrick.

Three minutes later corner-forward Ursula Jacob sent in a long ball which landed at the feet of Loreto goalie Grace Dermody before it was finished to the back of the net by the in-rushing Deirdre Codd, who was operating on the opposite corner.

Full-forward Ciara O'Connor pointed soon afterwards to leave the scoreline reading 1-3 to 0-0 with nine minutes



Mary Leacy of Colaiste Bríde is pursued by Loreto Kilkenny duo Elaine O'Neill (left) and Kay Gaffney during the Leinster Post-Primary Schools junior 'A' camogie championship final at Thomastown, county Kilkenny on Saturday afternoon last. (Pic: Michael Brophy).

gone, and moments later the same player rattled the net with a fine ground shot to give the Enniscorthy girls a comprehensive nine point cushion.

Sensing the danger of relinquishing their provincial crown, Loreto began their fight back almost immediately and laid siege to the Enniscorthy goal only to be repulsed time-and-again by a rock solid rearguard, which was magnificently marshalled by Mary Leacy from centre-back

and Aisling Hogan at full-back, aided and abetted by determined corner-backs Ruth Walsh and Linda Codd and lively and alert Claire Sinnott between the posts.

In fact, it took the Kilkenny girls 17 minutes to register their first score, a pointed free from the hardworking central-defender Danielle Minogue, while two minutes later Elaine O'Neill pointed from long range to leave the

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Colaiste Bríde of Enniscorthy captured the Leinster Post-Primary Schools junior 'A' camogie championship title for the first-time since 1992 when defeating Loreto Kilkenny in last Saturday afternoon's final at Thomastown, county Kilkenny. (Pic: Michael Brophy).



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# Kinsella anticipates great days for team

## Match Chat

Ronan Fagan

WHILE ADMITTING the FCJ came up against the probable All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie champions, manager Rory Kinsella expressed his satisfaction with the courageous performance his charges put in for the duration of last Saturday's semi-final against St. Mary's of Nenagh.

He suspected that Bunclody's fate had been sealed once the Tipperary girls, with full-forward Eimear McDonnell in devastating form, had surged 2-1 to 0-1 clear after eleven minutes.

However, he refused to lose hope at such an early stage, and certainly the application of the Leinster champions following that shaky start gave him some reason to be optimistic.

"We had the worst possible start to concede two goals and a point so early on, and it appeared that panic set in and the fear of losing seemed to enter the girls' minds," he said afterwards.

"We got back to within six points of Nenagh at half-time, and we actually played much better in the second-half, but in the end we were beaten by a better and much

more skillful team.

"They had one particularly outstanding player in Eimear McDonnell who proved just why she is a key member of the Tipperary senior team. This is the second time we have bowed out to Nenagh in the past few years, and definitely they have a very strong senior team who look good enough to win the All-Ireland.

"At the start of the year if we were to think that we would be Leinster champions we would have been extremely happy. I am definitely extremely happy with the effort our girls put in today.

"Probably we could have got a few more scores, but," he admits, "we were never going to win against such superb opposition. Still, a lot of this Bunclody team is very strong, with six third years, so there's definitely a bright future in store for this team."

St. Mary's coach Ger Dullea praised Bunclody, saying: "The FCJ effort was superb. They gave it everything right from the throw-in and matched us in most areas of the field.

"However, Eimear McDonnell was the difference and she really showed her class out there, scoring 3-5. The plan was to get the ball into her as quickly as possible, and the plan worked a treat."

## All-Ireland Schools Senior Camogie Semi-Final

# Big hearted FCJ bow out gracefully

Ronan Fagan

Nenagh.....3-8  
FCJ Bunclody.....0-4

CHARACTERISTICALLY NEVER found wanting in terms of wholehearted effort, FCJ Bunclody's senior camogie All-Ireland aspirants displayed great heart at Kilcoleman, county Tipperary, on Saturday afternoon last as their dream of national Post-Primary Schools 'A' championship success was crushed by St. Mary's of Nenagh in a keenly contested semi-final affair.

The final margin of 12 points does scant justice to the endeavour shown by the Wexford crew, who competed with grim determination even after being rattled by a brace of goals within the opening eleven minutes which left them facing an uphill task.

Bunclody made a brisk start to force the early pace, but as the minutes ticked by a number of the team appeared to be suffering from big match nerves, which was something St. Mary's preyed upon as, through the precision shooting of full-forward Eimear McDonnell, they established a commanding platform from which they crafted a truly deserving victory.

Those members of the team who may have been caught off guard during the opening quarter, however, proved their undoubted class thereafter as they redoubled their efforts to help ensure the FCJ competed on equal terms with the Munster queenpins for the closing three-quarters.

Tellingly, even while meeting with stiff opposition, St. Mary's continued to dominate the scoreboard as they out-shot Leinster's finest by 1-7 to 0-3 over those last 37 minutes, with the aforementioned McDonnell finishing the game with a handsome



FCJ Bunclody defender Mary Claire Kirwan is challenged by Claire O'Sullivan of St. Mary's, Nenagh, during the All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship semi-final encounter at Kilcoleman, county Tipperary, on Saturday afternoon last. (Pic: Bridget Delaney).

personal tally of 3-5.

Prior to Bunclody's first appearance at this stage of the competition in eleven years some concern was expressed about their chances of advancing a step further if there was not a significant increase in productivity by the attack.

In the four games immediately preceding last weekend's, the Niamh O'Connor captained contingent finished with totals of 1-2 in three of them, while they managed just four points in their provincial final triumph over holders Colaiste Bride of Enniscorthy.

Certainly, and particularly after half-time, Bunclody threatened to supplement their first-half account, which came to 0-2, but the tight-marking St. Mary's made sure that clear-cut scoring opportunities continued to be at a premium.

It must also be remembered that, owing to a congested fixtures schedule, most of the senior team were involved in championship ties for

the past five weeks, with five of Saturday's first-12 being called upon twice each of those weeks to also help the cause of the juniors. Inevitably such demand on the players took its toll.

In fact, but for the sheer brilliance of Fiona Kavanagh between the sticks for the FCJ, the opposition could have finished with an even more convincing margin of victory, but nonetheless they march on to a final date with Kinvara of Galway, who had an easy win over Magherafelt of county Derry, also on Saturday last.

The annexing of the Leinster championship title is surely something Bunclody are deriving some consolation from following their heartbreaking exit. They should be extremely proud of their achievements this term, and most especially because they competed so strongly in not alone the senior but also the junior grade.

Considering that just three of the team are Leaving Cert students, and that the large percentage of the remainder are only in third year, the temptation to be hopeful for Bunclody's chances of being major contenders on the senior front for years to come is something that cannot be resisted.

Manager Rory Kinsella too deserves huge praise, with his infectious enthusiasm rubbing off on his charges while through his undoubted knowledge of the game he helped charter Bunclody's way back to the top in the province.

He was in the happy

position of welcoming key attacker Aoife Druhan back for the penultimate round encounter after the Bunclody club star had been forced out of competitive action through a hand injury she sustained in the replayed Leinster quarter-final against St. Mary's of New Ross.

She, together with the likes of Josie Dwyer and Niamh O'Connor, were prominent as the FCJ applied some early pressure, but it was at the opposite end that the ice was broken when Eimear McDonnell pointed a free in the fifth minute.

That score came a short while after Bunclody netminder Kavanagh had brilliantly outsmarted the full-forward in a one-on-one, but McDonnell eventually found the net in the sixth minute as she rounded off a strong surge involving Anna Woods and Denise Ryan with an unstoppable shot.

Josie Dwyer got the visitors off the mark when making amends for an earlier miss with a pointed eight minute free, but as O'Connell engineered a second goal out of nothing in the eleventh minute the odds were beginning to stack up against the maroon-clad contingent (2-1 to 0-1).

Bunclody's work ethic showed a marked increase subsequent to that torrid opening, but despite their best efforts scores were still few and far between, and after Josie Dwyer exchanged pointed frees with Sheena Howard, the Nenagh side's interval advantage was extended to 2-3 to 0-2 through a further minor from the stick of O'Connell, who

was a member of the Tipperary team which, last September, won the All-Ireland senior camogie championship for the first-time.

Central midfielder Aine Mullins was the only player to retain her original position in the Bunclody line-up as the game resumed, and certainly the various switches proved worthwhile as the FCJ took charge for large chunks of the closing-half.

Scores for them, however, were not forthcoming, and Nenagh actually had increased the margin to 2-7 to 0-4 after 43 minutes, with Niamh O'Connor having weighed in with what proved to be Bunclody's closing couple of points.

O'Connell sealed the issue three minutes shy of full-time when rattling the net to complete her hat-trick, but St. Mary's were denied two further green-flags as Fiona Kavanagh made unforgettable saves in quick succession from the lively Anna Woods.

Denise Ryan rounded-off proceedings with a point three minutes into added-time, and as the final whistle sounded the disappointment of all those associated with Bunclody was clear to see, with members of the Nenagh team offering some consoling words to the vanquished.

St. Mary's, Nenagh - Amy Kissane, Mary Rose Ryan (capt.), Siobhan McCarthy, Sheena Howard (0-2), Olive Slattery, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonald, Aine O'Jay, Aileen Forde, Denise Ryan (0-1), Claire O'Sullivan, Eimear O'Connell (3-5). Subs: Niamh Hogan for O'Sullivan; Deirdre Troy for Forde.

FCJ Bunclody - Fiona Kavanagh (Kildavin), Lisa Frayne (Duffry Rovers), Mary Claire Kirwan (Kildavin), Marion Hanrick (Bunclody), Paula Treacy (Kildavin), Mary Murphy (Kildavin), Aine Mullins (Bunclody), Eimear O'Connor (Duffry Rovers), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's, 0-2), Aoife Druhan (Bunclody), Lisa Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's), Niamh O'Connor (Duffry Rovers, capt., 0-2). Subs: Denise Nolan for L. Dwyer; Ciara Meyler (Bunclody), Paula Sinnott and Lisa Nolan (both Kildavin), Aisling Murray (Ferns St. Aidan's), Emma Meyler, Wendy Roche, Catherine Hanrick, Catherine Beehan, Bernie Byrne, Maura Byrne.



FCJ Bunclody bowed out to St. Mary's of Nenagh following a courageous performance in last Saturday afternoon's All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools senior 'A' camogie championship semi-final at Kilcoleman, county Tipperary. (Pic: Bridget Delaney).



the Kilkenny side trailing by 0-2 to 2-3.

The dour struggle continued in ding-dong fashion until the 24th minute when Ursula Jacob's goal-bound shot hit the post and was cleared over the end-line by a defender. The resultant free was pointed by Caoimhe Fitzpatrick and almost instantaneously, Laois referee Oliver Ryan whistled for half-time with the score standing at 2-4 to 0-2.

Within two minutes of the restart, on-song full-froward Ciara O'Connor pointed for Colaiste Bride and the county Wexford girls' lead was further increased when Ursula Jacob doubled on a ground ball to score another fine point.

Caoimhe Fitzpatrick completed her free-taking chores ten minutes into the second-half as she stretched the difference to a commanding eleven points.

Stalemate prevailed for the next eight minutes, but finally Danielle Minogue pointed to increase Loreto's tally to three points, and further sustained pressure on the Colaiste Bride goal mouth yielded a 15 metres free which was slammed to the net by the Loreto free-taker.

Louise Codd, who had been introduced on the wing of midfield midway through the second-half for the tiring Sarah Darcy, sent a fine delivery to Ciara O'Connor whose shot was helped to the net by an unfortunate defender, to leave the final tally showing Colaiste Bride as extremely deserving winners.

This comprehensive victory for Colaiste Bride was achieved through hard work and determination combined with great team work and skill from a very young outfit, most of whom will be eligible for the same grade next year.

Goalkeeper Claire Sinnott made crucial blocks and saves during the game while the entire full-back line have grown in stature and confidence with every game. Mary Leacy was superbly well placed at centre-back and her covering, tackling and clearing was inspirational.

Right midfielder Catherine O'Loughlin was both gutsy and skillful as she chased and tackled non-stop. Jenny O'Leary worked tirelessly in the centre while the youngest member of the team, Sarah Darcy, held her own until overcome by

tiredness from what has been an unrelenting campaign.

All four forwards, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Ursula Jacob, Ciara O'Connor and Dawn Codd got their names on the scoresheet and demonstrated skill in abundance along with the vision and team work which saw them unselfishly releasing the shots to better placed team mates.

If Colaiste Bride can maintain their momentum they can confidently be expected to relish and overcome the challenge of an All-Ireland semi-final meeting with old rivals St. Mary's of Charleville, which will take place most probably in Bellefield, but most definitely a Wexford venue on Saturday.

Praise must be paid to coach Elva Moriarty and Colaiste Bride on keeping the Wexford flag flying proudly, and good luck to all concerned as they endeavour to qualify for the All-Ireland final.

**Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy** - Claire Sinnott (Oulart-The Ballagh), Aisling Hogan (Rathnure), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Boolavogue), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Linda Codd (Duffry Rovers), Sarah Darcy (Monageer-Boolavogue), Jenny O'Leary (Rathnure), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boolavogue), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown, capt., 0-4), Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh, 0-1), Ciara O'Connor (Rathnure, 2-2).

**Subs:** Louise Codd (Duffry Rovers) for Darcy; Brona Furlong and Ciara Rackard (both Duffry Rovers), Michelle Frayne, Ann-Marie Frayne, Sarah Murphy and Anne-Marie O'Connor (all Rathnure), Yvonne Moulton (Oylegate-Glenbrien), Antonia McCarthy, Sarah Jane Leacy and Laura Daly (all Monageer-Boolavogue), Sarah Jo Sinnott, Elaine Dempsey, Sharon Kehoe, Rebecca Parle, Ashleigh O'Dowd and Corena O'Dowd (all Oulart-The Ballagh), Laura Jordan (Marshallstown), Caroline Doyle (Rapparees).

**Loreto Kilkenny** - Grace Dermody, Fiona Dowling, Laoighseach Quigley, Danielle Minogue (2-2), Sinead Corrigan, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Kay Gaffney, Catherine Kavanagh, Mairead Lawler, Elaine O'Neill (0-1), Breda Kavanagh (capt.).

**Referee** - Oliver Ryan (Laois).

## Leinster Schools Junior Camogie Semi-Final Second Replay

### Ursula shoots Bunclody down

Ronan Fagan

Colaiste Bride..0-6  
FCJ Bunclody..1-2

URSULA JACOB with a personal salvo of 0-4 inspired Colaiste Bride to a narrow but much deserved win over FCJ Bunclody in the second Leinster Post-Primary Schools junior 'A' camogie championship semi-final replay between the sides at Coolree on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Bunclody made a dream start when, following some good approach work by Marie O'Toole and Elaine Doyle half-forward Lisa Dwyer fired to the net in the third minute.

Colaiste Bride struck back with points from Ursula Jacob (3, once from a free) and captain Caoimhe Fitzpatrick to draw the sides level at half-time (1-1 to 0-4), with Josie Dwyer having accounted for Bunclody's opening point in the 19th minute.

The winners actually shot seven wides more than their opponents over the course of the first 25 minutes, but with points from the sticks of Ursula Jacob and Catherine O'Loughlin they moved two points clear with eleven minutes remaining.

Bunclody battled gamely in an all-out effort to force extra-time, but a 47th minute pointed '30 by Josie Dwyer proved merely to be a consolation score as Colaiste Bride held out to advance to the final.

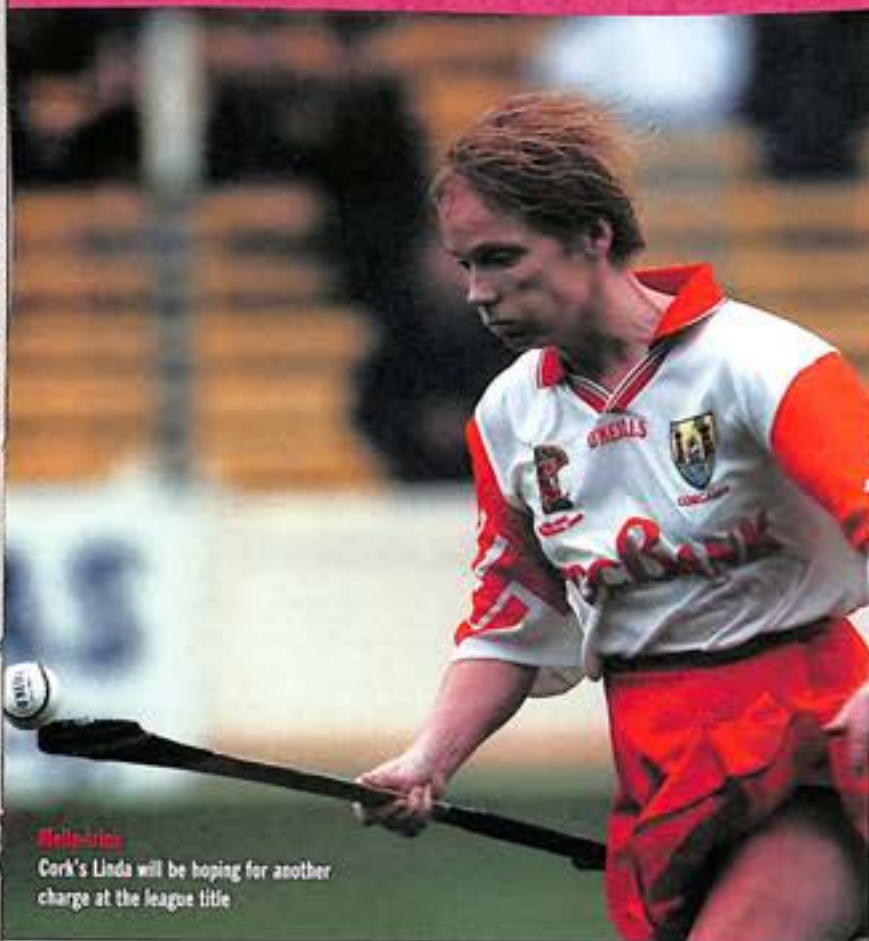
**Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy** - Laura Daly (Monageer-Boolavogue), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown, 0-1), Ruth Walsh (Monageer-Boolavogue), Aisling Hogan (Rathnure), Linda Codd (Duffry Rovers), Jenny O'Leary (Rathnure), Mary Leacy (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sarah Darcy (Rapparees), Ursula Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh, 0-4), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer-Boolavogue, 0-1), Deirdre Codd (Duffry Rovers), Ciara O'Connor (Rathnure).

**Sub:** Shane Kehoe (Cloughbawn) for Darcy.  
**FCJ Bunclody** - Fiona Kavanagh (Kildavin), Aisling Murray (Ferns St. Aidan's), Paula Sinnott (Kildavin), Marion Hanrick (Bunclody), Lisa Nolan (Kildavin), Josie Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's, 0-2), Mary Claire Kirwan (Kildavin), Georgina Coleman (Kildavin), Lisa Dwyer (Ferns St. Aidan's, 1-0), Ciara Meyler (Bunclody), Marie O'Toole (Ferns St. Aidan's), Elaine Doyle (Kildavin).



Captain Caoimhe Fitzpatrick grasps the Leinster Post-Primary Schools junior 'A' camogie championship trophy as she is raised shoulder high by Colaiste Bride team mates following their final win over Loreto Kilkenny, at Thomastown, on Saturday afternoon last on a scoreline of 3-7 to 1-3. See Sporting Echo for full coverage. (Pic: Tom Wemyss).

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**Belle-voies**  
Cork's Linda will be hoping for another charge at the league title

## CLASH OF THE ASHBOURNE

### NEW CAMOGIE SEASON GETS UNDERWAY WITH COLLEGES FINALS WEEKEND

After the much-appreciated winter break, it's all systems go once again on the camogie front. The new format Senior and Junior national leagues commenced at the beginning of March, and it is unlikely that senior titleholders, Cork, will have it as easy in this year's campaign.

Selector Rose Keane is looking forward to the season: "We play Down, Galway and Wexford - hopefully we will have good competitive games to prepare us for the championship season". On reflection, the Cork mentor admitted that the county peaked too early in 1999, and this year they intend to use the league differently. "The fact that the juniors won the All Ireland last September, we have a lot of players available to us, and we intend to use the forthcoming matches in a far more experimental mode than we have in the past," she stated.

Meanwhile, the second and third level colleges swung into action in the last few weeks. With the growing number of schools involved in the Post Primary competition, a tremendous effort is

required for the smooth running of this event. At the time of going to press, the Post Primary schools competition has arrived at its provincial final stage.

We can look at the winners and finalists:

**Munster**  
Senior A Final: St. Marys, Nenagh  
Senior B Final: St. Patricks, Shannon  
Junior A Final: St. Marys, Charleville  
Junior B Final: St. Josephs, Borrisoleigh

**Leinster**  
Senior A Final: FCJ, Bunclody  
Senior B Final: St. Brendans Community School, Birr v Brigidine, Mountrath  
Junior A Final: FCJ, Bunclody/Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy v Loreto, Kilkenny  
Junior B Final: Presentation, Kilkenny v Mount Mellick Community School

**Ulster**  
Senior A Final: St. Marys, Magherafelt  
Senior B Final: St. Louis, Ballymena  
Junior A Final: St. Marys, Magherafelt  
Junior B Final: St. Patricks, Keady

#### Connaught

Senior A Final: Seamount, Kinvara  
Senior B Final: St. Cuans, Castleblakeney  
Junior A Final: Portumna Community School/St. Brigids, Loughrea v Seamount, Kinvara  
Junior B Final: Holy Rosary, Mountbellew

The All Ireland Semi-finals are due to be played on March 4th (Senior) and March 11th (Junior).

Munster v Leinster  
Ulster v Connaught  
The All Ireland Finals will be decided on April 1st.

Moving on to third level colleges and the Purcell Cup. Played in Belfast last month, there were semi-final wins for UUJ over Carlow IT and the host side St. Marys over Cork IT. The final was won by UUJ on a scoreline of 3-6 to 1-3.

The shield went to Limerick IT, victors over St. Patricks, Drumcondra by 2 points.

The highlight of the universities camogie calendar is without doubt the Ashbourne Cup. This year, Dangan was the venue for the semi-final/final weekend, but unfortunately for the hosts, Galway, holders Waterford IT knocked them out in the quarterfinal. At the same stage, both UCD and UCC had comprehensive victories over Queens, Belfast and Athlone IT respectively. In the other decider, University of Limerick defeated neighbours Mary Immaculate College.

So, it was all set for the penultimate round on Feb 19th. UCC were put to the pin of their collar against UL. Goals from Siobhan Sexton, Criona Harte and Elaine Burke was just about enough to see off the challenge from a Limerick side spearheaded by the strength of Caroline Murray. In the other decider, a tremendously exciting game saw UCD oust champions WIT by 1 point.

And so to the final played on the Sunday. Unfortunately, terrible playing conditions did not allow either side to perform to their capabilities. However, it did not lack in excitement. Two goals from Una O'Donoghue and Siobhan Sexton gave UCC a two-point lead at half time, and withstanding great pressure spearheaded by Caoimhe Harrington and Aine Codd managed to hold out for a slender one-point win. This now brings to 29 the number of titles Leaside, but still out in front are leaders UCD.

The following weekend the Ashbourne Combined selection defeated the All Ireland Champions Tipperary by 2-12 to 2-6, while the Purcell Combination proved too strong for the Tipperary Junior side, winning by 3-8 to 1-6.



## Mixed luck for camogie teams

THERE WAS mixed luck for Wexford's camogie teams when they travelled to Turloughmore on Sunday last to get their respective National League campaigns underway.

Galway 4-6 Wexford 0-8: While assisted by a strong breeze in the opening-half Wexford made a number of costly errors and relied upon the accuracy of free-taker Kate Kelly before the break, at which juncture the Slaneysiders trailed by 0-2 to 2-5.

On the restart Galway again took control while Wexford's additional six points came from Kate Kelly, who found the target on two occasions between the 33rd and 46th minutes, together with Aoife O'Connor (2) and Aine Codd.

Kelly closed the scoring with a late point, and joining her among Wexford's best performers on the day were Fiona Dunne, whose duel with star opponent Sharon Glynn was a highlight, along with defenders Aine Codd, Sandra Carr and Avis Nolan, together with midfielders Michelle Hearne and Aoife O'Connor, as well as attackers Michelle Murphy and Michelle O'Leary.

Wexford - Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Orla Hernan (Monageer-Boalavogue), Avis Nolan (Monageer-Boalavogue), Emma Carroll (St. Ibar's), Aine Codd (St. Martin's, 0-1), Fiona Dunne (Oulart-The Ballagh), Sandra Carr (St. Ibar's), Michelle Hearne (St. Ibar's), Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure, 0-1), Laura Corrigan (St. Ibar's), Paula Rankin (Bunclody), Michelle O'Leary (Rathnure, capt.), Michelle Murphy (St. Ibar's), Barbara Sluads (Oylegate), Kate Kelly (St. Ibar's, 0-6).

Subs: Elaine Holohan (Rathnure) for Corrigan; Tina Bergin (St. Martin's) for Nolan.

Wexford 2-6 Galway 1-5: The juniors, who suffered defeat in last year's final, got their campaign off to the best possible start with an encouraging four point triumph over Galway.

Wexford, aided by the wind, were a goal to the good after just three minutes courtesy of Ita Kelly who increased the difference four minutes later with a second strike to the Westerners' net.

Over the remainder of the half the Noel Ryan-managed team added

points through Aoife O'Connor, Mag Kelly and Elaine Holohan (two frees) to move 2-4 to 0-2 clear at the interval.

Wexford defended solidly throughout the second-half and rather impressively contained Galway to just three points and a goal while Elaine Holohan added a couple of insurance points to clinch the spoils.

Best for the juniors were Orla Gahan, Michelle Jordan and Bernie Holohan in defence along with two-goal hero Ita Kelly, Elaine Holohan and Edwina Roche, the latter excelling at midfield.

Wexford - Linda Byrne (Bunclody), Ailish Atkinson (Oulart-The Ballagh), Helena Jacob (Oulart-The Ballagh), Bernie Holohan (Rathnure), Orla Gahan (Monageer-Boalavogue), Tina Bergin (St. Martin's), Edwina Roche (St. Ibar's), Ciara Scallan (Oulart-The Ballagh), Joan Redmond (Bunclody), Idina Bolger (Marshallstown), Elaine Holohan (Rathnure, 0-4), Ita Kelly (Bunclody, 2-0), Mag Kelly (St. Ibar's, 0-1), Aoife O'Connor (Duffry Rovers, 0-1).

Subs: Mairead Hendrick (Bunclody) for Scallan (inj.); Ann Cousins (Bunclody) for Redmond; Jennifer Codd (Duffry Rovers) for Atkinson.

The second round of county under-16 camogie league fixtures for this coming Saturday afternoon are as follows (first named teams at home, with all games starting at 2:30p.m.):

Roinn A: Oylegate v Buffers Alley; Ferns St. Aidan's v Duffry Rovers; Rathnure v St. Ibar's; Oulart-The Ballagh free.

Roinn B North: Monageer-Boalavogue v Naomh Eanna; Bunclody v Rapparees; Cloughbawn v Shamrocks.

Roinn B South: St. Martin's v Faythe Harriers; St. Mary's (Rosslare) v Blackwater; Glynn-Barntown free.

Roinn C: St. Fintan's/Our Lady's Island versus Marshallstown; Taghmon-Camross versus Bannow-Ballymitty.

LATEST: The All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools junior 'A' camogie championship semi-final between Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy and St. Mary's of Charleville, county Cork, has been fixed for Coolree at 2p.m., on Saturday.



Wexford Elaine Holohan leads the way against home side Galway during last Sunday afternoon's National Senior Camogie League first round encounter at Turloughmore. (Pic: John O'Shaughnessy).

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## Dublin secure important camogie win

Dublin got off their mark in the National Senior Camogie League with a five point victory over Antrim at Balgriffin on Sunday last. It was a thrilling encounter all the way through. A goal by Anne McKee gave Antrim a 1-5 to 1-2 lead at the break. At the end of the third quarter the game was still up for grabs as Antrim held the slender lead of one point: 2-7 to 3-3. Dublin turned the game around with a goal by Anne McCloskey and Irene Kirwan followed with a goal and a point. Caitriona Higgins pulled one back for Antrim but it wasn't to be for the women from the Glens. Final score: Dublin 5-4 Antrim 2-8.

Scorers: Dublin: Irene Kirwan 2-4, Louise Curry, Sonya Byrne and Anne McCloskey 1-0 each.

Antrim: Elaine Dowds 1-2, Caitriona Higgins 0-5, Anne McKee 1-1

Referee: Martina Kelly, Wicklow

Other Senior League results:

Cork 2-15 Down 0-3

Scorers: Cork: Elaine Burke 2-2, Miriam Deasy and Fiona O'Driscoll 0-4 each, Paula O'Connor and Emer Dillon 0-2 each, Ursula Troy 0-1.

Down: Colleen Hynds 0-2, Jennifer Braniff 0-1

Kilkenny 6-6 Armagh 3-4

Galway 4-6 Wexford 0-8

### National Junior League:

Dublin 4-5 Antrim 1-3

Scorers: Dublin: Joyce Donnelly 2-3, Sinead Cullen and Emer Ring 1-0 each, Michelle Donnelly 0-2.

Antrim: Catherine Scullin 1-1, Orla McGrath and Sinead McKervey 0-1 each

Offaly 7-12 Armagh 0-2

Scorers: Offaly: Michelle Davis 2-5, Maggie Lynch 2-1, Jeanette Feighrey 1-3, Edel Corcoran 1-1, Fiona McLeish 1-0, Elaine Dermody and Karina Carroll 0-1 each

Armagh: Anne McCann and Pauline Marry 0-1 each.

Cork 8-11 Down 1-0

Scorers: Cork: Val O'Sullivan 3-0, Louise Murphy 2-1, Ger Collins 1-3, Mary Bridget Engess 1-2, Marie O'Connell 1-1, Eileen O'Herlihy and Catherine Corkery 0-2 each.

Down: Moya Maginn 1-0

Wexford 2-6 Galway 1-5

The following matches were postponed: Derry versus

Tipperary and Limerick versus Clare in senior and junior, and Cavan versus Carlow in junior.

### All-Ireland Colleges semi-finals:

Senior A: St Mary's Nenagh 3-8 FCJ Bunclody 0-4

Scorers: Nenagh: Eimear McDonnell 3-5, Sheena Howard 0-2, Denise Ryan 0-1.

Bunclody: Josephine Dwyer and Niamh O'Connor 0-2 each.

Seamount, Kinvara 3-11, St Mary's Magherafelt 0-4

Scorers: Kinvara: Elaine Kearns 2-9, Pamela Huban 1-1, Miriam Kearns 0-1

Magherafelt: Mary Therese McCann 0-3, Catherine McAuley 0-1

Senior B semi-finals: St Cuan's Castleblayney 3-5, St Lousi Ballymena 0-7

Scorers: Castleblayney: Ciara Gately, Sara McLoughlin and Emma Egan 1-0 each, Gemma Kelly 0-4, Karina Curley 0-1

Ballymena: Angela Graham 0-4, Catherine 0-2, Mairead O'Kane 0-1

St. Patrick's 0-6, Birr 0-1

Scorers: St. Patrick's Shannon: Laura Linnane 0-6, Marie Hehir 1-0.

Birr: Mary Molloy 0-1

On Saturday next the All-Ireland Colleges Junior A&B semi-finals are down for decision. In Junior A, Leinster champions Colaiste Brid, Enniscorthy host St. Mary's Charleville at Enniscorthy at 2pm.

Charleville are the holders and will face stiff opposition from Colasite Brid who will field many players from last year's Feile na nGael champions, Oulart the Ballagh. St. Mary's will also have members of the Milford team who were Oulart the Ballagh's opponents in the Feile final. This will be an exciting affair with very little separating the sides at the finish.

In the other semi-final: St Mary's Magherafelt will travel to take on either Seamount, Kinvara or St. Brigid's, Loughrea

Junior B is only in its second year and will be contested by Presentation Kilkenny and St Josephs Borrisoleigh. The latter had a 4-2 to 1-5 victory over Presentation, Ballyphehane in their first Munster decider while Presentation defeated Mountmellick in the Leinster final.

Holy Rosary, Mountbellew will host St. Patrick's, Keady in the other semi-final in Ballinsloe at 12 noon



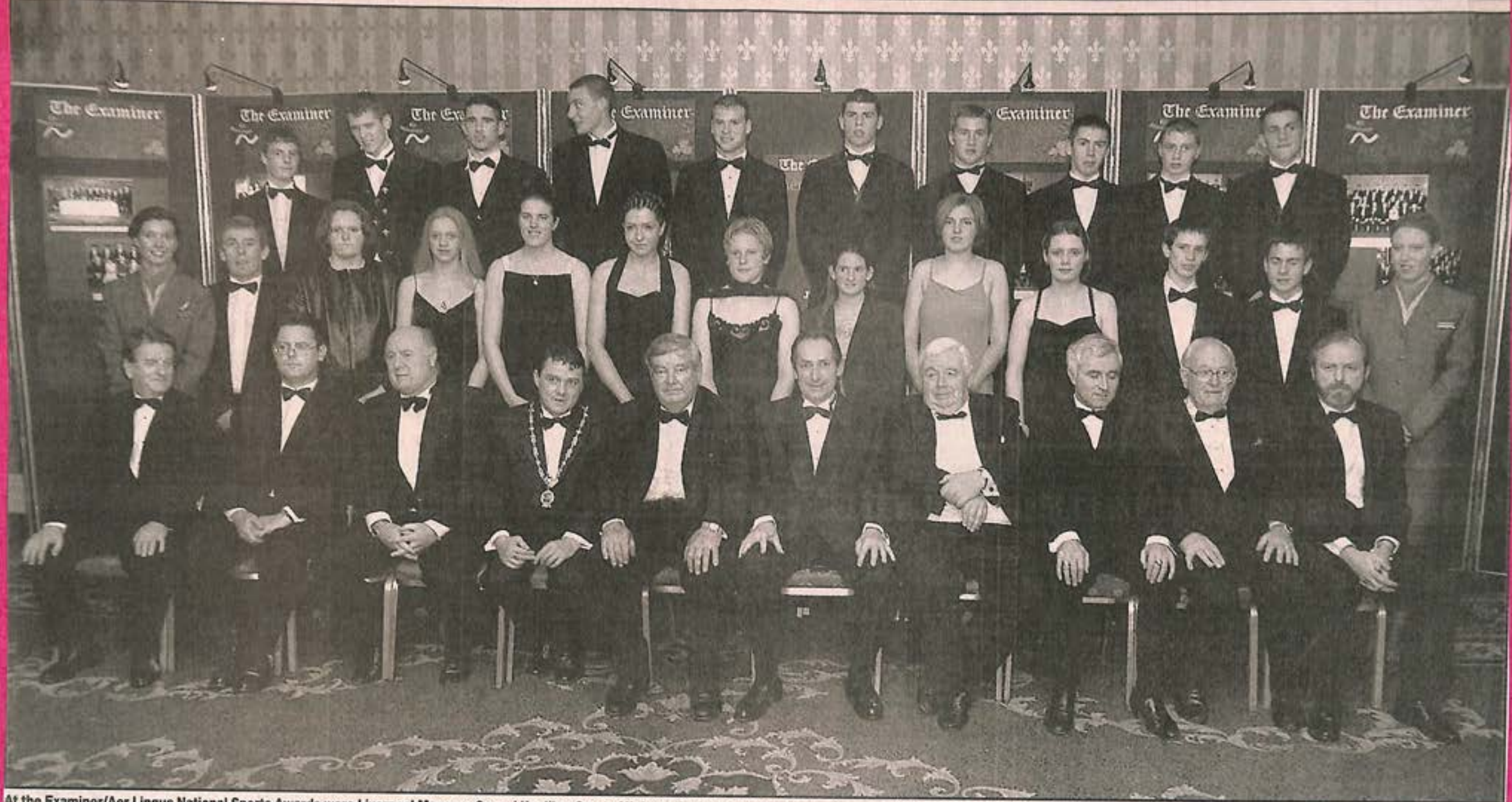
Munster Senior A winners St. Mary's Nenagh



Munster Junior A champions St. Mary's Charville



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# Future bright for young stars

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# Eimer's electrifying scores shock Bunclody

St Mary's, Nenagh 3-8 FCJ Bunclody 0-4

By Gerry Slevin

Six years on, St Mary's, Nenagh have sights definitely set on another All Ireland senior colleges camogie title and on Saturday in Kilcolman, the challenge of Leinster champions, FCJ Bunclody was brushed aside with much greater ease than anticipated, the Nenagh girls far too able in too many departments for their luckless rivals.

Seamount, Kinvara will be their final opponents on April 1st, the Connacht champions overcoming their Ulster opponents, St Mary's, Magherafelt with similar ease also on Saturday.

It was a game on which Nenagh's Eimer McDonnell left an indelible mark, scoring all but three points of her team total and in the process bringing shivers to the Bunclody defence every time she had possession. But then, to expect anything less from a lass who lined out so prominently in that never-to-be-forgotten All Ireland senior victory for Tipp over Kilkenny last September, would hardly be likely.

Nevertheless, it was not a one-woman show as Nenagh's all round balance proved far superior to the visitors who seldom seriously threatened Amy Kissane's goal and only managed two points from play in the match.

## STRONG, PHYSICAL SIDE

While St Mary's led 2-3 to 0-2 at half time, by no means could one consider them safe. Bunclody, a strong physical side tore into their opponents with tremendous flair in that first half. Play was hard and fast, no quarter asked or given. Indeed from the throw-in they attacked and forced the game's only 30 in the first minute. Josie O'Dwyer who was to be their best player, failed however to convert the award and this let-off sent Nenagh into attack.

We then saw Eimer McDonnell's prowess when she cut clean through the opposing defence and she appeared to have a goal at her mercy only for FCJ's keeper Fiona Kavanagh to spectacularly block Eimer's palmed goal effort.

A let-off at either end in the opening minutes, therefore, but any fears that the Burgess girl would be foiled again soon disappeared. She pointed Nenagh ahead from a free in the 5th minute and no sooner had the ball come back into play than centre forward Denise Ryan delivered the perfect pass to her and goal number one emerged.

Josie O'Dwyer got Bunclody's first score, a point from a free in the 8th minute but any hope of building on that score quickly evaporated as Eimer McDonnell was on target in the 10th minute for her side's second goal.

## GROWING CONFIDENCE

Nenagh's confidence was



St. Mary's: Back from left: Denise Ryan, Mary Rose Ryan (capt), Claire O'Sullivan, Aileen Forde, Olive Slattery, Amy Kissane, Siobhán McCarthy. Front: Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre McDonnell, Shena Howard, Anna Woods, Aine Mulcahy.

now growing and with Anna Woods in sparkling form on the half back line and Shena Howard and Mary Rose Ryan also defending stoutly, there was no way through for the eager visitors. Shena lofted over a 50 yard free in the 15th minute and though Josie O'Dwyer pointed a free at the other end,

first score from play, a 7th minute point they couldn't capitalise on it. Nenagh's all-round assuredness and craft was gathering momentum and pointed frees from Eimer McDonnell and Shena Howard placed Bunclody beyond redemption.

The sting had now gone from Bunclody's play, Nenagh con-

tinued to attack, but knowing the match was safe, they didn't press home their advantage. Niamh O'Connor pointed again for Bunclody and Eimer McDonnell responded. Then, as the game entered its last five minutes, a speculative shot from Eimer McDonnell evaded Fiona Kavanagh's reach and it was goal number three for the Burgess lass and for St Mary's.

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In general terms this was a Nenagh performance full of grit and determination. Sturdy in defence and growing in stature as the match progressed, Nenagh allowed the Bunclody attack very little scope. Anna Woods again dominated, belying her size with a fiercely determined showing and going through attackers in her forays up field with the proverbial dose of salts. Mary Rose Ryan led the side from the full back berth with confidence, giving Amy Kissane all the protection she required. Siobhán McCarthy, Shena Howard, Aine Mulcahy, Deirdre McDonnell and Olive Slattery all gave it everything



Claire O'Sullivan and Denise Ryan in the thick of the action.

Eimer McDonnell had the final say of the half, latching on to a Denise Ryan centre for a well taken point.

Bunclody were back quickly for the second half and their intentions were clear. Quick scores their objective and placing Nenagh under pressure but the Nenagh defence soaked it all up and then six minutes into the half the siege was lifted when Eimer McDonnell extended St Mary's lead with a pointed free.

## COULDN'T CAPITALISE

The life began to leave Bunclody and even when Niamh O'Connor notched their

continued to attack, but knowing the match was safe, they didn't press home their advantage. Niamh O'Connor pointed again for Bunclody and Eimer McDonnell responded. Then, as the game entered its last five minutes, a speculative shot from Eimer McDonnell evaded Fiona Kavanagh's reach and it was goal number three for the Burgess lass and for St Mary's. Denise Ryan ended the scoring with a point, following a pass from Anna Woods and St Mary's were well and truly back in the All Ireland final for the first time since 1994.

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and had too much in reserve for the luckless Wexford girls.

LED THE ATTACK

Farther out, Nenagh's dominance continued with Denise Ryan leading the attack with flair and dash. Beside her, Aileen Forde and Claire O'Sullivan contributed handsomely in the build up to scores, the main beneficiary of course being the ruthless Eimer McDonnell, who in terms of skill, craft and scoring know-how, was in a class of her own.

Following their defeat of Enniscorthy in the Leinster final, Bunclody made the long trip to Kilcolman laden with confidence. Had their early surge been fruitful and the determination they brought into the early minutes of the second half yielded much needed scores, who knows, things might have gone better for them. Yet, once Nenagh got into their rhythm, there was only one team in it and FCJ were found to have too many weak links to cope with the power and precision of the Nenagh girls.

Scorers for St Mary's were E. McDonnell 3-5 (0-3 frees) S. Howard 0-2 frees, D. Ryan 0-1.

For Bunclody, J. O'Dwyer 0-2 frees and N. O'Connor 0-2 replied.

ST MARY'S: Amy Kissane, Mary Rose Ryan (capt), Siobhán McCarthy, Shena Howard, Olive Slattery, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Aine Mulcahy, Aileen Forde, Denise Ryan, Claire O'Sullivan, Eimer McDonnell.

Subs -- Niamh Hogan for O'Sullivan, Deirdre Troy for Forde.

FCJ BUNCLODY: Fiona Kavanagh, Lisa Frayne, Mary Clare Kirwan, Marie Hanrick, Paula Treacy, Mary Murphy, Aine Mullins, Eimear O'Connor, Josie O'Dwyer, Aoife Druhan, Lisa Dwyer, Niamh O'Connor (capt).

Subs -- Caitriona Hanrick for Lisa Dwyer.

Referee: Betty Joyce, Cork.

## Play it again for St Marys

St Marys 2-4  
Colaiste Bride 1-7

THE look on their faces said it all. Charleville students had survived the greatest test of their tender years, to maintain their interest in the All Ireland Junior A Colleges championship writes *Therese O'Callaghan*.

Played in summer like conditions at the splendid Duffry Rovers GAA grounds Coolree, this semi-final had it all.

Most of the scoring was done in the first half, leaving two points between the sides at the interval. Joanne Quinn was the heroine for Charleville in the opening period of the game.

Her first goal was set up by the Watson sisters Eimear and Marie, and the second came when she capitalised on a blunder by goalkeeper Claire Sinnott.

Enniscorthy never let go, and one of the finest goals was struck home by Ciara O'Connor in the 14th minute.

The second-half was all Wexford. Inspired by the brilliant play of full-back Mary Leacy, they managed to draw level with points from outstanding captain Caoimhe Fitzpatrick and the impressive Ciara O'Connor.

Then in the dying moments, a goal by Ursula Jacob was disallowed by referee Marie Pollard for a square infringement - much to the consternation of the vocal home fans.

Enniscorthy drew three times before winning the Leinster championship, and now again find themselves in a replay. This time though, it will be advantage Charleville, as they will be at home.

## CAMOGIE

ALL IRELAND COLLEGES semi-finals:  
Junior A: Colaiste Bríd (Enniscorthy) 1-7 (C Fitzpatrick 0-4, C O'Connor 1-1, C O'Loughlin 0-2) St Marys (Charleville) 2-4 (J Quinn 2-0, A Sheehan 0-4). Seamount (Kinvara) 5-9 (E Kilkenny 5-5, M Kearns 0-3, P Huban 0-1) St Marys (Magherafelt) 2-2 (C McCauley 2-0, C McCann, P Bell 0-1 each). Junior 'B': Presentation (Kilkenny) 2-6 (M O'Connor 1-5, L Rafter 1-0, C O'Dowd 0-1) St Josephs (Borrisoleigh) 2-3 (M Coffey 1-0, G Kinnane 1-1, M Stapleton 0-2) Holy Rosary (Mountbellew) 1-5, St Patricks (Keady) 1-4.



Anna Woods - complete with Stars and Stripes head scarf! powers her way upfield.

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# Worthy of the Millennium!

Cliona Foley - Irish Independent.

When we're used to seeing the stars of camogie's firmament belting full tilt into each other on All Ireland final day, there was something surreal about walking into Dublin's pretty Parnell Park on a sunny Saturday in early August.

It was only the All Ireland semi-finals and yet here were Kilkenny and reigning champions Cork, those marvellous modern day rivals, squaring up to each other.

It promised much but the extraordinary climax which followed outdid all expectations.

As the minutes ticked away, Cork led by four points and looked home and dry.

Then there was a flurry in their goalmouth and Margaret Comerford claimed a crucial goal to keep the Cats' hopes alive.

Kilkenny 'keeper Miriam Holland pulled off a phenomenal point-blank save from Linda Mellerick minutes later and there was eventually just a point between them when Sinéad Millea stepped up to take a 65m free which would level it. But incredibly, and there's probably Cork players still having nightmares about it, her lofted shot floated over all the heads in the crowded goalmouth and into the net!

The scoreline read - Kilkenny 2-12; Cork 1-13 - the final whistle sounded and the Cats went crazy. Tracey Millea did her own version of Riverdance while the Cork players stood shocked and still, literally dumbfounded at having their pocket picked in such an outrageous manner.

No one had expected this..

Cork were reigning two in-a-row champions and had looked

magnificent during the league racking up cricket scores, including 9-19 in the final against Tipperary.

Kilkenny, it was said, were in the process of rebuilding.

Former county minor manager Bobby Jackman had only taken them over after Tipp had knocked them out of the league and yet they'd pulled off a massive coup over their greatest rivals.

The only worry was - had they produced it all just for Cork? Had Kilkenny just played their All Ireland?

Anyone who stayed on to watch the second semi-final had reason to worry.

Tipperary, who'd come so close to making the breakthrough last season, reached their first final since 1984, beating Down by a whopping 6-22 to 1-3.

Deirdre Hughes scored 4-3 at full-forward, most of it laid on by the galloping solos of her Toomevara team-mate Noelle Kennedy. Tipp's danger women were obvious.

So camogie's big day in Croke on September 5 1999 was historic for many reasons. The first 15-a-side game, the first live on television and a new-look pairing, with Kilkenny back for the first time since '95 and aiming to do a double with their men.

Their only worry was



Kilkenny Senior Camogie Panel 1999:

Back row: Sinéad Costelloe, Bobby Jackman (Coach), Martina Maher, Brigid Barnaville, Kathleen Atkins, Margaret Comerford, Miriam Holland, Ann Downey, Michael Fennelly (Trainer), Catherine Dunne, Sarah O'Gorman, Maura Costelloe (Selector).

Front row: Tracey Millea, Margaret Hickey, Laura Sweeney, Mairead Costelloe, Linda Crennan, Jillian Maher (Captain), Brigid Mullaly, Sinéad Millea, Sandra Gleeson, Bronagh Neary.

Photo: Tom Brett



Action from 1999 All Ireland Camogie Final - Kilkenny's Lizzie Lyng is chased by Tipp's Clara Gaynor. Photo: Sportfile

injury which had seriously hampered the training of pivotal forward Bridget Mullaly.

Kilkenny hearts were high, though.

No one but Cork had every beaten them in a senior final and the sight of their 1974 team (including Ann Downey, incredibly chasing her 13th medal 25 years after her first!) being honoured with the first jubilee award on the pitch beforehand, lifted them even higher.

And what a game transpired, illuminated by skill and sunshine, a match truly worthy of taking camogie into the new Millennium!

Kilkenny pulled positional changes from the throw-in.

Mullaly, with her thigh heavily strapped, moved to the right wing, with Sandra Gleeson moving back to midfield and Sinéad Millea moving to centre-forward to take on Clara Gaynor.

Mullaly and particularly Millea (0-7) certainly played heroic parts, keeping the side in touch when Tipperary, through Kennedy and Hughes, threatened to overrun them at the start of the second quarter.

But then came Kilkenny's big break when Sinéad sent in a low 14m free, the Tipp defence fumbled it and young Lizzie Lyng pounced to goal, a crucial score which kept them a point clear (1-5 to 0-7) at the break.

A marvellous point by Martina Maher three minutes after the restart put them two clear and they held that margin while the crowd greeted the arrival of Ann Downey off the bench after 41 minutes, a sight to terrify most defenders!

Things really looked to be turning their way when Tipp's Eimear McDonnell then had a rocket of a shot off the crossbar and even when Hughes equalised it from an impossible angle after 45 minutes, they were still hanging in there, especially because Noelle Kennedy's usually impeccable freetaking was beginning to crack in the nervewracking atmosphere.

Little things went wrong then. Millea was called back for a free on a blistering run, a frustrating rule which camogie still applies instead of using the 'advantage' rule.

Mairead Costelloe took a bad knock and there was a long break to treat her in midfield when Tipp seemed to get their second wind.

Their midfielders Angela McDermott and Emily Hayden played out of their skin, their half-backs of Maedbh Stokes, Clara Gaynor (the RTE Player of the match) and Sinéad Nealon were



Aftermath - Kilkenny's Margaret Hickey, Tracey Millea, Teresa Dillon and Catherine Dunne wonder how it slipped away.

Photo: Tom Brett

take something very special to separate them.

It arrived in the person of Tipp super-sub Caitriona Hennessy who lists mountain-climbing among her hobbies and showed why in Tipp's hour of need!

She took over the freetaking and after Miriam Holland had pulled off a brilliant save off her deflected free, she coolly popped over the ensuing '45.

Margaret Comerford earned a 25m free off the next Kilkenny attack which Millea slotted to level it again, 1-8 to 0-11 and the tension was almost unbearable as we moved into injury-time.

Two minutes later, Hennessy put Deirdre Hughes through and the defence correctly fouled her but again, the Tipp teenage held her nerve, popping over the 20m free to win it 0-12 to 1-8.

So we had new, first-time champions for a new century.

Having lost seven finals, few begrudged Tipp their success. It is surely great for the game and also hugely encouraging to see famous hurlers like Michael Cleary and Colm Bonnar getting involved in their backroom.

Like Jackman, their 5-a-side expertise was vital and their profile certainly helped bring much needed media attention.

But, have no fear. This Kilkenny team, which includes so much class and young talent, were ultimately beaten by a whisker and will definitely be back!

**Kilkenny** - M Holland; T Millea, M Hickey, U Murphy; S Costelloe, J Maher (Capt), M Costelloe; K Long, S Gleeson, E Mullaly, S Millea (0-7), Comerford, M Maher (0-1), L Lynch (1-0) Subs:- A Downey for M Downey (42 mins.)

**Tipperary** - J Delaney; S Kelly, U O'Dwyer, C Madden; B Stokes (Capt), C Gaynor, S Nealon, F Hayden, R McDermott; N Kennedy (0-6 all frees), T Brophy, H Kiely; E McDonnell (0-1) D Hughes (0-3), N Harkin. Subs:- P Fogarty for Kiely (35 mins) C Hennessy (0-2) for Harkin (39 mins).

Referee - R Derham (Dublin).

for this reporter right corner-back Suzanne Kelly was the 'Woman of the Match'.

As the minute hand ticked Tipp moved up a gear and yet, two missed frees by Hughes left the sides still level with two minutes of proper time remaining and it was going to



# DOWNNEY ALL THE YEARS

Enda McEvoy - Sunday Tribune

In the course of 25 years playing camogie at the highest level, Ann Downey inevitably encountered hundreds of new faces. Colleagues, opponents, managers, trainers, supporters, officials. But it wasn't until well into her final season that she met Bobby Jackman from Windgap.

What Ann thought of Bobby, who took over midway through 1999 as coach to the Kilkenny senior camogie team, is not our concern here. (For the record, she was impressed.) What Bobby, who up to then "had never met her, only read about her", thought of Ann, is, however. Within a couple of training sessions the secret of both her success and her longevity was clear to him.

"What came across most was her fierce determination. Fierce determination. That's what I'll always remember about her. It amazed me, to be honest, because Ann was injured at the time and you could tell it was killing her not to be out there. The fortnight before the All Ireland final she made a huge effort in training and was disappointed not to be on the team. Her legs weren't quite what they were, understandably. It was only then it struck me that she'd been around for a quarter of a century.

"With her level of fitness, you could see why. In training she was well able to keep up with everybody. Her will to win amazed me. Though we didn't win the All Ireland, it wasn't for lack of effort on Ann's part. She wanted to win as much as anybody else did. Maybe even more so."

Sad to bow out with a defeat. But, as Ann Downey concedes, if somebody had told her at the beginning of her career that she would end it with twelve All Ireland senior medals to her credit, what else could she have been but grateful? "I had a wonderful innings. Losing to Tipperary didn't change that."

Losing to Tipperary - Ann came on as a sub at the start of the second half - didn't change the fact either that at her peak she was a colossus of the age, a one-woman power station in the middle of the field for clubs (St Paul's and Lisdowney) and county. Hunger, energy, forcefulness, the fierce determination that wowed Bobby Jackman: Ann Downey had it by the bucket-

ful.

As had her sister Angela. The twin Downeys from Ballyragget were both blessed with attitude, instinct and hurling intelligence. But one of them was blessed with more besides, with genius in her wrists and dynamite in her camán. It wasn't Ann.

The messiah was her sister. At a pretty early stage she copped on to that small fact. Copped on that it was Angela and not she who was the chosen one, Angela and not she who belonged to the Kilkenny stylistic brotherhood of Meagher and Langton and Keher. The old, apocryphal-sounding story that follows has been related often before. No apologies for telling it once more.

The girls were just beginning to make a name for themselves on the camogie fields of the county, with Angela making rather the bigger name of the two, when a customer in their dad's butcher's shop pointed at Ann one day and enquired, "Is she the good one or the bad one?"

Shem Downey loyally replied that both of them were good and Ann, though possibly not the customer, departed mollified. "After that, I suppose, reality eventually dawned. Angela was the good one, I wasn't quite so good. But I can't say I had a problem with it. If we were losing in a match, people wouldn't be looking to me - I wouldn't be looking to me - to win it. They'd be looking to Angela."

Times and fashions change. Against Cork at Parnell Park last August it was Ann Downey to whom Kilkenny looked to save the All Ireland semi-final. The mistake Cork made, she insists, was to believe that she might. "Too busy thinking I was Angela and was going to do something. No chance. No way would I turn a match."

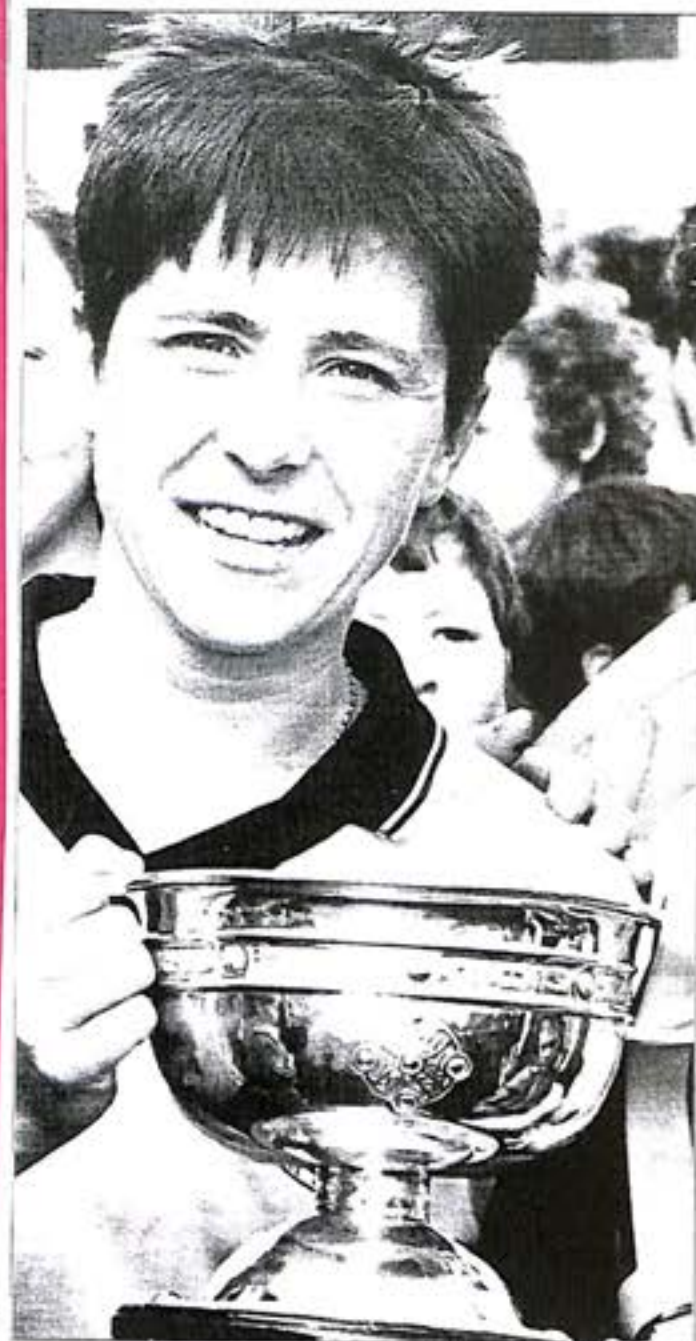
She was thrown in with ten minutes left and her county losing touch. "Keep an eye on her," she heard Tom Nott, the Cork coach, shout to his charges. For five minutes they needn't have bothered. Kilkenny were wobbling horribly, the champions four points ahead and raining in flurries of potential knockout blows. For five minutes all Ann could do was watch as a line of black and amber jerseys beat out ball after ball and a line of white and red jerseys beat them back in again.

## TURNED THE GAME

Then at last she got a sniff. A clearance came towards her, whizzed through her legs, beat Eithne Duggan behind her, was picked up by Martina Maher and despatched to the Cork net by

Margaret Comerford. Into injury time and a point separating the sides, Ann finally managed to touch the sliotar. She transferred it to Gillian Dillon and roared at her to run. Gillian ran and won a free that Sinead Millea sent to the Cork net with practically the last puck of the game.

One Ann Downey touch, two Kilkenny goals and the county



Ann Downey with the O'Duffy Cup  
Photo: Tony Brett

into their first All Ireland final in five years. And Ballyragget's second-finest didn't turn matches..?

The odd part of it, Angela Downey-Browne points out, "is that people didn't realise that Ann was a far more talented all-round sportsperson than myself. She's played international squash with Ireland, interprovincial hockey for the South East. And on the camogie field she was always much more involved than I was. I'd have my own patches of action but she'd be going for the full hour, all around the centre of the field."

Her father Shem, an All Ireland medallist with Kilkenny in 1947 and the hero of the 1950 National League final, was the other constant in Ann's career. When they were younger, Shem Downey wouldn't allow his daughters to swim during the summer; in his eyes you were committed to one sport and one sport

only. "The skill we had, we got from him," Ann acknowledges. "And there's still no fear of him. In the county final this year I was blocked down twice. 'Drop shot,' I could hear him in the stand."

The past 25 years have been enormously rewarding for her albeit seriously draining on the pocket. "But you don't count the cost when you're doing something you enjoy." She captained Kilkenny to two All Ireland triumphs ("the county's biggest strength for years was that we had good young players coming in to replace the older ones"), was a member of the GAA touring party to the Toronto Skydome in 1991 and nominates Cork's Sandy Fitzgibbon as her toughest opponent ("she was so fast, I was impossible to keep up with her"). All in all, not bad going for the woman with the apparent misfortune to be born the sister of the Greatest Camogie Player Ever.

The game's profile, or lack thereof, remains her favourite hobby horse. "The All Ireland ladies' football semi-finals were live on TV this year. Why weren't the camogie semi-finals? We need more publicity, we need better publicity, we need a person at the top with experience in the marketing area. And I know I've said this a million times before, but why not have a camogie match as curtainraiser to a big hurling game? That would make people realise how good the standard is. As it is, camogie is losing the PR war."

The week before Kilkenny's Croke Park date with Tipperary Ann Downey told a friend that were she given a choice the following weekend of winning a million pounds on the Lottery or winning an All Ireland medal, she wouldn't hesitate for a moment. "An All Ireland medal, of course."

Well, what else would you have expected this woman to say?

## ANN DOWNNEY - FACTFILE

\* Played in 16 All Ireland senior camogie finals.  
Won 12, Drew 2, Lost 2.

1974: Beat Cork (replay)  
1976: Beat Dublin  
1977: Beat Wexford  
1981: Beat Cork (replay)  
1985: Beat Dublin  
1986: Beat Dublin  
1987: Beat Cork  
1988: Beat Cork  
1989: Beat Cork  
1990: Beat Wexford  
1991: Beat Cork  
1994: Beat Wexford  
1995: Lost to Cork  
1999: Lost to Tipperary

\* Winner of 9 National League medals.

\* Winner of 10 Gael Linn medals.

\* Winner of 7 All Ireland club championships (6 with St Paul's, one with Lisdowney).

\* B & I Player of the Year 1986, 1989.

\* Smithwick's Kilkenny Sports Star of the Year 1986, 1997 and 1988 (for squash).

\* Jury's Sports Star of the Week in September 1990 and 1991.

\* National Irish Bank Player of the Year 1991, 1994.

\* Hotel Kilkenny award winner 1988 (squash) and 1989 (camogie).

\* Five international squash caps with Ireland.

\* White Cup interprovincial hockey medal winner with the South East.



# Anne's honour for Maura Brady

ONE of the great pillars of Dublin Camogie, Maura Brady, was honoured with a surprise presentation at her beloved St. Anne's club in Bohernabreena last Thursday night.

Maura, a member of a family devoted to Dublin GAA, was overcome with emotion and gratitude as she was greeted by such a large circle of well-wishers.

St. Anne's presented Maura with a prized photograph of their first team that won a Camogie Championship, back in 1962, a team on which Maura played.

Maura also received a lovely publication of her life-story, which detailed her massive contribution, not only to St. Anne's, but to Dublin, where she filled numerous positions with distinction, including that of County

## CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

Chairperson.

On a similar theme, two of Dublin's finest souls, Phyllis Breslin and Kay Timmins, will also have their efforts honoured next Saturday when they will be asked to plant trees on the hallowed camogie grounds of the Phoenix Park.

Kay Timmins, known to all as Mrs T, has given her life to Dublin camogie and she is the first Lifetime Honorary President of the Dublin Board.

Like Kay, Phyllis Breslin, the Camogie President, knows every inch of those camogie pitches, an arena both grew to love.

Back in 1979, Phyllis was on the Dublin side that beat Limerick in the National Senior League final at Blanchardstown.

And next Sunday, the Dubs travel to the banks of the Shannon in good form after beating Antrim in their opening League tie. Limerick are team-building, but they can call from the All-Ireland Club champions, Granagh-Balingarry, who possess the brilliant Eileen O'Brien, the Belleek Player of the Match in last year's Club Final.

The Dublin Juniors, who also had a notable victory over Antrim, will also meet Limerick on Sunday, hoping to repeat the determination they displayed at Balgriffin.

**Dublin seniors (from):** L. McGuinness, C. Murphy, A. Cullen, G. Noonan, A. Gray, C. Boyle, S. Byrne, R. Lyons, V. Trehy, S. Crabtree, I. Kirwan, E. Brannigan, L. O'Hara, S. Nic Cella, A. McCluskey, C. Gray, F. Ni Chocairin, G. McCluskey, E. Talbot,

A. Ni Thuathail, M. Coleman.

**Dublin juniors (from):** S. Bruen, E. Bergin, F. Bernard, P. Bruen, E. Buckley, M. Coleman, H. Connor, S. Curran, J. Donnelly, S. Elliott, C. Grace, F. Guckler, F. Hughes, D. Hutton, G. Madden, P. Malcomson, A. Mulcahy, A. Murphy, L. O'Connell, E. Ring, L. Ryan, S. Weir, S. Young.

**Limerick seniors (from):** Breda O'Brien, R. Collins, Bernice O'Brien, L. Leonard, J. Dolan, M. Loneragan, B. Cleary, K. Burke, M. Neville, M. Casey, V. Sheehan, P. McCarthy, D. Fitzpatrick, A. O'Reilly, E. O'Brien, E. Reale, G. McNamara, M. Nash, J. Cullinane, D. Sheehan.

● Meanwhile, Dublin, in order to finance their many teams, from U-14 level up, are organising a number of fund-raisers over the next few months, beginning with a Race-Night in Ballyboden St. Enda's on April 28. All clubs are asked to support these important ventures.

## Galway come to Cork in upbeat mood

CORK with full points from their opening games in the Senior and Junior Camogie National Leagues have a meeting with Galway on Sunday in Páirc Uí Rinn.

Galway will provide stern competition having already had a good win over Wexford.

With Tony Ward back as coach the mood in the Galway camp is upbeat and they are optimistic about the year ahead.

In the Wexford outing two goals apiece from Sharon Glynn and last year's minor Captain Orla Kilkenny set the trend for victory.

They continue to try out new players including Alva Kelly, who captained the county to Minor All-Ireland honours in 1997, against Cork and Lourda Kavanagh a member of the victorious Junior side of 1998.

Cork experimented for their last game against Down. They gave senior debuts to Elaine Burke, who crowned her first outing with an impressive 2-2, hard working Helen Walsh, who led the junior side last year, Lisa Kelleher and last year's minor Emer Dillon.

They also introduced Ciara Healy, Marie Corkery and Jill Hannon during the course of the game.

The policy adopted by the selectors is that they are going to leave no stone unturned in their quest for new talent and intend to use the league to try out players, however the side will still be expected to include the stylish Fiona O'Driscoll, Mary O'Connor who impressed at centre back the last day and solid defenders Denise Cronin and Eithne Duggan.

In the Junior game against Down the selectors fielded only three of their All-Ireland winning side and are also continuing the search for new talent.

In that game three goals from Louise Murphy saw Cork outclass a young home side.

The Galway Juniors lost their opening game to Wexford on a 2-5 to 1-5 scoreline. They are captained by Lorraine Fahy from the St. Thomas' club and are coached by Michael Broderick who guided the county to All-Ireland Junior success in 1998.

Michael is joined by Colette Walsh and county treasurer Noleen Cormican.

Meanwhile, the Cork Colleges have selected a Cork Under-14 team which will play a Galway selection on Sunday at 1pm at the Colaiste Christí Rí Grounds.

## College make no mistake this time

IN a repeat of the Ashbourne Cup final, UCC made no mistake when beating UCD 5-11 to 1-4 and qualify for the CCI A League final, writes Mary Newman McCarthy.

The Cork girls led 3-3 to 1-3 at half-time and totally outplayed UCD in the second-half; the UCC goals coming from Siobhan Sexton (2), Criona Harte and Ruth Cahalane.

Cloughdub set up an all Mid Cork pairing in the under-18 championship semi-final when they recorded a 2-6 to 0-7 victory over Milford

at CIT Grounds yesterday.

Two goals from Cork senior Una O'Donoghue three minutes before half-time set the trend for victory. A determined rally from Milford in the second-half was not enough to see them through.

Barryroe, with a superb display from Jennifer O'Leary who notched up 4-3 of her side's total, booked their semi-final spot with Valley Rovers. Leading 0-4 to 0-1 at the interval, the home side put in a great second-half show to win.

## Colleges' under 14s

The Cork Colleges Camogie Board has initiated an inter-county colleges under 14 panel by selecting a collection of players from the 32 schools participating at colleges level in Cork county.

The squad is due to play a Galway selection on Sunday next, at 2.30 p.m. in Buttevant and has further challenges against Kilkenny, Wexford and Tipperary in April. The under 14 panel is busy preparing for the blitz competition scheduled for Saturday, May 27, at Inniscarra, where the aforementioned counties, plus Dublin,

will compete for the inaugural Inter County Colleges Cup.

Cork panel: M. Sheedy (Doneraile), D. Twomey, N. Mulcahy, M. O'Neill (Loreto, Fermoy), T. O'Donovan, M. Murphy, A. Coughlan (Bandon), M. McCarthy, M. Ennequess, F. Buckley, L. Murphy-Lyons (Coachford), O. Holland, R. Buckley, J. Cullinane (St. Al's), S. Burns (Carrignavar), C. Foley (Glanmire), E. Watson, S. McAuliffe, E. O'Riordan, A. Geary (Charleville), T. O'Sullivan, S. Moran (Carrigaline), B. Corkery (Macroom), F. O'Brien (Blarney), M. McCarthy (Kinsale).

# St Mary's keep their hands on the title

St Mary's Charleville  
Colaiste Brí

2-4  
1-7

THE sides will have to meet again after holders St Mary's had to fight to hold on to their title from a determined Colaiste Brí outfit in the Junior A All-Ireland Colleges semi-final on Saturday.

Two first-half goals from full forward Joanne Quinne plus four points from Aoife Sheehan gave Charleville a two-point lead at the interval, the Brí goal coming from Ciara O'Connor.

In a fiercely competitive second half the Wexford girls worked hard and indeed managed to hold their opponents scoreless, two points was enough to give them a second bite at the cherry in a game pencilled in for Saturday week at a Charleville venue.

UCC  
UCD

5-11  
1-3

Ashbourne Cup holders UCC made no mistake in booking their place in the CCI Division 1 Higher Education League semi-final in Dublin on Saturday.

## Junior A All-Ireland Colleges final place still up for grabs

In a repeat of the Ashbourne final, UCD opened the scoring with an Aine Codd point but this was to be the only time they led as the Cork students showed their determination to reach the final with a goal from Siobhan Sexton.

Two more goals from Sexton and Ruth Cahalan stretched the lead further. A goal before the interval from Una Flaherty rallied the UCD cause but it was UCC who led 3-3 to 1-3 at the interval. Any hopes of a UCD rally in the second half were quenched by goals from Criona Harte and Elaine Burke. Now totally dominant the UCC girls shot points over at will to secure their final place against Athlone IT.

Barryroe  
St Finbarrs

5-5  
0-5

WITH the sides evenly matched at the interval, Barryroe led 0-4 to 0-1 in Sunday's U-18 Champion-

ship quarter-final in Barryroe.

A goal from Marie Moloney three minutes after the restart paved the way for the home side while, showing tremendous skill, Jennifer O'Leary turned in a great second half performance adding 4-3 to her side's tally.

Cloughdub  
Milford

2-6  
0-7

IN the second quarter-final Cloughdub and Milford met at IT Grounds. Two goals from Cork Senior Una O'Donoghue inside one minute proved to be the difference between the sides. Milford led 0-5 to 0-4 when with three minutes to half time a long free into the square struck the post and the alert O'Donoghue crashed to the net. From the puck out she dispossessed a defender to hit the net and give Cloughdub a 2-4 to 0-5 half-time advantage, the Milford

points coming from Siobhan Linehan, Eimear O'Friel, Marie Watson. Two points from Catherine Corkery and Orla McCarthy stretched the lead in the second half and set up a semi-final meeting with Aghabullogue.

● County champions Bishoptown have elected Ciara Enright to lead their senior team in the year ahead, selectors are Pat Harris and Conor Kenny.

Glen Rovers have Finbarr O'Neill, who enjoyed great success with the club back in the 1990s, as coach. Captain for the year is long-serving Emma Harte, a daughter of former Glen and Cork hurler Patsy Harte.

● The Inter Divisional blitz takes place on St Patrick's Day with Seandun, Carrigdhoun and Carbery in action at Glen Rovers from 11.30am, the second section has Avondhu, Muskerry and Imokilly at a venue to be named later in the week. The final is in Ballygarvan at 3pm.

Fixtures  
FRIDAY MARCH 17  
Under-15 Divisional Blitz  
SUNDAY MARCH 19  
Junior and Senior National League: Cork v Galway, Páirc Uí Rinn, Junior 2pm, Senior 3.30pm.



# The Rebel County's camogie stars lauded by Barrs

## CAMOGIE

ST FINBARR'S Camogie Club held a very pleasant function recently to pay honour to the Cork Junior and Minor All-Ireland winning teams.

The evening which was also attended by players from St Finbarr's club, parents and friends of the Cork players and officers of the County Board.

Welcoming the teams Chairperson of the Barr's Marie O'Sullivan paid special mention to the St Finbarr's players who contributed to the counties success. Linda O'Connell and Orla O'Sullivan had paid vital roles in the Junior success whilst Gemma O'Connor gave great displays in the minor teams victory. Miss O'Sullivan thanked all the people in the Barr's who are working within the club to promote camogie and paid tribute to the hurling and football club within St Finbarr's for their continued support.

Mr Val O'Riordan, President St Finbarr's Hurling and Football club also welcomed the guests and made presentations to the Cork selectors and to the St Finbarr's players on the panel.

Meanwhile, Glen Rovers get ready to celebrate their Golden Jubilee.

Plans are under way in Glen Rovers Camogie Club to celebrate a unique event within the history of the famous club. The celebrations are being organised to honour the team of 1950 who brought the club its first Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title when they defeated Blackrock. The committee have set a date of Thursday, April 27 as the night players will gather for a nostalgic look back. Not only is it a night for the team of 1950 but the club intends to make it a reunion of all Glen Rovers Camogie players who may have worn the green, black and yellow since the clubs formation. The call is going out to all players, ex-players, members, family and supporters to come along and enjoy the night. Tickets for the function which will be held at the clubs magnificent sports complex are available from any club officer or at the Glen Rovers Club bar any evening.

# National Camogie Congress

National Camogie Congress takes place on March 25th & 26th. It will be hosted by Tyrone in the Glenavon hotel, Cookstown. Phyllis Breslin, Dublin will come to the end of her three year term as Uachtaran.

Patricia Rafferty also from Dublin contested the last election and will be a strong contender this time. She started her camogie career with Mean Scoil Naomh Joseph, Mountjoy Street, Dublin. After leaving school she joined Eoghan Ruadh and played at junior, intermediate and senior level, winning senior county championship and league medals in 1967, '68 and '69. Pat won an All-Ireland club championship with Eoghan Ruadh in 1967. She added an All-Ireland junior medal with Dublin in 1971 and played with Trinity College in the Ashbourne Cup in 1973/74. She has served as Cathaoirleach agus Runai of Dublin Junior Board and County Board, and spent three years as Cathaoirleach of Comhairle Laighean where she is currently Leas Cathaoirleach and Ardcomhairle delegate. Pat was also Runai Comhairle Laighean during the '70s and was a candidate for the position of Ardrunai when the position became vacant in 1975, losing by just one vote to Seosaimhin Nic Uaidrich. This lady is currently a member of the National Administration Committee and has a vast knowledge of all aspects of the Association and would undoubtedly make an excellent President.

All-Ireland Colleges semi-finals

Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy 1-7

St. Mary's Charleville 2-4

Colaiste Bride and St. Mary's must meet again to decide a place in the All-Ireland Junior A Colleges final when they played a draw in the semi-final played on Saturday last. It was a fast skilful game between two evenly matched sides. St. Mary's the holders led 2-4 to 1-5 at the break, but they failed to score in the second half. Two points by Catherine O'Loughlin gave her side a second bite at the cherry. Scorers: Colaiste Bride: Ciara O'Connor 1-1, Caoimhe Harrington 0-4, Catherine O'Loughlin 0-2.

St. Mary's: Joanne Quinn 2-0, Aoife Sheehan 0-2

Seamount, Kinvara 5-9 St. Mary's Magherafelt 2-2

Seamount Kinvara had a comprehensive victory over St. Mary's Magherafelt in the other Junior A semi-final played at Kinvara. St. Mary's had little answer for Kinvara's Emma Kilkenny and her scoring ability.

Scorers: Kinvara: Emma Kilkenny 5-5, Miriam Kearns 0-3, Pamela Huban 0-1. St. Mary's: Catherine McAuley 2-0, Catherine McCann and Paula Bell 0-1 each.

Presentation Kilkenny 2-6, St Joseph's Borrisoleigh 2-3

Presentation, Kilkenny are through to the Junior B final when they had three points to spare over St. Joseph's Borrisoleigh in this semi-final played at Presentation Grounds. The winners led 1-2 to 0-1 at the break.

St. Joseph's came more into the game in the second half with goals by Michelle Coffey and Geraldine Kinnane.

However, it was Presentation star Maria O'Connor, a niece of former Kilkenny stalwart Bridie McGarry that took her side to victory in the end.

Scorers: Presentation: Marie O'Connor 1-5, Louise Rafter 1-0, Caroline O'Dowd 0-1.

St. Joseph's: Geraldine Kinnane 1-1, Michelle Coffey 1-0, Mellisa Stapleton 0-2.

In the other Junior B semi-final Holy Rosary, Mounthelaw had one point to spare over St. Patrick's, Keady 1-5 to 1-4.

Carlow had a good win over Tyrone in this Junior League tie played at Derrylaughan on Sunday last. Goals by Valerie Crean (2) and Olivia Maye (1) gave the winners a 3-4 to 0-4 lead at the break. Tyrone found it hard to close down a strong Carlow attack. Final score: Carlow 5-8 Tyrone 1-4.

Scorers: Carlow: Valerie Crean 2-5, Nuala Quirk and Olivia Maye 1-1 each, Aisling Daly 1-0, Marie Sheehan 0-1.

Tyrone: Dolores Hughes 1-1, Julie Lagan, Ciara O'Hanlon and Mave McGuirk 0-1 each.

Referee - Eithne Hanson, Derry



Patricia Rafferty who is a nominee for the position of President of the Camogie Association

# Tom looks for number 20

It might be 12 years since Tom Nott last ran out onto a hurling pitch in the 1988 Senior Hurling League final with Na Piarsaigh, but he still plays the game brilliantly, even if from the sideline, as manager of the Cork senior camogie team.

This year, he will lead his charges in search of their 20th All-Ireland title.

Amazingly, he has overseen seven of their 19 wins, a very proud record to which few managers can aspire.

It all began in 1978, when in his first year in charge of the county side, he brought Cork their 11th All-Ireland.

Two years later another followed, and then back to back wins in 82 and 83.

Tom recalls with great ease big names from that era: Pat Maloney, Marie Costine, Mary

## VIEW FROM THE GROUND with THERESE O'CALLAGHAN



O'Leary, Marie Mackey, Cathy Landers and Martha Kearney in particular, were all brilliant players, he says.

He added that if Martha had not emigrated she would have been a great asset to any team.

Then, after an absence of 11 years, Tom got involved again in 1995 when he took over from Joe McGrath and Con Malone.

Those trainers were terribly unlucky to come up against a very strong Kilkenny side which swept all before them.

Cork did get back on track, however, in 92 and 93 and under Tom won further titles in 95, 97 and 98.

The very mention of Kilkenny moves us onto the present bunch.

The focus is most definitely on this year's first round championship involving those old rivals.

Last year is still a bitter pill to swallow, even though the manager has no hesitation in saying we were beaten by a better team on the day.

So, what's in store for this year?

"We are not pushing too hard at the moment," he said.

"It's just necessary to keep the players ticking over as a lot of them are involved with club and second/third level colleges.

"Our aim is to qualify for the league semi-final, which we now look like doing after wins over Down and Galway," he added.

"In a little over three months, Cork and Kilkenny will meet the first round of this season's championship.

"They will be very hard to beat, and will have all the advantages but if we are good enough on the day, we will beat them."

Tom is a manager, friend, confidant and adviser to a squad who are endeavouring to script another chapter in the history of Cork camogie.



# Convincing wins for Cork's seniors and juniors



Clash of the ash: Cork's Eithne Duggan and Mary Burke under pressure from Galway's Lourda Kavanagh and Veronica Curtin during the National Senior Camogie League at Pairc Uí Rinn yesterday.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

## Leesiders top of section after hard fought victory

Cork 4-7  
Galway 2-6

A LIVELY senior National League Division One encounter at Pairc Uí Rinn saw Cork finish winners to go top of their section after a tough hour's hurling.

Leading two points to one, eight minutes into the opening half, the Leesiders got a dream start when the alert Una O'Donoghue hand passed to the net after goalie Louise Curry had blocked Fiona O'Driscoll's initial shot.

Stretching their lead, the National League Champions had further points from O'Driscoll and Elaine Burke.

Galway found themselves further in trouble mid way through the half when Sinead O'Callaghan's long-range attempt dropped over the head of goalie Louise Curry. Sharon Glynn did spark a Galway revival when she blasted the 20m free to the net but back came Cork with Sinead O'Callaghan setting Una O'Donoghue for her second goal and when Caoimhe Harrington with one minute remaining brushed aside the Galway defence to goal, Cork were rampant leading 4-4 to 1-1 at the break. Inside five minutes of the second-half, the sides had exchanged points and with Fiona O'Driscoll in the seventh and ninth minute pointing to stretch Cork's lead further, Galway looked in trouble. A shrewd move by the Galway selectors saw them switching Sharon Glynn to full forward and introducing substitute Therese Maher. She made her mark on proceedings with two well taken points in the 11th and 13th minute. With their defence now closing down the Cork attack, Galway's confidence grew. A 14th minute Sharon Glynn goal



Cork's Ruth Cahalan and Galway's Karen Ryan tussle for the ball during the National Junior Camogie League at Pairc Uí Rinn.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

following a mistake by the Cork defence brought Galway back into contention. Two points from Sharon Glynn narrowed the gap further and indeed Cork can consider themselves lucky when first Sharon Glynn and then Orla Kilkenny missed some glorious goal chances towards the end.

Scorers: Cork: Una O'Donoghue, 2-0; Fiona O'Driscoll 0-4 (3 from free); Caoimhe Harrington 1-1; S. O'Callaghan 1-0; Vivienne Harris 0-1 (free); Elaine Burke 0-1; Galway: S. Glynn 2-2 (1-2 from free); T. Maher 0-2; L. Kavanagh, C. Nevin 0-1.  
CORK: C. Keohane, D. Cronin, E. Duggan, M. Burke, H. Walsh, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes, V. Harris (capt), U. Troy, P. O'Connor, C. Harrington, S. O'Callaghan, U. O'Donoghue, F. O'Driscoll, E. Burke. Subs: L. Kelleher for M. Burke, R. Maloney for U. O'Donoghue, L. Melleirick for H. Walsh.

GALWAY: L. Curry (capt), D. Coen, A. Broderick, A. Kelly, M. Haverty, P. Nevin, F. Healy, T. Laheen, A. Hardiman, C. Nevin, S. Glynn, S. Hannon, L. Kavanagh, V. Curtin, O. Kilkenny. Subs: S. Tannian for C. Nevin, T. Maher for A. Hardiman, M. Glynn for L. Kavanagh.

Ref: J. Morrissey (Tipperary)

Cork 2-11  
Galway 1-2

FIELDING just six of their All-Ireland winning side, Cork juniors proved much to strong for Galway in the opening game at Pairc Uí Rinn yesterday.

Cork got proceedings off to a start with a Karen O'Sullivan point after just two minutes. Good play from Cork saw Ellen O'Herlihy break through for her sides opening goal midway through the half.

Five minutes later, Claire Conroy opened the Galway account with pointed free.

Five minutes from the interval, Conroy again upset the Cork defence when she beat Ger Casey in the Cork goal to leave it 1-5 to 1-1 at the

break.  
Cork dominated the second half with scores from Ellen O'Herlihy, Mary Ennaguess and Karen O'Sullivan.

Scorers: Cork: E. O'Herlihy 1-2, L. Murphy 0-4 (free), K. O'Sullivan 0-3, V. O'Sullivan 1-0, O. O'Sullivan and M. Ennaguess 0-1 each. Galway: C. Conroy 1-1, O. Curtin 0-1.  
CORK: G. Casey, N. O'Mahony, N. Ahern, C. O'Gorman, L. O'Connell, R. Cahalan, A. Kelleher, M. O'Connell, V. O'Keefe, K. O'Sullivan, O. O'Sullivan, N. Goulding, L. Murphy, E. O'Herlihy, V. O'Sullivan. Sub: M. Ennaguess for N. O'Mahony.

GALWAY: Y. Bradley, L. Fahy, A. McNamara, E. Burke, T. Kealy, K. Huban, N. Coleman, K. Ryan, S. Mannion, N. Kingston, M. Mahony, C. Conroy, P. Carriga, O. Curtin, D. Gilchrist. Subs: L. Fahy for T. Kealy, A. Lane for K. Huban, S. Kennedy for N. Coleman.  
Ref: R. Kelleher (Limerick)

### CAMOGIE

National SL - Cork 4-7, Galway 2-6; Antrim 3-5, Clare 2-7; Dublin 1-10, Limerick 1-6; Wexford 1-4, Down 1-3; Derry 5-11, Armagh 3-4, Tipperary 1-13. Kilkenny 0-5; National JL - Cork 2-11, Galway 1-2; Dublin 0-5, Limerick 0-1; Wexford 3-5, Down 2-1; Derry 4-8, Armagh 3-2; Tipperary 3-9, Offaly 1-3; Roscommon 2-6, Carlow 1-6; Kildare 0-9, Cavan 1-1.

### Camogie

Derry opened their camogie season in impressive form with a comfortable 3-12 to 0-7 victory over a disappointing Armagh side yesterday.

Martina Mulholland and Claire McNicholl shared the first half scoring honours with 0-6 and 1-3 respectively while Aisling Kealey grabbed the other Derry goal in a 2-9 to 0-1 half-time scoreline.

Mary O'Kane's second half goal kept Derry in control despite a good fightback by Armagh which yielded five points for Mary Black.

Derry scorers: C. McNicholl 1-3, M. O'Kane 1-0, A. Kealey 1-0, M. Mulholland 0-6, P. McAtamney 0-1.  
Armagh scorers: M. Black 0-6, A. Conroy 0-1.

St Mary's Magherafelt were caught cold in their All-Ireland Schools' Junior A semi-final on Saturday in Kinvara and eventually lost 5-9 to 2-2.

The home side's full-forward Emma Kilkelly buried four first half-goals and along with Miriam Kearns shot seven points against Catherine McAuley's goal for the Ulster title-holders.

St Mary's regrouped at half-time, placed Karen and Catherine Higgins on the two dangerous score-takers and held Kinvara to level scores, 1-2 each, during the second half. Kinvara will have to wait until next Saturday to discover the identity of their final opponents as the second semi-final ended level.

In the B championship, St Patrick's Keady were very unlucky going down by a single point to 1997 A winners Holy Rosary Convent Mountbellew, 1-5 to 1-4.

Magherafelt scorers: C. McAuley 2-0, P. Bell 0-1, C. McCann 0-1.

Kinvara scorers: E. Kilkelly 5-4, M. Kearns 0-4, P. Huban 0-1.

Keady scorers: Michelle McGuigan 1-0, B. O'Farrell, L. Lavery, C. Coniskey and C. Kinsella 0-1 each.



# College tame St Pat's in semis

CIT  
St Pat's (Dublin)

4-10  
1-7

CORK Institute of Technology's run of success continued with a cracking win over Purcell Cup finalists St. Pat's Dublin in the Division Two league semi-final.

With home advantage, CIT got the dream start within two minutes when Orla O'Sullivan crashed home the game's first goal.

With their centre-field of Louise Murphy, Sinead Buckley and Valerie O'Keeffe dominating, CIT dictated from the throw-in.

With their inside line enjoying maximum possession and forcing the St. Pat's defence to foul, CIT converted the resulting frees.

Leading 2-8 to 0-4 at the interval, the Cork girls continued the pace through the second-half. With Emer O'Sullivan dominating at centre-back and goalie Gillian Coleman in top form, St. Pat's found the going tough.

Orla O'Sullivan goaled before Paula O'Connor and Karen O'Sullivan pointed to put CIT well in front where they stayed to the final whistle.

A highly successful inter divisional U-15 blitz on St. Patrick's day saw Muskerry and Carrigdhoun qualify for the final at St Finbarr's which ended in victory for Muskerry on a scoreline of 3-7 to 2-3.

## Sections

Earlier in the day at Glen Rovers and Ballyanley two sections were held, with Seandún, Carrigdhoun and Carbery in action at Glen Rovers and Imokilly, Muskerry and Avondu playing at Ballyanley.

Three games in each section saw Muskerry and Carrigdhoun win through to the final. Both sides faced into their fourth game of the day as they lined up to decide the destination of the O'Sullivan Cup.

Muskerry made the early running with goals from Breige Corkery and Ciara Murphy and points from Treasa McCarthy and Joan Twomey. Carrigdhoun replied with points from Catriona Kelly and Sarah O'Donovan to leave Muskerry in control at the break 2-2 to 0-2.

Two points inside the opening five minutes stretched Muskerry's lead before Sarah O'Donovan and Catriona Kelly's goals put just two points between the sides.

Muskerry responded magnificently and a Clodagh Crowley goal was quickly followed up by points from Joan Twomey, Breige Corkery (2) and Michelle O'Regan to give the Mid Cork divisional side the title.

# Cork's junior side demolish Galway in one-sided contest



Cork player Mary Burke is tackled by Galway's Carmel Hannon, Lourda Kavanagh and Veronica Curtin. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

# Galway are kept at bay by Rebels

Cork  
Galway

4-7  
2-6

## Magic Moments

CURRENT Kilkenny senior star Sinead Millea, her sister Tracy and father Joe all have won All-Ireland senior medals with Kilkenny.

**A** lively hour's camogie saw Cork remain top of Division One of the Senior National League but not before having to withstand a strong Galway rally at the end of an entertaining contest.

The league champions opened the scoring after one minute with a point from Caoimhe Harrington, converting a free.

Settling quickly, Cork dominated and were rewarded when Una O'Donoghue hand passed to the net after Fiona O'Driscoll's attempt for a point was blocked by Louise Curry.

Sharon Glynn rallied her side when she blasted a 20 metres free to the net but Cork's reply was instant.

Now under severe pressure, Galway were struggling and when Caoimhe Harrington had Cork's fourth goal on the half-time whistle it gave her side a comfortable 4-4 to 1-1 interval lead.

A master move by the Galway back room team saw Therese Maher introduced as a substitute and a tiring Sharon Glynn moved to full-forward where she

proceeded to cause all sorts of problems for the Cork defence.

Cork weathered the storm but can be thankful for a solid first-half performance which carried them through.

The opening game at Paire Uí Rinn saw the All-Ireland Junior champions win 2-11 to 1-2 despite only fielding five of their championship winning side.

Cork were never troubled by a Galway team who failed to come to grips with their opponents. Leading 1-5 to 1-1 at the break, the Cork girls continued to dominate throughout the second half and indeed such was their dominance that they managed to hold Galway to a single point score with just three minutes re-



Cork's Ruth Cahalan and Galway's Karen Ryan tussle during the National Junior Camogie League game at Paire Uí Rinn.

maining on the clock.

Scorers - Cork: U O'Donoghue 2-0, F O'Driscoll 0-4, (0-3 frees) C Harrington 1-1 S O'Callaghan 1-0 V Harris 0-1 (free) E Burke 0-1.

Galway: S Glynn 1-1 (1-2 frees) T Maher 0-2 L Kavanagh and C Nevin 0-1 ea. Cork: C Keoghane, S Cronin, E Duggan, M Burke, M O'Connor, S Hayes, V Harris (C) U Troy, P O'Connor, C Harrington, S O'Callaghan, U O'Donoghue, F O'Driscoll, M Burke.

Subs: L Kelleher for M Burke, R Moloney for U O'Donoghue, L Mollerick for H Walsh.

Subs: S Tannion for C Nevin, T Maher for a Hardiman, M Glynn for L Kavanagh. Ref: John Morrissey, Tipperary.

Junior Teams

Scorers - Cork: - E O'Herlihy 1-2, L Murphy 0-4, K O'Sullivan 0-3, V O'Sullivan 1-0, O O'Sullivan and M Ennequess 0-1 each.

Galway: C Conroy 1-1, O Curtin 0-1. Cork: G Casey, N O'Mahony, N Ahern, C O'Gorman, L O'Connell, R Cahalan, A Kelleher, M O'Connell, V O'Keeffe, O O'Sullivan, N Goulding, L Murphy, E O'Herlihy, V O'Sullivan.

Subs: M Ennequess for N O'Mahony. Galway: Y Bradley, L Fahy, D Burke, T Kealy, K Huban, N Coleman, K Ryan, S Mannion, M O'Mahony, C Conroy, P Carragh, O Curtin, D Gilchrist. Subs: S Kennedy for T Kealy, L Fahy for K Huban, A Lane, G for N Coleman.

# Valley ready for tie

VALLEY Rovers and Barryroe face each other in the Under-18 Championship semi-final while Cloughduv and Aghabullogue meet in the other semi-final.

Against the Barrs Valley's Jennie O'Leary made a personal contribution of 4-3 to her side's total and if allowed the same freedom on Sunday will cause major headaches for the Valley Rovers defence.

Elaine Burke who at the moment is in scoring form both at club and county level, turned in a great first-half display in her side's quarter-final win.

She had three points on the scoreboards inside 10 minutes to give Valley Rovers an early advantage.

**FIXTURES**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 25**  
All-Ireland Colleges Junior (A) semi-final replay: St Mary's Charleville v Colaiste Bríd Ennisceorthy, Newcestown, 2pm.

**SUNDAY MARCH 26**  
Under-18 Championship semi-finals: Barryroe v Valley Rovers, Newcestown, 12.30pm; Cloughduv v Aghabullogue, Ballyanley, 6.30pm.



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Cork Juniors who were in action against Galway on Sunday, from left to right: Sinéad Buckley, Ger Casey, Criona Harte.



**Camogie:**

A nice double for Cork over Galway in Senior and Junior on Sunday last and with only Wexford to play in both grades, the two teams look set to qualify for the knockout stages of the competition.

In the Junior game, Ger Casey dealt capably with what little she got to do, while Ellen O'Herlihy and Ruth Cahalane also played well. I must confess I was disappointed with Galway who have had some success at Minor level in the last few years and should have been better.

The Senior game produced a much tighter contest as Galway mounted a strong comeback inspired by substitute Threasa Maher and the hard working Sharon Glynn who caused problems when moved to full-forward.

Una O'Donoghue got two great goals, Fiona O'Driscoll also played well and it was good to see Linda Mellerick return to action for her first outing since the All-Ireland semi-final back in August.

Saturday in Newtownshandrum at 2 oc St Marys Charleville re-play their All-Ireland Junior semi-final with Colaiste Brid from Enniscorthy.

In the Under 18 C'ship two games on Sunday at 12.30 in Newcestown - Barryroe play Valley Rovers while at 6.30 in Ballyanly Cloughduv meet Aghaballogue.



Cork's Caoimhe Harrington get her shot in despite Galway pressure during their National Senior Camogie League tie at Pairc Ui Rinn. Cork won the game 4-7 to 2-6. Full report in Wednesday's Grassroots. Picture: Eddie O'Hare.

**Region strong in camogie**

BALLYHEA Camogie Club held their annual general meeting on Saturday night last.

Chairperson, Augusta Waters, welcomed the members and spoke of the great strength of Camogie in the North Cork Region. She thanked all who helped in any way during the past year and hoped for further success in the coming year.

Eileen Garvey, secretary, presented a very detailed report. The financial Report was presented by Kathleen Byrnes.

**Officers:** President, Fr C O'Shea PP; chairperson, Geraldine Coleman; vice-chairman, John O'Brien; hon secretary, Eileen Garvey; treasurer, Ereda Duane; PRG, Margaret Morrissey. **Committee:** Augusta Waters, Kathleen Byrnes, David Garvey, John Morris, Helen Mossko, Deirdre Dune and Amy Morrissey.

# Obituaries

**NOREEN DUGGAN (CORK)**

Noreen Duggan from Castlemartyr was an outstanding camogie player in the 1950's. She played for Castlemartyr before going on to win a county medal with Dungourney in 1950. In 1951 she won a senior medal with Imokilly and, having joined Blackrock, she won senior medals in 1952 and 1954. In the latter final, Noreen scored 3-1 against Glen Rovers. She played with Cork from 1954 to 1959 winning 4 Munster medals and scored 5-3 against Tipperary as the Rebel girls proved their superiority in Munster. Noreen played in the All-Ireland finals of 1955 and 1956 but Cork were beaten in both.



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# Camogie

## congress this weekend

*President Sir Dr. Mearns in her very comprehensive report on the state of the game has much to say about the future of the game and the Association general. He has been tireless in his efforts to obtain information and to bring that information to the public through as many channels as possible.*

*At all times, he has put the interests of the game first, and has been a constant presence at all functions, meetings, and functions, presenting the best possible image of Cumann Camogaiochta na hGael.*

Most Motions relate to the playing rules changes. This congress will have to decide whether the 15 players aside will continue or whether we revert back to 12 players. Connacht Council propose that the 15 players aside continue for the years 2001 and 2002. Dublin propose 15 players with three substitutions while Tipperary, Kilkenny, Wexford and Laois want five substitutions. Dublin, Tipperary, Antrim and Kilkenny propose an advantage rule be implemented. Connacht Council recommend that a Committee be set up to investigate the feasibility of London playing in the Connacht Championship at Inter-County and Club level.

Side outlines the work done by the various sub committees during the year. The coaching committee has continued with its progress of preparing and presenting various levels of the coaching programme, while the referees committee has continued with its work of having referees trained and assessed.



## St Mary's Unlucky to lose out in night game

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

St Mary's, Charleville  
Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy

2-9  
4-5

WITHOUT doubt, the most remarkable aspect of this absorbing All-Ireland Junior Colleges semi-final replay at Newtownshandrum on Saturday was the refusal of either side to wilt, resulting in an extraordinary game of camogie that had to be decided after extra-time. The lead changed hands on six occasions, and the greatest pity of all was that there had to be a loser, as two superbly fit and well-drilled teams battled for a final placing.

After a tentative start, dominated by free-takers Aoife Sheehan and Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, two goals from the visitors' Catherine O'Loughlin and Claire O'Connor, within seven minutes of the re-start, added the pace considerably.

### Scandal!

It was a game of many twists and turns, with the visitors leading 2-9 to 4-5 at the end of the first half. The game was a tactical battle, with both teams showing great skill and determination. The visitors' goals were a result of excellent teamwork and individual brilliance. The game was a true test of the players' skills and endurance.

## Classy Joseph's make am



# Camogie

## congress this weekend

**A**rd Runai Sile De Bhailis in her very comprehensive report states that An Comhdhall Bhlantuil has much to debate which is of particular significance to the future of our Association. Many changes could take place in several areas including the game itself, competition structure, overall development areas affected by An Chomhairle Spóirt Policies and the nature of our link with Cumann Luthchleas Gael. These and many other issues require careful thought as does the manner in which change should be affected, if they are to benefit the Associations as a whole. She congratulated the winners of the various competitions, Tipperary in the last senior championship final of the Century won the O'Duffy Cup for the first time, while Clare became the only county to win the Intermediate Championship for the third time.

Cork secured the Junior, Minor and National senior league, while Derry took Junior League honours for the first time. Granagh Ballingarry won the club championship and Munster and Leinster shared Gael Linn Honours.

All 'Player of the match Awards' went to Munster except for the Junior Gael Linn which was won by Lizzie Lyng, Kilkenny. The list of winners was completed by Senior Gael Linn - Fiona O'Driscoll, Cork; Senior Championship - Deirdre Hughes, Tipperary; Intermediate - Marie Collins, Clare; Junior - Geraldine Casey, Cork; Minor - Eimear Dillon, Cork; Club Championship - Eileen O'Brien, Limerick.

Sile outlines the work done by the various sub committees during the year. The coaching committee has continued with its progress of preparing and presenting various levels of the coaching programme, while Ard Chomhairle is continuing with its policy of having two additional trainee tutors attending NCTC each year. The Administration Committee also continues with its work presenting courses for all units.

The Fixtures Committee drew up the Fixtures Schedule for all the years Competitions and appointed referees. Some changes were introduced in the zoning of the National Leagues and the timing of the Junior League.

A Referees Committee was appointed during the year and we look forward to hearing its proposals regarding future development in this area.

The Competitions Committee recently submitted its report to Ard Chomhairle for consideration. It is a thought provoking report which merits full and lengthy consideration.

Sile paid great tribute to PJ Fulham who is not seeking re-election to the position of PRO, a position he held for eight years. She says PJ has worked extremely hard and with

great commitment in the cause of gaining increased publicity for our game and for the Association general. He has been tireless in his efforts to obtain information and to bring that information to the public through as many channels of communication as possible.

PJ has, at all times, portrayed our Association in the best possible light, ever conscious of the image created.

Sile continues that An t-Uachtarán Fileas Ni Bhreaslain has completed her three years. During her term, Fileas has given unstintingly of her time whether it be to meetings throughout the Association, Seminars, Business meetings, functions, travelling or to look after her fellow officers. She has given leadership, has acted with courage and has always sought to present the best possible image of Cumann Camogaiachta na nGael.

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Sile De Bhailis (centre) plays her part on All-Ireland final day

## St Mary's unlucky to lose out in tight game

By THERESA O'CALLAGHAN

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Colaiste Bride, Enniscorthy 4-5

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### Standstill

Marie Watson, who played herself to a standstill, worked hard for the Cork girls opening goal at the three-quarter stage, which put them back in the lead by a mere point.

Ursula Jacob and top scorer, Sheehan exchanged points, and it was outstanding captain, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick who rifled over the equalising score on the stroke of full time.

The first period of extra-time continued at a blistering pace. With Brona Furlong inspirational, two goals in as many minutes from Deirdre Codd helped the Wexford students turn over four points in front and gain control.

However, with Charleville's Sinead McAuliffe lording it at midfield, a magnificent piece of play from Marie Watson resulted in a terrific goal with 10 minutes remaining.

Enniscorthy clung desperately to their one point lead.

Fitzpatrick stretched it to two, and in doing so, secured a first ever final appearance for her school in two weeks time against Galway side, Kinvara.

## Enniscorthy girls reach final and avenge previous defeats

St. Mary's (Charleville) 2-9  
Colaiste Brid (Enniscorthy) 4-5  
(after extra-time)

by Tom Higgins

THIS was a nail biting All-Ireland Junior School camogie championship semi-final replay at Newtownshandrum, Co. Cork on Saturday in which Colaiste Brid from Enniscorthy came out on top by two points.

Having been beaten by St. Mary's in two All-Ireland senior finals in the past it proved

third time lucky for the Wexford girls who by winning this game will now contest their first ever junior decider against Seamount (Kinvara).

Both sides produced a total of only five points in the first half, three to St. Mary's and two to Colaiste Brid.

However when Catherine O'Loughlin goaled for the Wexford girls, from a pass by Ursula Jacob four minutes into the second half the game really came to life. After St. Mary's top scorer Aoife Sheehan had cut the deficit to a point, 1-2 to 0-4, St. Mary's looked to be very much back in it. However their joy was short

lived as Ciara O'Connor shot home from another Jacob pass to stretch the winners lead to four points.

But St. Mary's were not downhearted and they upped the tempo of their game and two points, one from a free, by Aoife Sheehan and a great goal from Mary Watson put the home side a point in front. However Ursula Jacob levelled three minutes from time and although Aoife Sheehan regained the lead for St. Mary's coming up to full time a free by Caoimhe Fitzpatrick sent the game into ten minutes each way extra time, 1-7 to 2-4.

## at the hands of St Mary's

St. Mary's struck first in the opening minutes of extra time with a point from Elaine O'Riordan but two goals in the space of three minutes from Deirdre Codd put Colaiste Brid in a good position at the end of the first period of extra time, 4-4 to 1-9, Aoife Sheehan having the last St. Mary's last of the half with a point from a free.

But Marie Watson, with her second goal of the game, put the cat amongst the pigeons a minute into the second period of extra time to make it 4-4 to 2-9 and all the play for. However although St. Mary's tried hard to get that equalising point it did not come and Colaiste Brid fin-

ished the stronger with Caoimhe Fitzpatrick scoring the final point to give her side a two points win, 4-5 to 2-9.

Scorers: St. Mary's: A. Sheehan 0-8 (0-3 frees; 0-1 "30"), M. Watson 2-0, E. O'Riordan 0-1. Colaiste Brid: D. Codd 2-0, C. Fitzpatrick 0-4 (frees), C. O'Loughlin 1-0, C. O'Connor 1-0, U. Jacob 0-1. ST. MARY'S (CHARLEVILLE): E. Linehan; A. McCarthy; A. Geary, D. Hayes (captain), K. Potter; A. O'Brien, A. Sheehan, S. McAuliffe; I. Sexton, M. Watson, E. Watson; J. Quinn. Sub: E. O'Riordan for J. Quinn (39th minute).

COLAISTE BRID (ENNISCORTHY): C. Simon; M. Lucey; A. Hogan, C. Fitzpatrick (captain); Linda Codd; J. O'Leary; R. Walsh, B. Furlong; C. O'Connor; C. O'Loughlin, D. Codd; U. Jacob. Sub: Louise Codd for R. Walsh.

Referee: N. O'Connor (Newcastlewest).



# Classy Joseph's make amends

ST. JOSEPH'S, BORRISOLEIGH  
Kinsale Community College

4-11  
1-8.

ST. JOSEPH'S, Borrisoleigh, beaten finalists last year, made amends when taking the Munster Colleges Intermediate League title at Ballingarry last Friday.

Kinsale, with wind advantage in the opening half, held an early advantage through Maura O'Regan's well taken goal.

But the Tipperary side settled quickly and four unanswered points from Louise Young, Niamh Harkin and Joanne Ryan edged them ahead.

Inspired by county players Niamh Harkin, Ger Kinnane and Melissa Stapleton, St. Joseph's assumed control and goals from Niamh Harkin and Louise Young gave them a 2-6 to 1-5 half-time lead.

St. Joseph's continued to lord matters after the re-start and goals from Harkin and Ger Kinnane put the gloss on an impressive victory.

Cork senior Una O'Donoghue turned on the style as Cloughdun swept aside Aghabullogue to claim a final spot last Sunday.

Ahead by 2-3 at half-time, thanks to two O'Donoghue goals, the Cloughdun girls were always in control in the second half, emerging 2-6 to 0-0 victors.

Jennie O'Leary rowed in with five points and Marie Moloney bagged 1-2 as Barryroe overcame Valley Rovers by 2-9 to 1-3.

St. Mary's Charleville surrendered their All Ireland Colleges Junior A crown, losing out in extra-time to Colaiste Brid (Enniscorthy) by 4-5 to 2-9.

The holders, who led three points to two at half-time, were rocked four minutes into the second half when Catherine O'Loughlin goalied.

An Aoife Sheehan point cut the deficit but Wexford responded in style with a second goal from Ciara O'Connor.

Points from Sheehan saw St. Mary's cut the deficit and a Marie Watson goal gave them the lead.

Ursula Jacobs levelled matters before Sheehan and Caoimhe Fitzpatrick exchanged scores to sent the game into extra-time.

A fine Elaine O'Riordan point gave St. Mary's an early advantage but two goals in the space of three minutes from Deirdre Codd put the Wexford girls in the driving seat coming up to the break.

St. Mary's rallied again and a Marie Watson goal put them back in contention but the Wexford side held firm and a point from Caoimhe Fitzpatrick saw them progress to their first junior final where they will meet Seamount Kinvara.

## Cork juniors must face resurgent Wexford in tough game



The Seandún U-15 team who participated in the recent inter-divisional camogie blitz.

# Seniors seeking a semi final spot

**S**ITTING top of the pile on full points from two games played, the Cork senior side contest the last game in their section, where a win will guarantee them a semi-final slot.

The juniors also have full points from two played as do their opponents Wexford. Therefore the result here will decide who they meet in the quarter-finals as both sides look set to advance.

The senior game will recall for many Cork's opening game in last year's championship when they proved much too strong for a poor Wexford side.

In the opening game of the league they lost out to Galway, who later made Cork fight all the way in a tough game.

Only one point separated Down and Wexford, while Cork totally demolished the northerners.

A defeat is something Wexford will want to avoid at any cost as it would finish their interest in the latter stages of the league, and while Cork looked far from impressive for long periods in their outing with Galway, they look strong enough to take the spoils and book a semi-final spot.

The junior game is a hard one to call. Wexford recorded a good win over Galway and Down, as did Cork. Presently the Cork back

## MAGIC MOMENTS

THE late Anna Crotty was a player of natural ability. Anna's inter-county career spanned from 1952 to 1970 where she won her only All-Ireland medal. After retiring she became a selector for Cork and Glen Rovers senior teams and was president of her club Glen Rovers.

room team istrying out new players, only fielding five of their All-Ireland winning team in both league outings.

Wexford have, in recent times, seen two Feile na nGael titles come to the county whilst Colleges camogie within the county is also on a high with Colaiste Brid through to the junior final.

### Interesting

With many of these players lining out with the county junior side it makes for an interesting opening game on Sunday.

The curtain comes down on the U-18 championship when Cloughdun and Barryroe meet in the final. It's a meeting that will



Rosie Holland lines out for Barryroe in the U-18 county final next Wednesday.

draw a large crowd as both sides strive to put their names on the trophy.

Barryroe have, at under age level, produced some excellent players the most notable being Rosie Holland, Jennifer O'Leary and Karen McCarthy who won All-Ireland honours last season.

In their last outing Jennifer O'Leary notched up some vital scores and will be one to watch. The side is coached by Martin Moloney and Tony McCarthy.

Cloughdun hold a trump card in senior inter-county

player Una O'Donoghue whose contribution of 2-3 in their semi-final set them on the road to victory.

It's a tight one to call but on form one has to give the nod to Cloughdun.

### FIXTURES

**SATURDAY APRIL 1**  
Cork Colleges Under 14 v Kilkenny Under 14, Ballygblin, 1pm

**SUNDAY APRIL 2**  
Senior and Junior National Leagues: Cork v Wexford at Caherlag - junior match 1.30pm, senior 2.45pm.

**Under 16 B League:** Mayfield v Kildorrery, Mayfield, 12 noon; Ballyhea v Newcestown, Ballyhea, 2pm.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 5**  
Under 18 Championship Final: Cloughdun v Barryroe, 6pm, venue to be arranged.

## Pat's at the helm

DELEGATES made the long journey north last weekend to Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, for National Congress.

Highlight of congress was the election of a new president, with the outgoing Phylis Breslin having completed her three year term.

Congress was addressed by GAA President Joe McDonagh whilst the guest speaker at the dinner on Saturday was Martin McGuinness.

Patricia Rafferty, from Dublin's St. Anne's Club, is the new president.

She brings vast experience to the position having served both at county and national levels.

A winner of All-Ireland championship honours with the Eoghan Ruadh Club, Dublin, in 1967, she is also the holder of an All-Ireland junior medal, won in 1971.

A former chairman of Leinster Council, she is also a member of the National Administration Committee, and has a vast knowledge of all aspects of the Association.





Kenny Hyland



Sr Joan O'Leary



Sandy Fitzgibbon



Ann Pike



Colm O'Connell



Séan O Sé

# CITY TO HONOUR SIX OF THE BEST

SIX outstanding Cork citizens are to be honoured with special millennium awards from the city.

The Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Damian Wallace, has chosen to honour the six, who range from voluntary community workers to

stars in the world of sport.

The six to be honoured are: renowned artist Séan O Sé; 11-year-old Cork Simon volunteer Kenny Hyland; Glen Rovers and Cork camogie star Sandy Fitzgibbon; Sister Joan O'Leary of the Wellsprings Hostel; Ann

By PAUL O'BRIEN

Pike, a volunteer worker with the elderly in Mayfield; and businessman Colm O'Connell of 96 & 103FM, and *Inside Cork*.

They will be the first recipients of the inaugural Lord

Mayor's Awards - which Damian Wallace hopes will become an annual event.

"We are very fortunate to have so many people in this city who have contributed a great deal to others in their own locality. Many people give of their time

and effort to assist others, and this is what makes life in Cork so unique and special," the Lord Mayor stated.

See full story on Cork Lives, Page 4.

## CITY HONOURS SIX CITIZENS



O Se was also a teacher and was principal of Terence McSwiney College in Knocknaheeny.

Sean O Se has become synonymous with the Cork traditional singing scene over the years and just recently, *Leargas* did a documentary on the man who was born in Bantry. O Se was chosen by Sean O Riada to be a member of the well-known *Ceoltoiri Chualainn* in the sixties and the West Corkman was made famous by the song *An Poc ar Buile*. In October last year, Maureen Lynch asked him to sing the Requiem Mass of her late husband Jack.

Sandy Fitzgibbon is one of the county's most outstanding sports stars, excelling at both camogie and basketball. She has represented her country in basketball and has won the National Cup with her club, Blarney. In camogie she holds six All-Ireland senior medals and was captain of the victorious Cork team in 1990. She also has a staggering collection of club honours won with Glen Rovers, and these include county, Munster and All-Ireland titles.

Colm O'Connell is the main figure behind successful local radio stations, 96 and 103FM. The company which runs the stations, Cork Media Enterprises, also acquired the *Inside Cork* newspaper in September of 1998, and is steadily increasing both its circulation and print run, with the result that the weekly paper is carving out its own niche in the Cork newspaper market. O'Connell also received the Cork Chamber of Commerce Company of the Year award in recent weeks on behalf of Cork Media Enterprises.

SIX Cork citizens are to be honoured by the city as a tribute to their excellent work in the community.

As can be seen from the brief biographies on this page, all six are deserving recipients.

The awards are further proof of the Lord Mayor's determination to honour Cork people who have achieved outstanding feats.

He flew in person to Manchester recently to present football heroes Roy Keane and Denis Irwin with mementoes of the city's appreciation for their magnificent deeds on the field of play.

And Lord Mayor Wallace is hopeful that the inaugural Lord Mayor's Awards will now become an annual event. He is hoping to establish a sub-committee during his term of office which would seek to honour a number of deserving Cork citizens each year. "I believe it is extremely appropriate that such commitment, whether in voluntary or community life, business or sports life, should be recognised and honoured," he stated.

Kenny Hyland is an 11-year-old student at Christian Brothers' College who has been honoured for his outstanding work with Cork Simon. Every school day, Kenny collects food and sandwiches left over from lunchtime at his school, and delivers them to Cork Simon's Anderson's Quay complex. As a volunteer, he has also joined in Cork Simon's fundraising and public awareness drives, such as the recent overnight sleepout on Daunt's Square to highlight the plight of the homeless. "Kenny does tremendous work and is a shining example to other young persons," stated Cork Simon Director, Patricia McAllister.

Sister Joan O'Leary is being recognised for her commitment to homeless girls in Cork. As a nurse in the female ward of the Mercy Hospital in the early 1990s, she identified the need for a residential centre for young girls. She left her job and set up Wellsprings which was opened in 1995, and which offers accommodation and care to young girls in need. Already, in the last five years, 62 girls have benefited from the outreach and residential support available through Wellsprings.

Ann Pyke has been involved in voluntary groups all her life, and as founder member of Our Lady Crowned Social Services, she has enhanced the lives of many people in the Mayfield area since its foundation in 1973. As secretary of this group, she co-ordinates the various services including free laundry service, visitation to the sick, regular social events, and several outings each year. She promotes a caring attitude towards the elderly and those in special need, and is a worthy recipient of the award for community services.

## All square in All-Ireland camogie semi despite Sheehan's nine points

Colaiste Bride Enniscorthy  
St Mary's Charleville

4 - 5  
2 - 9

by Paddy Ryan

THE All-Ireland Junior Schools Camogie semi-final at Newtownshandrum on Saturday last finished all square.

Aoife Sheehan, with a free-kick, gave the north Cork side the lead after six minutes. Caoimhe Fitzpatrick levelled in the eight minute. The Rathluiric side edged ahead again when Sheehan pointed another free. Charleville moved two points clear in the 21st minute with a third free-kick by Aoife Sheehan.

Enniscorthy came close to going ahead when a good pass, by Catherine O'Loughlin, was pulled first time by Ursula Jacob with the ball striking the crossbar and rebounding across the field.

In the closing moments of the first half Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, with a pointed free, closed the gap to the minimum at half-time, 0 - 3 to 0 - 2. On the restart Enniscorthy again

looked dangerous up front, and they edged into the lead in the third minute when Caoimhe Fitzpatrick scored a goal putting them 1 - 2 to 0 - 3 ahead.

Aoife Sheehan scored her fourth point for Charleville. Good work by Deirdre Codd, and Ursula Dolan, led to a goal by Ciara O'Connor, leaving it 2 - 2 to 0 - 4. Charleville fought back with two points by Sheehan and a great goal by Marie Watson, after good work by her sister Emer, leaving it 1 - 6 to 2 - 2. Charleville were now ahead by a point. Ursula Jacob levelled with a well-taken score.

Both sides added a pointed free before the final whistle. This brought the sides level for the third time, 1 - 7 to 2 - 4. Extra time was ordered and Charleville had the first score when Elaine O'Riordan pointed after just two minutes. Enniscorthy replied with a goal by Deirdre Codd and followed with a goal by Louise Codd to go 4 - 4 to 1 - 8 in front.

Charleville scored a point in the dying moments of this period, from Aoife Sheehan, making it 4 - 4 to 1 -

9 at half-time. The second half of extra time was very tense. Enniscorthy had just a point, from a free, by team captain Caoimhe Fitzpatrick. Charleville's Marie Watson scored a brilliant goal.

In the very last puck of the game Charleville had a slight chance but the outstanding Aoife Sheehan's attempt at goal, from a tight angle under pressure, went narrowly wide.

Scorers - Colaiste Bride: Caoimhe Fitzpatrick 1 - 4 (free), Clara O'Connor 1 - 0, Deirdre Codd 1 - 0, Louise Codd 1 - 0, Ursula Jacob 0 - 1. St Mary's: Marie Watson 2 - 0, Aoife Sheehan 0 - 9 (0 - 8 free).

COLAISTE BRIDE: Claire Sinnott (Dulart), Mary Lacey (Dulart), Aisling Hogan (Rathluiric), Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Marshallstown), Linda Codd (Duffrey Rovers), Jenny O'Leary (Rathluiric), Ruth Walsh (Monageer), Grainne Furlong (Duffrey Rovers), Clara O'Connor (Rathluiric), Catherine O'Loughlin (Monageer), Deirdre Codd (Duffrey Rovers), Ursula Jacob (Dulart), Sub, Louise Codd (Duffrey Rovers) for Ruth Walsh.

ST MARY'S: Elizabeth Linehan (Milford), Amy McCarthy (Glenagh), Anna Geary (Milford), Karen Potter (Glenagh), Deirdre Hayes (Milford), Aoife Sheehan (Glenagh), Marie Watson (Milford), Sinead McAuliffe (Ballygran), Aisling O'Brien (Glenagh), Imelda Sexton (Milford), Emer Watson (Milford), Joanne Quinn (Churchtown), Sub, Elaine O'Riordan (Milford) for Joanne Quinn. Referee, Noel O'Connor (Newcastlewest).

### CAMOGIE

Barryroe travelled to Newtown on last Sunday morning, where they took on Valley Rovers of Innishannon in the semi-final of the under 18 county championship. After a game which was pretty even up to half time, Barryroe emerged easy winners by 2-9 to 1-3.

### SPORTS STAR

At the annual Bandon Opinion/First Active Sports Star Awards Ceremony held at the Munster Arms Hotel on Friday night, March 24, Geraldine Collins of Barryroe was awarded a Youth Award. Geraldine qualified by virtue of her outstanding performance with club, county and college during 1999. She was a member of the Cork team which won the junior All-Ireland and led the Clonakilty Sacred Heart Secondary School team to All-Ireland victory being the top scorer in all their games.

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## TIPP. CO. CAMOGIE:

### National League's continue

Tipperary takes on Armagh in the second round of the National Camogie League on Sunday 2nd. at the County Camogie pitch, The Ragg.

The Junior team will be first out and while they took full points in the first round just two weeks ago from a much fancied Offaly side, they will now focus all attention in this Armagh game and to add a further two points to their tally.

The senior squad will also face the visitors immediately after the juniors and here too a win would be important at this stage. A time has not yet been decided for either game and will not be available until later in the week, but the possibility is for an early afternoon start. Check with club Secretary's for confirmation.

**Good luck St. Mary's:** This Saturday April 1st, St. Mary's, Nenagh will set their sights on bringing back the All-Ireland senior colleges camogie title when they play the Connacht champions Kinvara, in Ballinasloe in the final and we extend the best of luck to St. Mary's in their chase of this title.

**Results from the weekend games:** - Senior League: Drom-Inch 2-5 - Templemore 2-4. Toomevara 2-8 - Portroe 1-2.

**Intermediate League:** Fethard 0-2 - Moycarkey 0-0.

**Junior B League:** Borrisoleigh 4-7 - Moneygall 3-1. Lorrha 3-14 - Kildangan 1-1.

No games will take place this weekend because of the National League.

## SCHOOLS CAMOGIE:

**Borrisoleigh complete** Munster double: St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, 4-11; Kinsale Community School, 1-8. History was made in Ballingarry, Co. Limerick last Friday when the second Munster title this season went to Borrisoleigh.

The senior team followed the example of the junior team and won the Intermediate League Final in convincing style. The game began with a quick goal from Kinsale which caught the Borrisoleigh backs napping. Deirdre Delaney, Kathleen Kennedy and Therese Maxwell soon settled matters in the backs and Deirdre Delaney in particular was dropping behind picking up all loose balls and driving them down to the forwards.

Borrisoleigh were made to fight very hard for possession, the first half was very closely contested especially with the Kinsale goalie making some dramatic saves. Geraldine Kinnane got past her marker in typical nifty style to get the second goal of the first half. The first goal came from Louise

Young who received a great pass from Joanne Ryan, whose speed left Kinsale looking on. Borrisoleigh led at half time, 2-6 to 1-5.

Hailstones lashed down on the girls for the beginning of the second half but they bravely battled on. Borrisoleigh were more determined and Kinsale had no answer to the scoring powers of Niamh Harkin who scored a total of 2-7. Everything went Borrisoleigh's way, with Teresa Maher, Melissa Stapleton and Geraldine McGrath totally dominating mid-field. The sun shone down on captain Sarah O'Brien as she accepted the Cup.

**Team:** Sarah O'Brien (Drom-Inch), Helen Ryan (Toomevara), Cathleen Kennedy (Toomevara), Therese Maxwell (Toomevara), Deirdre Delaney (Borrisoleigh), Melissa Stapleton (0-1, Drom-Inch), Teresa Maher (Drom-Inch), Geraldine McGrath (Drom-Inch), Louise Young (1-2, Toomevara), Niamh Harkin (2-7, Drom-Inch), Joanne Ryan (0-1, Drom-Inch), Geraldine Kinnane (1-0, Drom-Inch). **Subs:** Aine Everard (Drom), Fiona Ryan (Borrisoleigh), Claire Treacy (Borrisoleigh), Margaret Treacy (Borris), Michelle Maher (Borris), Helen Shanahan (Borris), Maria Tynan (Toomevara), Michelle Ryan (Borrisoleigh).

## SHANNON ROVERS:

There's training for u-12's, u-14's and u-16's at the new time of 7 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Pavilion, Ballinderry and a good turn out is expected.

## TOOMEVARA:

**Anne Frazer League:** The senior team got off to a good start in the League with a win over Portroe last Sunday morning. The next game is against Burgess on the 8th of April.

**Training:** Training continues on Wednesday evening at 6.30 p.m. for U/18, Junior and Senior teams. Under age teams will train on Saturday.

**Congratulations:** To St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh who won the Munster Final last

Friday. Well done girls.

**Good Luck:** We would like to wish the very best of luck to St. Mary's, Nenagh as they take on Kinvara of Galway in the Senior Colleges All-Ireland in Ballinasloe.

## BURGESS:

**All-Ireland Senior Colleges Final:** We send our heartiest good wishes to Ger Dullea and his talented team in their quest for All-Ireland glory in the senior colleges final on next Saturday in Ballinasloe. This game should be a very close contest as both teams are of the highest standard. Our own club should support this team and there is no doubt but they will as we have a big representation of players on the panel. We wish all the players the very best of luck and we are confident that they will get the desired result.

**Training:** Training continues on this Saturday at 12.45 p.m. sharp for all underage players and beginners. We are still looking for new players, so if you haven't turned up at our last training session, don't be shy, as you will be more than welcome.

Congrats to Aine Mulcahy, Margaret Hogan and Mairead Hogan, who made the minor co. selection recently. It is satisfy-

ing to see our young players making such progress.

**Scor na bPaisti:** Congratulations to Niamh Chadwick on winning the solo song in the North Final of Scor na bPaisti on last Friday night. The best of luck Niamh in the Co. Final.

**Summer Camp:** Application forms for this years summer camp have been distributed in the schools recently. Anyone who has not received one can get same from our secretary, Edel Hogan or Liam Hogan.

**Registration/Insurance** is now due - £10 for an individual player and £15 for a family.

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## First league points for camogie sides

**BOTH** the Clare senior and junior camogie teams recorded their first wins in the current national leagues when they scored a double over Limerick at the weekend.

Having lost narrowly to Antrim a week earlier, it was important for the Clare girls to pick up some points and they were deserving winners over their neighbours in these re-arranged games.

Clare .....2-9  
Limerick .....0-7

Clare got off to a dream start in the senior tie scoring 1-3 inside the first five minutes.

There were just thirty seconds on the clock when Marie O'Halloran pointed for the winners and a minute later Deirdre Murphy added a goal. Moira McMahon and Ann Keane added points.

Further points from McMahon and Murphy were followed by Clare's second goal which came from Edel Arthur twenty two minutes into the game and two minutes before Limerick opened their account.

At half time Clare were in a commanding position leading on as core of 2-7 to 0-2.

Limerick started the second half well and scored five points without reply to leave just two goals between the teams. However Clare points from Moira McMahon and Edel Arthur sealed a good victory for them.

Patricia O'Grady, Noleen Neylon, Marie Collins, Moira McMahon and Deirdre Murphy impressed for the winners.

**Clare:** Patricia O'Grady (Newmarket); Clodagh Lennon (Wolfe Tones), Sinead McMahon (St. Josephs), Noleen Neylon (Sixmilebridge); Sinead Daly (St. Josephs), Marie Collins (Bodyke), Ann Keane (Kilnamoa); Sinead Doyle (Bodyke), Moira McMahon (Newmarket); Cathy Hally (Truagh), Noelle Comyns (Kilnamoa), Edel Arthur (Newmarket); Marie

O'Halloran (Kilnamoa), Deirdre Murphy (Clooney), Sylvia O'Brien (Wolfe Tones).

**Subs:** Debbie McDonagh (Wolfe Tones) for Sylvia O'Brien.

Clare .....1-4  
Limerick .....0-1

Despite failing to score in the opening half, Clare recorded a merited win over Limerick in the junior tie.

Nora Murphy was their goal scorer while the points came from Ann O'Regan, Jean Flynn, Orla Fitzgerald and Michelle McNamara.

**Clare:** Lisa Moloney (Truagh), Denise Lynch (Kilnamoa), Caroline Lynch (Clooney), Sinead Crowe (Sixmilebridge); Edel O'Regan (Ruan), Emer Wherley (Wolfe Tones), Aoife Ryan (Newmarket); Sinead Twomey (Wolfe Tones), Mairead Keane (Kilnamoa); Jean Flynn (Sixmilebridge), Caroline Craughan (Truagh), Emer Murphy (Sixmilebridge); Nora Murphy (Kilishen), Niamh McInerney (Sixmilebridge), Ann O'Regan (Ruan).

**Subs:** Michelle McNamara (Bodyke) for Mairead Keane; Orla Fitzgerald (Sixmilebridge) for Niamh McInerney.

## Dublin visit Shannon

Both Clare sides will be in action again on this Sunday when they entertain Dublin at Shannon.

Further victories here will keep the Banner ladies in contention for places in the play offs.

## Davitts girls capture U-16 camogie title

THE U-16 Camogie Championship final 1999 was played in ideal conditions on Saturday last in Ardahan between Athenry and Davitts. Both teams served up excellent fare making this an entertaining end to the 1999 season for minor camogie in the county.

This was an evenly contested game with Davitt's Linda Gohery opening the scoring with a goal from play. Athenry replied with a point from Mary Keogh from a free. Darelle Coen added another point after 22 minutes and Mary Keogh made it three points for Athenry to Davitt's one goal just before half-time.

In the second half Mary Keogh scored three more points and Rosie Donoghue one point for Athenry, while Ann Marie Broderick added two points for Davitts and Caroline Kennedy one point before Linda Gohery hit the back of the net again leaving the final score, Davitts 2-3, Athenry 0-7.

Athenry had good performances from Regina Glynn, Darelle Coen, Mary Keogh, the free taker, and Alice Ponard. Davitt's best were Linda Gohery who scored two goals, and Ann Marie Broderick who scored three points. Edel Pierce had an excellent game as did Caroline Kelly and Emma Kilcar.

## Calling all Glen Rovers Camogie play- ers past and present

Plans are under way in Glen Rovers Camogie Club to celebrate a unique event within the history of the oldest camogie club in the county. The celebrations are being organised to honour the team of 1950 who brought the club its first Cork County Senior Camogie Championship title when a team captained by Siobhan O'Brien defeated Blackrock. Prior to this in 1934, the Glen ladies took a senior divisional title, but it was in 1950 that the Science Cup - the blue ribbon symbol of Cork Camogie - made it's way to Blackpool.

The present club committee have been busy preparing to honour the ladies who set the ball rolling and put in motion a tradition which has been passed down to generations of Glen girls with an unprecedented twenty two titles having been won by the club, with an unequalled seven in a row having been achieved on two occasions, from 1962 to 1968 and again 1990 to 1996.

Thursday, April 27 is the night players will gather for a nostalgic look back. Not only is it a night for the team of 1950, but the club intends to make it a reunion of all Glen Rovers Camogie players who may have worn the Green, Black and Yellow since the clubs formation. As so many players have passed through it's impossible to make contact with everybody, therefore the call is going out to all players, ex-players, members, family and supporters who down through the years have been followers of all the Glen sides, to come along and enjoy the night.

The function which will be held at the club's magnificent sports complex and tickets are available from any club officer or at the Glen Rovers Club any evening, or contact the club's telephone number at 395050. Anybody interested in attending is advised to get tickets organised early, as it promises to be a sell out night not to be missed.



# Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarbhunscoileanna sa Chamógaíocht



Duggan Park  
Béal Átha na Sluaighe  
1 Aibreán 2000  
Sinsear B: 2.00 p.m.  
Sinsear A: 3.15 p.m.

*Máire Ní Lúcháin*

Luach 50p

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CLÁR AN LAE

SINSEAR B

2.00 p.m.

**ST. CUAN'S, CASTLEBLAKENEY**

*Meanscoil Naomh Chuáin, Gallach Ui Cheallaigh*

V

**ST. PATRICK'S, SHANNON**

*Scoil Phádraig, Sionna*

Réiteoir: BIDDY PHILLIPS, Tipperary

SINSEAR A

3.15 p.m.

**SEAMOUNT, KINVARA**

*Meánscoil Ard na Mara, Cinn Mhara*

V

**ST. MARY'S, NENAGH**

*Scoil Mhuire, An tAonach*

Réiteoir: ÁINE DERHAM, Dublin

## TODAY'S FINALISTS

### ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

St. Mary's Nenagh is one of the leading camogie schools in the country. Camogie was first played competitively at St. Mary's in the early eighties. The first All-Ireland success came in 1991 when St. Mary's captured Munster and All-Ireland Junior titles. They made back to back titles in 1992. The school's greatest achievement came in 1994 when they won the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship title.

St. Mary's have lived in the shadow of St. Mary's, Charleville in the past few years. Victory over Charleville in this season's Munster semi-final was a huge step forward as the Cork school had been reigning All-Ireland champions for the past four years. Tipperary senior camogie team won their first All-Ireland senior title last September. Five past pupils, Claire Madden, Suzanne Kelly, Noelle Kennedy, Ciara Gaynor and Grainne Shanahan played their part. Two leaving Cert students, who will line out with St. Mary's today, Eimear McDonnell and Sheena Howard were also part of Tipperary's success.

### SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA

Seamount, Kinvara made an instant impact in 1998. In their first season in competitive camogie, they carried off Connacht and All-Ireland Colleges Junior Championships. These players have progressed to challenge for the All-Ireland Colleges Senior B title. This success must be viewed in the light that hockey is the main sport in the College.

Mary Callanan, Teresa Kavanagh and Eileen Keane have made a huge investment in terms of time in these young players. Their ability to impart the skills of the game is reflected in the number of past and present pupils who have worn the maroon and white of Galway. The Curtin, Kerins and Huban sisters are among those who have done their school and county proud.

### ST. CUAN'S, CASTLEBLAKENEY

This is St. Cuan's College first appearance in an All-Ireland Senior Final. In 1984, the school were defeated in the semi-final stage by St. Patrick's, Cork and appeared in the 1994 All-Ireland Junior Final. With Approximately 220 mixed students it is a great achievement for our school to contest this All-Ireland. In 1996, the Senior Hurling team reached the All-Ireland Senior B Final and both teams have been trained by a teacher in the school, Collette Walsh. She has got great assistance with today's team from three students in the school, Owen Lynskey, David Kelly and Shane Connelly. The school principal is Mr. Eamonn O'Donoghue.

Past pupils of the school that hold All-Ireland Senior and Junior medals with Galway include Sharon Glynn, Michelle Glynn, Bridget Kilgannon, Carmel Hannon, Veronica Sweeney and Aine Hillary.

### ST. PATRICK'S, SHANNON

St. Patrick's, Shannon has a strong Camogie tradition over the last twenty-five years. Many Clare Colleges titles have been won in that period. At Munster Colleges level three Senior titles, one Intermediate, one Junior A and three first Year Blitz titles have been won. The greatest feat of all was the All-Ireland Senior title win in 1982. Fr. Michael McNamara has been a constant presence with the Senior Teams over that twenty-five year period. The school is very grateful to the local clubs, Wolfe Tones na Sionna, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Kilishen and Sixmilebridge for the constant supply of young players. This year's Senior side sees one player from Kilmaley and Feakie clubs which do not usually figure in St. Patrick's team line-outs.

On route to today's final, St. Patrick's defeated Sacred Heart, Carrignavar, St. Aidan's, Cork, St. Declan's, Kilmacthomas and Coachford Community School in Munster and St. Brendan's, Birr in the All-Ireland semi-final. In 1987, St. Patrick's won the All-Ireland Colleges B Hurling title, thereby making it one of the very few schools to win All-Ireland Titles in Camogie and Hurling.

## FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN

Is breá ar fad liom é fíor-chaoin fáilte a chur roimh chách chuig Cluichí Ceannais na gColáistí sa Chamógaíocht. Táim cinnte de go mbainfidh sibh taithneamh as imeachtaí an lae inniu. Imreoirí den chéad scoth a bheidh ar an bpáirc, agus táimid ag tnúth le sár-chluichí idir Seamount College, Kinvara agus St. Mary's, Nenagh agus idir St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney agus St. Patrick's, Shannon.

Today sees the pinnacle of the Colleges Competitions being reached with the cream of the crop rising to the top. Today I greet four different schools from those that competed in last season's Senior Final Day. It is great for the game to see new champions coming through. All of today's finalists have experience of participating in all All-Ireland Final. I particularly welcome back the schools that have not been here for a number of years.

St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney contested the All-Ireland Junior Final in 1991 and will be hoping to go a step further on this occasion. Their opponents, St. Patrick's, Shannon won the 1982 All-Ireland Senior Championship. Both schools have a strong camogie tradition and will provide an excellent final.

Seamount College, Kinvara made a dramatic entrance two years ago when they captured the All-Ireland Junior title in their first season. Many of those players will be in action today when they attempt to add a senior medal to their collection. St. Mary's, Nenagh will provide stern opposition. The Co. Tipperary School won All-Ireland Senior honours in 1994 and All-Ireland Junior titles in 1991 and 1992.

To participate and reach All-Ireland Finals not only requires the skill and commitment of players but also team mentors, and in, general, school support. To all those who have involved themselves in the promotion of our National game in the Colleges, I say a heartfelt thanks.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na réiteoirí, na hoifigigh agus C.L.G. Ballinasloe ar son a gcabhrach.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh lá taithneamhach agaibh uilig.

Miriam Uí Cheallacháin  
Uachtarán



## SENIOR B

### ST. CUAN'S, CASTLEBLAKENEY

Meánscoil Naomh Chuáin, Gallach Uí Cheallaigh

Black and White

(1)

**Fiona Morgan**  
F. Ní Mhuireagáin

(2)

**Natasha Finn**  
N. Ní Fhinn

(3)

**Ann Divilly**  
Á. Ní Dhuibhiolla

(4)

**Valerie Gavin**  
V. Ní Ghabháin

(5)

**Edel Gordon**  
E. Ní Ghordáin

(6)

**Sarah McLoughlin**  
S. Ní Lochlainn

(7)

**Gemma Kelly**  
G. Ní Cheallaigh

(8)

**Nicola Gavin**  
N. Ní Ghabháin

(9)

**Mary Kilcommins**  
M. Ní Gíolla Chuimín

(10)

**Sheila Fitzgerald**  
S. Ní Gearailt

(11)

**Emily Egan**  
E. Ní Aogáin

(12)

**Clara Gately**  
C. Ní Gháthailé

**Subs:** 13 Eimear Griffin 20 Sinead Higgins  
14 Sandra Flannery 21 Donna Coffey  
15 Serena Curley 22 Elaine Gordon  
16 Nicola Finn 23 Sarah Gordon  
17 Nicola Dolan 24 Aoife Murray  
18 Nicola Dempsey 25 Elaine Kenny  
19 Regina Bannerton

## SENIOR B

### ST. PATRICK'S COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL, SHANNON

Scoil Phádraig, Sionna

Blue and Gold

(1)

**Sharon Coleman**  
S. Ní Cholmáin

(2)

**Melissa O'Connell**  
M. Ní Chonail

(3)

**Ruth Kaiser**  
R. Kaiser

(4)

**Aileen Kilmartin**  
E. Ní Ghiolla Mháirtín

(5)

**Audrey Shanahan**  
A. Ní Sheanacháin

(6)

**Caitriona Foley**  
C. Ní Fhoghlú

(7)

**Doreen Tuohy**  
D. Ní Thuathaigh

(8)

**Siobhán Kelly (Captain)**  
S. Ní Cheallaigh

(9)

**Heather Nolan**  
H. Ní Nualláin

(10)

**Maria Hehir**  
M. Ní Eithir

(11)

**Aoife Harrington**  
A. Ní Arrachtáin

(12)

**Clare McMahon**  
C. Ní Mhathúna

**Subs:** 13 Fiona Elliott 16 Anna Brennan  
14 Rebecca Shanahan 17 Laura Ní Linnáin  
15 Fionnuala Keogh 18 Kerrie Brennan

## Pen Pictures: ST. CUAN'S COLLEGE, CASTLEBLAKENEY

**Fiona Morgan** (Ahascragh/Caltra) 2nd Year. Fiona was a member of the Galway U14 team last year. She has won Connaught Colleges Junior B and Senior B medals as well as First year Connaught Colleges, with her club she has won numerous Medals.

**Natasha Finn** (Pearses) Leaving Cert. Natasha holds Connaught Junior and Senior B Medals as well as Medals with her club.

**Ann Divilly** (Pearses) Leaving Cert. Ann was a member of the Galway Minor Camogie Panel last year, she won a Connaught Minor Medal as well as Connaught Colleges Junior and Senior Medals. She is also a member of the Pearses Senior team.

**Valerie Gavin** (Ahascragh/Caltra) 5th Year. Valerie was also a member of the Galway Minor Camogie Panel last year. She holds Connaught Colleges Junior and Senior Medals as well as numerous Medals with her club.

**Edel Gordon** (Ahascragh/Caltra) 5th Year. Edel holds Connaught Colleges Junior and Senior Medals and numerous Medals with her club.

**Sarah McLoughlin** (Pearses) Leaving Cert. Sarah has Connaught Junior and Senior Medals and numerous Medals with her club.

**Gemma Kelly** (Ahascragh/Caltra) 2nd Year. Gemma was a member of the Galway U14 A team and the Galway Minor B team last year. She won a Connaught Inter-County Medal with Galway and a Connaught Minor B Medal with Galway. She also won many Medals with her club.

**Nicola Gavin** (Ahascragh/Caltra) 3rd Year. Nicola was member of the Galway U14 A team and the Galway Minor B team last year and won Connaught Medals with both of these teams, her sister Valerie plays in defence and their brother Kevin has played Senior for Galway.

**Mary Kilcommins** (Ahascragh/Caltra) Leaving Cert. Mary holds Connaught Colleges Junior and Senior Medals, she also plays football for a local club.

**Sheila Fitzgerald** (Ahascragh/Caltra) Leaving Cert. Sheila is the captain of to-day's team. She holds Connaught Junior and Senior Medals. Sheila was member of the Galway U14 A team in 1996 and has won numerous Medals with her club.

**Emily Egan** (Ahascragh/Caltra) Leaving Cert. Emily has won Connaught Junior and Senior Colleges Medals as well as numerous Medals with her club.

**Clara Gately** (Ahascragh/Caltra) Leaving Cert. Clara has won Connaught Colleges Junior and Senior Medals as well as numerous Medals with her club.

**Eimear Griffin** (Ahascragh/Caltra) 5th Year. Eimear has won many Medals with the school and her club, she also has a keen interest in horses.

**Sandra Flannery** (Pearses) 5th Year. Sandra has won many Medals with the school and her club and is a very active member of her club.

**Serena Curley** (Ahascragh/Caltra) 5th Year. Serena has won many camogie Medals, she is an excellent Irish dancer and plays many musical instruments.

**Nicola Finn** (Pearses) 5th Year. Nicola also holds many camogie medals with her school and club.

**Nicola Dolan** (Ahascragh/Caltra) Leaving Cert. Nicola holds numerous Medals with her school and club.

**Nicola Dempsey** (Pearses) 3rd Year. Nicola has many medals for camogie with her club and school.

## Pen Pictures: ST. PATRICK'S, SHANNON

**Sharon Coleman** (Wolfe Tones) Has played for Clare at U16 and U18 level. Holds Clare U14, U16, U18 and Community Games medals and Munster Colleges Junior Plate and Senior B Championship Medals.

**Melissa O'Connell** (Kilkishen) Has fielded with Clare at U14 and U16 and in the I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens Football. Holds Clare U12 and U16, Minor and Intermediate Medals, a Volleyball and Munster Colleges Awards.

**Ruth Kaiser** (Newmarket-on-Fergus) Has Clare Community Games, U12 and Munster Colleges Senior B Medals. Played U14 and U16 for Clare.

**Aileen Kilmartin** (Newmarket-on-Fergus) Holds Munster Colleges First Year, Junior Plate and Senior B Medals as well as Clare U14B County Champions. Has worn the Clare colours at Minor level.

**Audrey Shanahan** (Wolfe Tones) Holds numerous Clare underage Medals, 2 All-Ireland Feile, All-Ireland Community Games, Primary Schools and Munster Colleges Medals. A Clare Minor and a good athlete.

**Caitriona Foley** (Wolfe Tones) Wears the Clare colours at Minor and U18 levels. Holds numerous Clare underage Championship Medals and Colleges Junior and Munster Senior B Medals.

**Doreen Tuohy** (Cloonery) Has lined out for Clare at Senior Level. Has Clare Championship medals from U12 to Intermediate levels. Holds Clare and Munster Colleges medals.

**Siobhán Kelly CAPTAIN** (Wolfe Tones) Has won Clare U14A, U16A and Minor medals with her Club and Clare and Munster Colleges Medals with her school.

**Heather Nolan** (Wolfe Tones) Has represented Munster and Ireland in Golf. Holds 2 All-Ireland Feile, Primary Schools, Munster Colleges and Clare underage Championship Medals.

**Maria Hehir** (Wolfe Tones) A Clare U16 and U18 player, she has Clare County Champions Medals at U12A, U14A, U16A and Minor, All-Ireland Feile, Clare and Munster Colleges Medals.

**Aoife Harrington** (Feakle) Holds Clare U14C League, Clare Colleges First Year and Munster Colleges Senior B Championship Medals.

**Clare McMahon** (Kilmaley) Has lined out for Clare at Minor, U18 and Senior teams. Holds Clare Primary Schools, Clare U12B, U14B and U16B County Medals, Munster Colleges Junior Plate and Senior B Champ.

**Fiona Elliott** (Wolfe Tones) Has Clare County Championship Medals at U12A, U14A, U16A and U18A, Clare Community Games, Clare and Munster Colleges Medals.

**Rebecca Shanahan** (Kilkishen) Has represented Clare in Athletics. Has Clare County U16A, Intermediate League and Championship Medals, Clare Primary Schools and Clare and Munster Colleges Medals.

**Fionnuala Keogh** (Sixmilebridge) Has Munster Colleges First Year and Senior B Medals, Primary Schools Football and Community Games Medals.

**Anna Brennan** (Wolfe Tones) Has Clare County Champion at U12A, U14A, U16A and Minor, Clare Community Games, All-Ireland Feile, Primary Schools and Munster Colleges First Year, Junior Plate and Senior B Medals.

**Laura Linnane** (Wolfe Tones) Won All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Medal with Clare, All-Ireland Community Games, All-Ireland Feile, Clare Underage and Minor, Munster Colleges First Year, Junior and Senior.

**Kerrie Brennan** (Wolfe Tones) Holds Clare County Champion U14B and U16A, Clare Colleges Junior and Munster Colleges Senior B Medal.



## SENIOR B FINALISTS



SENIOR B FINALISTS – St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney



SENIOR B FINALISTS – St. Patrick's, Shannon

## SENIOR A FINALISTS



SENIOR A FINALISTS – St. Mary's, Nenagh



SENIOR A FINALISTS – Seamount College, Kinvara

## All-Ireland Colleges Sevens

1987 St. Marys, Charleville	4-0 to 1-4	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1988 St. Marys, Charleville	3-6 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1989 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	6-10 to 1-5	St. Patricks, Keady
1990 Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	1-4 to 1-3	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1991 St. Raphaels, Loughrea	1-6 to 0-3	St. Brigids, Callan
1992 St. Marys, Nenagh	5-5 to 3-0	Scariff Community College
1993 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-1	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1994 St. Marys, Charleville	12-8 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1995 St. Marys, Charleville	4-3 to 1-5	St. Marys, Magherafelt
1996 St. Marys, Charleville	5-4 to 0-2	St. Raphaels, Loughrea
1997 St. Marys, Charleville	7-5 to 1-3	St. Patricks, Cork
1998 St. Marys, Charleville	3-8 to 2-7	St. Marys, Nenagh
1999 St. Marys, Charleville	4-9 to 5-3	Mercy, New Ross

## 2000 All-Ireland Colleges Championships

### Senior B Semi-finals:

St. Cuan's, Castleblakeney	3-5	St. Louis, Ballymena	0-7
St. Patrick's, Shannon	1-6	Birr Community	0-1

### Senior A Semi-finals:

St. Mary's, Nenagh	3-8	FCJ Bunclody	0-4
Seamount, Kinvara	3-11	St. Mary's, Magherafelt	0-4

## Today's Referees

**AINE DERHAM** is a most experienced referee. She has been in charge of All-Ireland Finals at every level.

Anne has served on the National Referees Committee and is Dublin's representative on Leinster Council.

**BIDDY PHILLIPS** has refereed All-Ireland Minor, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Finals. She is always very willing to help out at Colleges level.

A member of Thurles Sarsfields Club, she is Treasurer of the Tipperary Co. Board and Coach to the Tipperary Senior Team.

## DO YOU KNOW . . .

- That **Elmear McDonnell** of St. Mary's, Nenagh recently received an Examiner/Aer Lingus Junior Sports Stars Award. She is a niece of Billy Morgan who captained Cork to win the All-Ireland Senior Football title in 1973. Her uncle, Noel Morgan married Sheila Morgan who won 4 All-Ireland Senior Camogie medals with Cork. Sheila is, of course, Vice-President of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Camogie Council.
- That **Melissa O'Connell**, full-back for St. Patrick's, Shannon, is a sister of P. J. O'Connell, winner of All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals with Clare.
- That **Karen Huban, Roisin O'Connor, Sharon Kavanagh, Michelle Quinn, Linda Flaherty, Sherry Mannion, Siobhan Huban, Pamela Huban and Elaine Kerins** won All-Ireland Junior medals with Seamount, Kinvara in 1998.
- That **Valerie and Nicola Gavin** of St. Cuan's are sisters of Kevin Gavin who lines out with the Galway Senior team.
- That **Sheena Howard** of St. Mary's, Nenagh is a grand daughter of Garrett Howard who won All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals with both Dublin and Limerick and is a niece of former Tipperary camogie player and T.V. personality, Liz Howard.
- That **Roisin O'Connor** of Seamount, Kinvara has represented Ireland at hockey.
- That St. Patrick's full-forward, **Clare McMahon** is a first cousin of both Sean McMahon and Alan Markham, All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal-holders with Clare.
- That **Denise Ryan** of St. Mary's, Nenagh is a daughter of Dinny Ryan who won an All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal with Tipperary in 1971.
- That **Fr. Michael McNamara**, coach to St. Patrick's, Shannon, is Cathaoirleach of the Clare G.A.A. Board.
- That the **McDonnell Twins, Elmear and Deirdre**, are accomplished horsewomen and hold many Showjumping trophies.

That five **Galway Schools** have won All-Ireland Colleges Presentation, Athenry, Presentation, Oranmore, St. Raphael's, Loughrea, Holy Rosary, Mountbellew and Seamount, Kinvara.



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# SENIOR A ST. MARY'S, NENAGH Red and Blue

- (1)  
**Amy Kissane**  
A. Nic Chiosáin
- (2)  
**Mary Rose Ryan (Captain)**  
M. R. Ni Riain
- (3)  
**Siobhan McCarthy**  
S. Nic Cárthaigh
- (4)  
**Sheena Howard**  
S. Nic Iomhair
- (5)  
**Olive Slattery**  
O. Ni Shlataire
- (6)  
**Anna Woods**  
C. Nic Giolla Phádraig
- (7)  
**Deirdre McDonnell**  
D. Nic Domhnaill
- (8)  
**Aine Mulcahy**  
A. Ni Mhaolcathaigh
- (9)  
**Aileen Forde**  
E. Mhic Giollanáith
- (10)  
**Denise Ryan**  
D. Ni Riain
- (11)  
**Claire O'Sullivan**  
C. Ni Shuilleabháin
- (12)  
**Eimear McDonnell**  
E. Nic Domhnaill

- Subs:** 13 Niamh Hogan  
14 Carmel Ryan  
15 Mary Coughlan  
16 Deirdre Troy  
17 Siobhan O'Brien  
18 Deirdre Kyne
- 19 Michelle Slattery  
20 Siobhan O'Doherty  
21 Margaret Hogan  
22 Grainne Gleeson  
23 Orla McDonagh

# SENIOR A SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA MÉANSCOIL, ARD NA MARA, CINN MHARA Navy with White Trim

- (1)  
**Sharon Kavanagh**  
S. Ni Chaomhánaigh
- (2)  
**Róisín O'Connor**  
R. Ni Choncubhair
- (3)  
**Paula Huban**  
P. Ni Úbáin
- (4)  
**Karen Huban**  
C. Ni Úbáin
- (5)  
**Claire Linnane**  
C. Ni Linnáin
- (6)  
**Clodagh MacMahon**  
C. Ni Mhathúna
- (7)  
**Sherry Mannion**  
S. Ni Mhainín
- (8)  
**Michelle Quinn**  
M. Ni Chuinn
- (9)  
**Pamela Huban**  
P. Ni Úbáin
- (10)  
**Miriam Kerins**  
M. Ni Chlárdáin
- (11)  
**Elaine Kerins**  
E. Ni Chlárdáin
- (12)  
**Rita Burke**  
R. De Búrca

- Subs:** 13 Stephanie Moylan  
14 Cora Connolly  
15 Emma Kilkelly  
16 Linda Flaherty
- 17 Siobhan Huban  
18 Sinead Keane  
19 Colette O'Connor  
20 Sara Linnane

## Pen Pictures: ST. MARY'S, NENAGH

**Amy Kissane** (Burgess) Goalkeeper. Plays with Tipperary Minor and U18 teams. Has won Munster Colleges Senior Championship and Senior League Medals, Tipperary U16, Junior and Senior League Medals.

**Mary Rose Ryan** (Toomevara) (Captain) Holds Tipperary Junior and Senior Championship, Senior League, Munster U18 Munster Colleges Senior Championship and League. Lines out for Tipperary in Junior and U18 grades.

**Siobhan McCarthy** (Silvermines) Holder of U12, U18 and 2 Junior Medals, Munster Colleges Senior Championship.

**Sheena Howard** (Burgess) Has an All-Ireland Senior Championship, Munster Minor and Junior Medals with Tipperary. Munster Colleges Senior Championship and League and Tipperary Intermediate Championship and Senior League Medals.

**Olive Slattery** (Burgess) Holder of U14, U16, Intermediate and Senior Medals, Pan Celtic and Tipperary League Medals, also Munster Colleges Senior Championship and Senior League Medals.

**Anna Woods** (Toomevara) Holds 3 Senior Championship and 2 Senior League Medals. Munster Colleges Senior League and Championship. Represents Tipperary at Junior and U18 levels.

**Deirdre McDonnell** (Burgess) Holder of U14, U16, U18 Tipp Championship, Senior League and Pan Celtic Medals. Won Munster U18 Championship with Tipp and plays on county Junior side. Has Munster Colleges Champ. and League.

**Aine Mulcahy** (Burgess) Has Munster Colleges Junior Plate, Senior League and Championship. Is an accomplished athlete.

**Aileen Forde** (Silvermines) Has won U12, U18 Champ, Junior League and Championship with club and Munster College Senior League and Championship Medals with St. Mary's.

**Denise Ryan** (Toomevara) Wears the Tipperary colours at Junior and U18 levels. Has won County Medals at underage and Junior, Munster Intermediate Championship and Munster Colleges Senior Championship and League Medals.

**Claire O'Sullivan** (Silvermines) Won U12, U18, Junior league and championship Medals with club and Munster Senior league and championship with St. Mary's.

**Eimear McDonnell** (Burgess) A member of the Tipperary team that brought the O'Duffy Cup to the county for the first time. Won a Gael-Linn Senior Medal with Munster and numerous Medals with club and school.

**Niamh Hogan** (Burgess) Won Pan Celtic, Tipp U14, U16, U18 and Senior League and Munster Colleges Champ & League.

**Carmel Ryan** (Silvermines) Holder of U12, U18 and Junior Medals with club and Munster Champ & League with St. Mary's.

**Mary Coughlan** (Silvermines) Has U12, U18 and Junior Medals with club and Munster Colleges league Medal.

**Deirdre Troy** (Toomevara) Holds Tipp U12, U18, Senior and Junior Medals and Munster Colleges Senior Medals.

**Siobhan O'Brien** (Silvermines) Winner of U18 champ and Junior league Medals with club and league Medals with school.

**Deirdre Kyne** (Burgess) Holder of underage Medals with club and Munster Colleges Senior League Medals.

**Michelle Slattery** (Burgess) Holds Feile na nGael, Pan Celtic, Tipperary underage, Junior and Senior league Medals.

**Siobhan O'Doherty** (Silvermines) Holder of Munster Colleges Junior Plate, Senior League and 5 county Medals.

**Margaret Hogan** (Burgess) Won Munster Junior Plate, Senior League and Senior Championship with St. Mary's.

**Grainne Gleeson** (Silvermines) Has 6 county Medals and Munster Colleges Junior Plate, Senior League and Champ.

**Orla McDonagh** (Silvermines) Has won numerous Medals with club and school.

## Pen Pictures: SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA

**Paula Huban** (Kinvara) holder of 1 Connacht Colleges Junior Medal & Co. Underage Medals with club.

**Claire Linnane** (Gort) holds 2 Connacht Junior Medals.

**Clodagh McMahon** (Kinvara) holds 2 Connacht College Medals & numerous underage Medals with club.

**Sherri Mannion** (Clarinbridge) Captains the team, holds "All Ireland Colleges" Junior Medal, 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal & County Medals.

**Karen Huban** (Kinvara) holds 1 All-Ireland Junior Medal & 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal, & County Medals.

**Michelle Quinn** (Ballindereen) holds 1 All-Ireland Junior Medal & 2 Connacht Colleges Junior Medals & has County Medals.

**Rita Burke** (Kinvara) holds 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal and has County Medals with Club.

**Pamela Huban** (Kinvara) holds 2 Connacht Colleges Junior Medal & 1 Senior Medal & County Medals with Club.

**Stephanie Moylan** (Kinvara) holds 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal & County Medals with Club.

**Cora Connolly** (Kinvara) holds 1 Connacht Colleges Junior Medal & County Medals with Club.

**Colette O'Connor** (Kinvara) holds 1 Junior Medal & 1 Connacht Senior Medal.

**Linda Flaherty** (Kinvara) holds 1 All-Ireland Junior Medal & 1 Senior Connacht Colleges Medal & Club Medals.

**Elaine Kerins** (Clarinbridge) holds 1 All-Ireland Junior Medal & 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal, 1 Connacht Colleges Junior Medal.

**Sharon Kavanagh** (Kinvara) holds 1 All-Ireland Junior Medal & 2 Connacht Colleges Junior Medals & 1 Connacht Senior Medal & County Medals with Club.

**Siobhan Huban** (Kinvara) holds 1 All-Ireland Junior Medal & 2 Connacht Colleges Junior Medals & 1 Connacht Senior Medal & County Medals with club.

**Sinead Keane** (Kinvara) holds 1 Connacht Colleges Junior Medal & 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal & Co. Medals with Club.

**Miriam Kerins** (Clarinbridge) holds 1 Connacht Colleges Junior Medal & 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal & County Medals with Club.

**Emma Kilkelly** (Kinvara) holds 1 Connacht Colleges Junior Medal & 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal & County Medals with Club.

**Sara Linnane** (Gort) holds 1 Connacht Colleges Junior Medal & 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal.

**Róisín O'Connor** (Kinvara) holds 1 All-Ireland Junior Medal, 2 Connacht Colleges Junior Medals, 1 Connacht Colleges Senior Medal & County Medals.



# All-Ireland glory awaits St. Mary's, Nenagh

KINVARA WILL PROVIDE STRONG OPPOSITION TO NENAGH GIRLS

By James Hayden

St. Mary's, Nenagh will face strong opposition when they cross swords with Connacht champions Seamount, Kinvara in the All-Ireland Schools Camogie final in Ballinasloe on Saturday (throw-in 3.15 p.m.)

Having dismissed all that came in their path this year St. Mary's must now surmount this final hurdle in order to re-take a title which they last won in 1994 and with the aid of a fine blend of players oozing with craft and confidence they may very well possess what it takes.

The Nenagh school have lived in the shadow of St. Mary's, Charleville for the past few years but the defeat of that very same team in this year's Munster semi-final was the catalyst in propelling Nenagh toward All-Ireland glory. Charleville are All-Ireland champions of the past four years running and it was a supreme effort from the Nenagh girls which toppled the great North Cork nursery.

In the Munster final Nenagh overcame a very able Clonakilty team in a tight encounter to once again put St. Mary's back at the pinnacle of Munster schools camogie. From there Nenagh progressed to the All-Ireland semi-final and a meeting with P.C.J. Buncloody. Buncloody were no match for the might of Nenagh and they ran out easy winners on the day.

## KINVARA

However, Kinvara will provide strong opposition on Saturday. These girls are no strangers to success and from all reports are a strong, skillful outfit, full of running and well able to bisect the posts.

Kinvara's danger-women include the Kerins sisters whose brother Alan plays for Galway. In attack is where these girls



Eimer McDonnell

operate and they have proved lethal in recent matches. In defence Karen Huban at centre-back and Roisin O'Connor at full-back possess exceptional defensive qualities and it will take all Nenagh can muster to get past these two stalwarts for Kinvara.

The same team also captured the All-Ireland junior title two years ago and will undoubtedly have matured and grown in stature since then.

## NENAGH

St. Mary's Nenagh on the other hand possess a potent mix of experience, youth and talent. Scorer-in-chief is inter-county star Eimer McDonnell and if she fires on all cylinders she will cause untold damage to the Kinvara defence. In attack she is complimented by the dangerous Denise Ryan who is always

likely to pop up and put one in the net. Aileen Forde and Claire O'Sullivan are lethal and their delivery into the inside forward line will, as always, prove vital.

Mid-field sees Anna Woods and Deirdre McDonnell handed the responsibility of delivering fast balls into the forward line and with outstanding perfor-

In defence Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard and Siobhan McCarthy are towers of strength while at full-back Mary Rose Ryan is ever-dependable. In goals is Amy Kissane whose shot-stopping this year has been magnificent and she will have to be on her toes against the Kerins sisters on Saturday.



Anna Woods St. Mary's Convent Secondary School a member of the camogie team.

mances alongside dynamo Aine Mulcahy in the centre of the park in recent matches their impact on the game will have to be immediate.

The substitute bench also possesses strength in depth with all willing and able to enter the fold if called upon.

Coach Ger Dullea is pleased with the preparation the girls have put in.

"We have trained very hard for this game and at this moment are ready for the Kinvara challenge. They are strong and fast but our girls are well able to match them. If we get the rub of the green on Saturday we should emerge victorious," he said.

The All-Ireland "A" final is preceded by the "B" final between Shannon and Castleblaney.

St. Mary's, Nenagh: Amy Kissane, Mary Rose Ryan (Capt.), Siobhan McCarthy, Olive Slattery, Sheena Howard, Anna Woods, Deirdre McDonnell, Aine Mulcahy, Aileen Forde, Claire O'Sullivan, Denise Ryan, Eimer McDonnell. Subs: Niamh Hogan, Carmel Ryan, Mary Coughlan, Deirdre Troy, Siobhan O'Brien, Deirdre Kyne, Michelle Slattery, Siobhan O'Doherty, Margaret Hogan, Grainne Gleeson, Orla McDonagh.



S. O'Doherty, G. Gleeson, A. Mulcahy, M. Slattery, P. Kissane, E. McDonnell, C. Ryan members of St. Mary's convent school camogie team getting a word of advice from their coach Ger Dullea.



Talking Camogie! A. Forde, S. McCarthy, S. O'Brien, D. McDonnell, M. Coughlan members of St. Mary's convent school camogie team.

## Good double for camogie teams

WELL, if the hurlers and footballers are struggling in the league, not so the girls, as both teams finished the group series unbeaten and march serenely into the play-offs.

The juniors looked in trouble at half-time in their game against Wexford as they only led by two points turning to play against the breeze, but they soon got on top and goals from Louise Murphy and Valerie O'Sullivan and good play from Ruth Cahalan and Linda O'Connell saw them winners by four points, with a quarter-final spot secure.

In the senior game that followed, Wexford put up stout resistance for long periods and it was only in the closing stages that Cork were in a position to finally kill off their challenge, helped by goals from Miriam Deasy with two, and one each from Elaine Burke, and Caoimhe Harrington. Wexford will be pleased with their display considering the hammering they received last year in the championship, and it is obvious that whatever difficulties they had then are behind them, and let us hope that the improvement

# Wexford continue to rebuild but are unlikely to trouble Cork

The play-off stages of the league. They welcome back Aine Codd and Fiona Dunne, but stalwart Paula Rankin is involved in a hockey final. However, while acknowledging the arrival of a new manager the breakthrough is unlikely to materialise on Sunday.

The junior league continues with the same counties preceding the senior game. Both fixtures are in Erin's Own pitch in Caherlag with 1.30pm and 3pm starts.

The WIT student, holder of an Ashbourne medal over UCC in '99, speaks highly of the present Cork team: "I thought they were very unlucky to lose to Kilkenny last season, they have some magnificent players."

Everyone fears Fiona O'Driscoll because of her ability to escape her marker. She is a very accurate forward. Linda Mellerick and Sinead O'Callaghan too are dangerous, she commented. Wexford need to win next weekend if they are to reach

## By THERESE O'CALLAGHAN

prodigies of the victorious All-Ireland minor side of '95. Teenager, Kate Kelly cannot recall too many recent happy memories of Cork/Wexford clashes.

"We met in last year's championship and got hammered, which was very degrading and embarrassing. But, there is renewed interest this season and a good atmosphere is developing," she added.

AS WEXFORD begin to drag themselves up from the doldrums of camogie, next Sunday's journey to Leeside will be a tough assignment, despite the county's ambition to reverse their recent bad fortune. Rathnure's Seamus Murphy has taken over as coach, and with him comes a refreshed attitude. But, it will surely take some time before he can instill pride once more in the purple and gold.

A young team will face the National League Champions - in fact most of them will be





Michael Burke of Burke's Londis Supermarket, Kinvara, presented a set of track suits to the Seamount College, Kinvara, team who play against St. Mary's, Nenagh, in the All-Ireland Colleges senior A Camogie final at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe on Sunday. Pictured at the presentation were: Eileen Mulkerins, Principal, Michael Burke, and Sherry Mannion, team captain.

## Seamount and St. Cuan's strive for camogie glory

**TWO Galway schools, Seamount College, Kinvara and St. Cuan's College, Castleblakney will be striving for All-Ireland glory at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe on Saturday.**

Seamount, where camogie was only introduced to the school three years ago, take on St. Mary's of Nenagh in the All-Ireland Senior A final (3.15p.m.) with Cuan's clashing with St. Patrick's of Shannon in the B decider at 2p.m.

Winners of three consecutive Connacht junior titles and All-Ireland champions in 1998, Seamount captured their first senior provincial crown this

year when overcoming Portumna Community College.

The Kinvara girls followed up that triumph with a comfortable All-Ireland semi-final victory over St. Mary's of Magherafelt in the All-Ireland semi-final, but face a tough task against an Emer McDonnell inspired Nenagh outfit.

Seamount have no shortage of talent themselves, spearheaded by their ace attacker Elaine Kerins, sister of hurling stars Mark and Alan, while other key players are Sherry Mannion, Karen Huban, captain of the all-conquering junior team two years ago, Roisin O'Connor, Rita Burke and goalkeeper Sharon Kavanagh.

Seamount have prepared diligently for Saturday's final

under the guidance of Mary Callanan, Teresa Kavanagh and Eileen Keane and hopes are high that the Connacht champions can make camogie history on Saturday.

St. Cuan's face a formidable task in the B final but they will be looking to Ann Divilly, Valerie Gavin, team captain Sheila Fitzgerald, Nicola Gavin, Gemma Kelly and Fiona Morgan to upset their Shannon rivals.

Meanwhile, the Galway senior and junior camogie teams are also in action this weekend with a double clash against Down at Tynagh. The seniors need to win to guarantee a play-off place in the league, but the juniors are only playing for pride. The games go ahead in Tynagh on Saturday with the action starting at 1.30p.m.

## Barryroe girls pull away in second half

**Barryroe ..... 2-9  
Valley Rovers ..... 1-3**

WHILE this game may seem onesided from the final score, it was very evenly contested up to half time with the girls from the Valley leading by a goal and a point.

Being the semi-final of the U 18 championship, these thirty young maidens from Barryroe and Innishannon made light of the chilly north-west breeze and infrequent showers which swept down St. John's Park in Newcestown towards the town goal.

Played after last Mass on Sunday last the game brought out a sizeable attendance, mainly supporters of both teams.

While the Innishannon girls seemed to have the edge and physique, Barryroe showed more craft and dogged determination and fought for every ball as if their life depended on it. Marie Hurley, Grace Burke, who had an outstanding first half, were best for the Valleys. Barryroe were powered by All-Ireland players, Rosalie Holland, Karen McCarthy and Jennifer O'Leary whose solo runs and deft touches were a treat to watch. Time and time again she split the Valley defence as she sped along the right wing with style and precision, something like some of us saw from Mick Mackey back in the thirties as he would split the Cork defence like you would slit a knife through butter.

A decided pull at midfield with Elaine Burke dominant, saw Valley Rovers come in at half time with three points from Marie Hurley and a goal from Grace Murphy with just two points for Barryroe per Jennifer O'Leary and Marie Moloney. On the resumption, Barryroe got down to business quickly and Jennifer O'Leary sent over a beauty in the opening minutes and Rosalie Dinneen had the teams all square with a brilliant goal after three minutes.

Two spirited attacks by the Rovers were well repelled by the Barryroe defence before Jennifer O'Leary and Marie Moloney raised white flags to nudge Barryroe into a two points lead as they entered the last quarter.

Rosalie Holland sent over a peach of a point from all of sixty yards before Jennifer O'Leary from a thirty and a classic solo run, got a brace of points.

Marie, who emerged as one of the top scorers, found the net with three minutes to go and Helen Keohane got her name on the scoreboard with a point, a minute later.

The girls from the Valley made a desperate bid to cut the margin but the Barryroe defence held out once more and the final whistle sounded with Rosalie Holland holding a strong possession.

The county final is scheduled for this Sunday, April 2 when Barryroe will meet Cloughdun in the final.

**Scorers:** Barryroe: Marie Moloney 1-2; Jennifer O'Leary 0-5; Rosalie Dinneen 1-0; Rosalie Holland 0-1; Helen Keohane 0-1. Valley Rovers: Grace Murphy 1-0; Marie Hurley 0-1.

**Barryroe:** Patricia Moloney, Eileen Carroll, Mary Sheehy, Ann Marie Fleming, Emer O'Regan, Rosalie Holland, Emer McCarthy, Isla Dinneen, Karen McCarthy, Jennifer O'Leary, Trina Collins, Carol Dinneen, Rosemarie Dinneen, Helen Keohane and Marie Moloney. Subs.: Emer O'Donovan who made a great impression when she came on at half time and Louise German.

**Valley Rovers:** Trish O'Donovan, Niamh Murphy, Sinead Daly, Siobhan Murphy, Ann Marie Murphy, Marie Hurley, Margaret O'Mahony, Elaine Burke, Mary Ellen O'Mahony, Cora McSweeney, Liz Bugler, Majella McCarthy, Mairead Murphy, Grace Murphy, Sarah O'Donovan. Sub. Margaret O'Mahony.

Referee Rose Desmond, Bishopstown.

—John Sexton

## All-Ireland Cup back in Tipp after a six-year

St Mary's, Nenagh  
Seamount College, Kinvara

3-6  
0-7

by Tim O'Brien

THE Blue Riband of schools' camogie was deservedly claimed by St Mary's, Nenagh at Ballinasloe on Saturday following a comprehensive win against Galway representatives Seamount College, Kinvara in a match that saw the Ger Dulles-coached Tipp girls hit home important scores at crucial times.

The first of these came as early as the second minute — Elaine Kerins had settled Kinvara with a pointed free within 20 seconds — when Sheena Howard's wind-assisted stroke from a 65 yards free went all the way to be net.

And although Kinvara countered with another point from Pamela Huban, it was St Mary's, and in particular, the sweet-striking

Eimear McDonnell who punished them with three pointed frees. Three minutes before the break, the challengers were rocked again when the brilliant McDonnell scored another great goal. The score came from a free and followed a marvellous link-up between the outstanding Anna Woods, Denise Ryan and McDonnell, and the last named billowed the net with a smashing drive. She was called back by referee Aine Derham, however, for an infringement by a Kinvara defender but, undeterred, she beat the packed goal area from the placed ball.

The score gave St Mary's a two-goal interval lead and eight minutes after the resumption the All-Ireland Cup was on its way back to Tipperary after a six-year absence when Claire O'Sullivan, McDonnell and Aileen Forde combined brilliantly to leave keeper

Sharon Kavanagh stranded. Kinvara, spurred on by Roisin O'Connor and Sherry Mannion, made valiant efforts to reduce the arrears, but there was no way through for top forward Elaine Kerins against the superb defending of Mary Rose Ryan and Sheena Howard. Behind them Amy Kisanane was an inspiring keeper.

Anna Woods was a bundle of energy in the number six jersey. And it was fitting, indeed, that Nenagh's last score should fall to the talented McDonnell — a truly spectacular point from all of 50 yards into the wind.

**Scorers:** St Mary's, Nenagh: E McDonnell 1-6, S Howard 1-0, A Forde 1-0, Seamount College: E Kerins 0-5, P Huban 0-1, S Mannion 0-1.  
**ST MARY'S, NENAGH:** A Kisanane, M R Ryan, S McCarthy, S Howard, O Slattery, A Woods, D McDonnell, A Mulcahy, A Forde, D Ryan, C O'Sullivan, E McDonnell. Sub N Hogan for O'Sullivan.  
**SEAMOUNT COLLEGE, KINVARA:** S Kavanagh, R O'Connor, P Huban, K Huban, C Linnane, C

MacMahon, S Mannion, M Quinn, P Huban, E Kilkenny, E Kerins, R Burke. Sub M Kerins for Quinn.  
Referee: A Derham, Dublin.

St Patrick's, CS, Shannon 3-5  
St Cuan's, Castleblakney 1-0

ALTHOUGH shaping like winners from an early stage, it was not until the final five minutes that St Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon — with two great goals — put the icing on the cake in a tremendously exciting Senior B decider at Ballinasloe.

And the big difference between the teams was ace Shannon forward Clare McMahon who scored 2-4 of her side's total. The first cousin of Clare hurling stars Seán McMahon and Alan Markham gave the St Cuan's defence — regardless of who was marking her — a tough time and her scores were brilliantly taken. After open-

ing with two left-handed points from play, she soloed through to send an unstoppable shot past Fiona Morgan to regain the Shannon team's lead in the 17th minute and they were never headed afterwards.

Having dominated the early exchanges, Shannon were rocked by an Emily Egan goal after 14 minutes and while this was to prove their only score of the game, the Galway girls were still in with a shout until McMahon and Heather Nolan points in the 31st and 45th minutes opened up a five points margin.

The floodgates opened then, however, as first McMahon (47th minute) and then Aoife Harrington (a minute later) unleashed two great strikes to the net.

Losing team manager Colette Kennedy Walsh was full of praise for Shannon afterwards. "They

## Cork reach semi-final with runaway win

Cork 4-12  
Wexford 0-6

by Mary Newman

WEXFORD made Cork work hard for long periods in the Senior National Camogie League encounter at Caherlag yesterday before the home side finally got their act together.

Cork had opened with three points from Paula O'Connor, Vivienne Harris and Una O'Donoghue before Lennie Holohan slotted over the visitors opening score 10 minutes into the game.

With the sides exchanging points twice in the space of six minutes, Cork led 0-5 to 0-3 going into the last quarter.

Harris had stretched it to six with a long range effort, before Elaine Burke picked out Miriam

Deasy with a superb pass and she made no mistake from close range to leave the league champions 1-6 to 0-3 ahead at the interval.

Four unanswered points from O'Donoghue (3) and Caoimhe Harrington inside seven minutes of the second-half, saw Cork beginning to take control.

A head injury to Wexford's Barbara Fludds saw play delayed for 21 minutes awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. When play resumed, Lennie Holohan converted a Wexford pointed free but from here on in, Cork took over.

A long-range effort from Harrington deceived Helen Jacobs in the net. Goals from Elaine Burke, Miriam Deasy saw Cork finish to book a semi-final spot.

**Scorers:** Cork: M. Deasy 2-0, U. O'Donoghue 0-5, C. Harrington 1-2, E. Burke 1-0, P. O'Connor 0-3, V. Harris 0-2, Wexford: L. Holohan 0-3, R. Breen, K. Kelly, T. Bergin 0-1.  
**CORK:** C. Keohane, D. Cronin, E. Duggan, M. Burke, L. Kelleher, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes, V. Harris (capt), U. Troy, P. O'Connor, C. Harrington, S. O'Callaghan, U. O'Donoghue, M. Deasy, E. Burke. SUBS: L. Mellerick for L. Kelleher, E. Dillon for U. O'Donoghue, C. Healy for M. Deasy.  
**WEXFORD:** H. Jacobs, O. Hannon, A. Nolan, E. Carroll, S. Dunne, A. Codd, S. Carr, M. Hearne, A. O'Connor, L. Holohan, M. O'Leary (capt), K. Kelly, M. Murphy, R. Breen, B. Fludds. Subs: P. Bergin for B. Fludds (injured).  
Referee: J. Morrissey (Tipperary)

Cork 4-12  
Wexford 0-6

THE opening game at Caherlag in the Junior National League was a close fought encounter.

It was 13 minutes before Cork had the opening goal from Louise Murphy after the Wex-

ford defence failed to clear from Ruth Cahalan's initial shot.

With play swinging from end to end, and both defences closing down their opponent, scores were hard to come by.

Tina Bergin converted a 28th minute Wexford free to leave her side trailing 1-0 to 0-1 at half-time.

**Scorers:** Cork: L. Murphy, V. O'Sullivan 1-0 each, R. Cahalan 0-3; Wexford: A. O'Connor 1-0, B. Murphy, P. Bergin 0-1 each.

**CORK:** G. Casey, N. O'Riordan, N. Ahern, C. O'Gorman, L. O'Connell, R. Cahalan (capt), A. Kelleher, M. O'Connell, D. O'Reilly, J. O'Sullivan, V. O'Keefe, T. Drummond, L. Murphy, E. O'Halloran, M. Ennequess. Subs: V. O'Sullivan for T. Drummond, K. O'Sullivan for E. O'Halloran, A. O'Regan for A. Kelleher.  
**WEXFORD:** L. Bryne, S. O'Brien, O. Gahan, B. Houlahan, M. Jordan, E. Roche, E. Quigley, T. Bergin (capt), M. Hendrick, J. Redmond, I. Bolger, S. Quigley, I. Kelly, B. Murphy, M. Kelly. Subs: A. O'Connor for S. Quigley.

Referee: R. Kelleher (Limerick)

## absence

were the better team," she said, "and while the scoreline did not reflect the overall play, it was nice to have contested an All-Ireland final. It was a great boost for a small school like ours where only 38 in all are involved in camogie."

In addition to McMahon, Shannon had outstanding players in Melissa O'Connell, Aileen Kilmartin, Doreen Tuohy, Caitriona Foley and Maria Hehir, while the Gavin sisters, Valerie and Nicola, and mid-fielder Gemma Kelly were prominent for the losers.

**Scorers:** Shannon: C. McMahon 2-4, A. Harrington 1-0, H. Nolan 0-1; St Patrick's: E. Egan 1-0.  
**ST PATRICK'S:** S. Coleman, M. O'Connell, R. Kaiser, A. Kilmartin, A. Shanahan, C. Foley, D. Tuohy, S. Kelly, C. McMahon, M. Hehir, A. Harrington, H. Shanahan. Subs: H. Nolan for Shanahan, F. Keogh for Kelly.  
**ST CUAN'S:** F. Morgan, N. Finn, A. Divilly, V. Gavin, E. Gordon, S. McLoughlin, G. Kelly, N. Gavin, M. Kilcommins, S. Fitzgerald, E. Egan, C. Gately. Sub N Finn for McLoughlin.  
Referee: B. Phillips, Tipperary.



# Barryroe girls aim to stay on track

CLOUGHDUV and Barryroe meet tonight in the U-18 championship final at Castletownkennagh.

Barryroe have at underage level produced players who have represented their county at senior and junior levels.

The club took the title in 1995 and on that occasion, Rosalie Holland, Fiona Collins, Helen Keohane and Emer O'Donovan were in the Barryroe line out.

Almost five years on, they hope tonight to play leading roles as they strive to help youngsters such as Jennie O'Leary, Marie Moloney and Karen McCarthy bring the title back to Barryroe.

Cloughduv are a strong side whose fortunes are guided by former hurlers Paudie Murray and Tim Barry Murphy.

They also have John Cronin as the third selector.

The club is contesting its third final in four years, having lost out in 1996 to Courcy Rovers and in 1997 to Aghabullogue.

Among the survivors from these encounters are Una O'Donoghue, Joanne O'Callaghan Aoife Murray, Catherine Corkery and Zelia McDonnell who will be hoping it's a case of third time lucky.

The last time the title came to the club was in 1991 and a win this evening would be a huge boost to the club.

Castletownkennagh is the venue with a 6.30pm throw in.

Clubs in the East Cork division of Imokilly under the chairmanship of Killeagh's Sile Spillane have come together and followed the examples of the vibrant Carrigdhoun and Seandún divisions to set up a divisional committee which will cater for competitions in under 12 and 14 within the East Cork division.

Since its inception in Carrigdhoun and Seandún, clubs are getting extra matches for the younger players and the setting up of the committee can only further help to promote the game for the clubs in the East Cork area.

Glen Rovers Camogie Club are putting out a call to all former players to join them in celebrating the winning of the clubs first Senior County Championship in 1950 when they held a golden jubilee celebration and club reunion on Thursday April 27.

As it's impossible to make personal contact with all former players, selectors, committees and supporters, there is a reminder that tickets are on sale at the club or at 021 395050 any night.

To avoid disappointment it's advisable to now make arrangements for tickets as numbers are limited.

## Senior and juniors advance to knock-out stages of league



The Muskerry camogie team, who were recently crowned divisional under 15 champions.

# Cork ladies spark double celebration

Cork 4-12  
Wexford 0-6

**C**ORK completed their programme in section two of the National League in style and advance to a semi-final pairing as group winners.

Playing against the strong breeze, Cork settled well and raced into a three points to one lead.

The Cork side continued to hold the upper hand and a Miriam Deasy goal gave them a 1-6 to 0-3 interval lead.

### Advantage

Aided by the wind, Cork added four points, three from O'Donoghue and one from Caoimhe Harrington early in the second half.

A serious head injury to Wexford corner forward Barbara Sluads saw the game held up for 20 minutes before the player was taken to hospital.

When play resumed Wexford substitute Tina Bergin narrowed the gap but Cork were quickly back in the driving seat.

Goals from Caoimhe Harrington, Elaine Burke and Miriam Deasy finished the game as a contest.

In the opening game at Caherlag, All-Ireland junior champions Cork advanced to the quarter-finals with a 2-3 to 1-2 win over Wexford.



St Mary's, Charleville, who lost to Coláiste Bride, Enniscorthy, at Newtownshandrum.

With both defences marking tightly scores were hard to come by in the opening half. Close on quarter of an hour elapsed before Cork's Louise Murphy broke the deadlock when she slotted home a goal.

Tina Bergin pointed a Wexford free two minutes from half-time to leave Cork ahead 1-0 to 0-1 at the interval.

Cork started the second half with two well struck points from captain Ruth Cahalan.

Wexford, playing with determination, narrowed the gap when Brenda Murphy pointed two minutes later.

With Ruth Cahalan, Nora Ahern and Linda O'Connell excelling in defence, Cork gained the upper hand and stretched their lead to 1-3 to 0-2.

Wexford rallied with a goal from sub Aoife O'Connor but Cork held their composure and the alert Val O'Sullivan finished to the net to secure the points.

## Mary's gain glory

IT was double celebrations for Munster last weekend as St Mary's, Nenagh, and St Patrick's, Shannon, took All-Ireland college honours at A and B levels.

Powered by Inter County senior stars Emer McDonnell and Sheenagh Howard St Mary's took the honours.

A goal two minutes into the game settled the Tipp girls but Seamount kept in touch.

With the sides evenly matched McDonnell's accuracy from placed balls had the Tipperary side ahead before she broke Seamount hearts with a goal from a free.

Backed by a two goal lead the winners took over in the second half and despite valiant efforts Seamount could not find a way past St Mary's defence.

### RESULTS

Senior National League:  
Cork 4-12, Wexford 0-6;  
Limerick 3-5, Antrim 2-5.

Junior National League:  
Cork 2-3, Wexford 1-2; Antrim 3-2, Limerick 1-3.

U-18 league quarter final:  
Valley Rovers 6-5, Killeagh 1-0.

U-16 league: Newtown 3-0, Ballyva 0-0.

## MAGIC MOMENTS

LIMERICK'S Niamh Cregan, who won All-Ireland junior and intermediate medals, is the daughter of Limerick hurling star Eamonn. Talent must run in the family as Eamonn holds All-Ireland senior honours with the county.

# Will money help to buy success?

**T**HE Limerick County Camogie Board has secured a financial windfall after gaining a major sponsor for its inter-county teams. The deal, which has not yet been launched, restricts county secretary Clare O'Herlihy from divulging any details, except to say, "It's a very positive step and I am very impressed with the proceedings."

Last year is history for the Shannonsiders but having lost to Cork in the senior championship in the opening round, they are now beginning to find a way back.

More important too is the participation of the players themselves in working to improve their own structures. After a recent race night organised by the clubs, the coffers are healthier to the value of £10,000.

That amount of money should be able to help most county clubs. However, Limerick do not have a big selection - there are 24 clubs in the county, five of which contest the senior championship.

The emergence of Granagh/Ballingarry in

## VIEW FROM THE GROUND with THERESE O'CALLAGHAN



the past two years, claiming back to back All Ireland club titles, somehow does not seem to be filtering through to the county team. With almost half of the green and white made up from the club champions, the lowly populated club scene leads to a limited pick.

Limerick have never won the most prized possession in inter-county camogie, the O'Duffy Cup, but there is growing optimism for future years.

CBS Brother, Philip Ryan is the new team manager and with their win over Antrim last Sunday, it is still possible they could qualify

for the league play-offs. Their progress at the moment though is measured more by performances than by winning.

Selector Anne Marie O'Keefe and trainer Jerry O'Donoghue complete a formidable backroom team.

Teacher Anne Marie is well known for her involvement with the successful St Mary's teams in Charleville, and will bring with her a wealth of knowledge from their glory days.

Jerry O'Donoghue by profession, is a personal trainer who came on board at the end of last season's championship.

Proof that camogie is on the way up was seen by all last autumn, when the county's U-18 team played well before losing by four points to Cork in the Munster Championship.

"We have an U-14 development programme which is now in its third year," said county secretary O'Herlihy, who sees this as another reason why standards are improving.

Limerick include Eileen O'Brien, who was a recipient of The Examiner youth sports award and is of rare quality. Her two sisters Breda and Bernie join her on the team.

Another well known camogie family are the Sheehans. Both Eileen O'Brien and her sister Vera Sheehan were selected on the inaugural Rest of Ireland team, who beat the All Ireland champions Tipperary last November.

Limerick play Galway in the first round of this year's championship, but it will no longer be possible to hide in the shadow of low expectations - they must stay the full distance.



# Final round of league takes place

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**O**n Sunday next the last round of the National League take place. In senior there are three divisions. The winners of each go through to the semi-final while the runners up from each division play off for the 4th place in the semi-finals.

In Division 1 Antrim host Limerick while Dublin travel to Clare. A win for Dublin will ensure them of a place in the semi-final while the remaining teams are all still in contention for the runner up spot.

In Division 2 Cork take on Wexford and Galway meet Down, the winners of which will probably come out 2nd.

In Division 3 Tipperary have Down at home and Kilkenny host Derry. Tipperary defeated Kilkenny recently so it looks as if both will come through.

In the junior competition, the two teams go into the quarter-finals:

In Division 1 Dublin travel to Clare with full points and Antrim with two points host Limerick.

In Division 2 joint table toppers Cork and Wexford with four points will both be through regardless of the result.

Galway and Down do battle at the former's venue, but neither will figure in the knock out stages.

In Division 3 Offaly are through with four points. Tipperary with two points after the win over Offaly meet Armagh who have no points. Tipperary have still to play Derry, who have two points and may well end up table toppers.

Division 4 is very competitive. If Kildare beat Tyrone on Sunday they will be tops having only dropped one point to Carlow.

Roscommon with four points play Cavan. A win for the Connacht county will see them through. Carlow have five points and have still to play Cavan in an outstanding fixture. So this division could still be wide open after Sunday's results.

Results from last week:

National senior league: Antrim 3-5 Clare 2-7; Dublin 1-10, Limerick 1-6

Cork 4-7, Galway 2-6; Wexford 1-4, Down 1-3; Derry 5-11, Armagh 3-4; Tipperary 1-13, Kilkenny 0-5

National Junior League:

Antrim 2-5, Clare 2-3; Dublin 0-5, Limerick 0-1; Cork 2-11, Galway 1-2; Wexford 3-5, Down 2-1; Derry 4-8, Armagh 3-2, Tipperary 3-9; Offaly 1-3, Roscommon 2-6; Carlow 1-6, Kildare 0-9, Cavan 1-1.

This Sunday sees the All-Ireland Colleges senior finals take place at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe.

In the senior B St. Cuan's Castleblakney take on St. Patrick's of Shannon while in the senior A, Seamount, Kinvara play St. Mary's Nenagh. The throw ins are at 2pm and 3.15pm respectively.

Tipperary stars  
Jovita Delaney  
and Louise  
Ryan

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## McMahon seals title for Pat's

St Patrick's, Shannon 3-5  
St Cuan's, Castleblakney 1-0

**CLARE McMAHON** powered St Patrick's Comprehensive to their first All-Ireland Senior B Colleges title on Saturday in Ballinasloe, writes  
*Therese O'Callaghan.*

The brilliant forward scored all but one goal of her side's tally.

Her first-half contribution of 1-3 was interrupted by St Cuan's only score of the game - a 15th minute Emily Egan goal.

A further goal and two points from McMahon plus a late Aoife Harrington goal sealed victory.

St Patrick's coach Fr Michael McNamara said: "We are delighted to win an All-Ireland."

"We'll move up next year to the A grade, and while we know it will be tough, we will enjoy being up there."

## Impressive double win from Cork

CORK took the honours at both senior and junior level in yesterday's National League camogie double header in Caherlag, but sadly the biggest talking point was a second-half injury picked up by Wexford's corner forward, Barbara Sludds which delayed proceedings for 20 minutes.

Sludds took a heavy fall, appearing to bang her head off the ground, which necessitated removal to

hospital by ambulance where she was detained overnight for tests today.

It was ironic that Cork played their best camogie after that enforced break.

Up until then the visitors matched their opponents with marvellous performances from centre-back Aine Codd and captain, Michelle O'Leary.

It was a very even opening period.

An opportunist goal from

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**

Miriam Deasy on the stroke of half-time gave Leesiders the edge 1-6 to 0-3.

After the resumption, the Rebel County had put four more points on the board before the unfortunate injury to Barbara Sludds.

When play resumed, Cork struck for similar type goals from Caoimhe Har-

ington and Elaine Burke, and a fourth from full-forward, Deasy.

The Slaneysiders though, stayed the pace and were twice denied by outstanding keeper, Cora Keohane, to leave them trailing 4-12 to 0-6 at the end.

Cork now move a step closer to defending their title with a semi-final placing next month.

In the opening game, a low scoring but highly enter-

taining encounter saw Cork qualify for the quarter-final of the junior league.

The winner's ever-reliable centre-back, Ruth Cahalan took three second half points to open up a lead of 1-3 to 0-2 as the game entered its final moments.

Aoife O'Connor's goal for Wexford was nullified almost immediately by Cork sub, Val O'Sullivan and the Leesiders emerged 2-3 to 1-2 victors.





The Dublin senior camogie team

## LOSING THE BLUES

DUBLIN CAMOGIE HAS

The sun has gone down on Dublin camogie - what else can one surmise from its descent from the top? Once the queens of the catwalk with a record 26 All Ireland titles, it is now 15 years since the O'Duffy Cup rested Liffeside, but things are gradually changing in the capital. Last July, Armagh man and current Chairman of the Ulster Council, Tom Monaghan came on board. After Dublin's exit from the '99 championship, the focus was firmly set on the future. Slowly under the guidance of their new trainer, the girls' outlook became more positive. According to team captain, Germaine Noonan, "Tom gets into your mind and makes you much more focused on the game".

Training at the moment is confined to the weekends - Fridays nights and Saturday. This is an arrangement that suits all as it

does not interfere with club activity. The mood is very much upbeat within the county. Players and count board alike are joining forces in a major fundraising activity, the first of which is a race night in the Ballyboden/St. Enda's club on Friday April 28th.

It is ironic too that captain, Germaine, is the only link with the last All Ireland Senior championship win in '84. The long serving player also featured alongside team-mate Irene Kirwan in the inaugural Rest of Ireland team in '99. Irene is a player to watch - a few weeks ago she scored 2-4 for Dublin in the county's first National League game against Antrim.

Younger players Lizzie McGuinness and Sile NicCoitir will look to the experience of Ruth Lyons, Catherine Boyle, Carmel Gray and Emer Brannigan. Another young recruit, Aoife Cullen, recently received the NBNA Camogie scholarship in NUI, Maynooth. Carmel Gray and sister Anne Marie are daughters of former Dublin hurling great Jim Gray, who was also Chairman of the Dublin and Leinster GAA Boards, while Sile NicCoitir's dad, Dan, also chaired the Dublin County Board.

Looking ahead to the forthcoming championship season, former County PRO, Maire Uí Scolai is looking forward to their first round challenge against great rivals Wexford: "The two teams met in last year's Leinster Final, which Wexford won, so we now know what we have to do. Dublin were the favourites then, but we

were also team building, so hopefully the hard work will pay off."

Meanwhile, another chapter is added to the annals of camogie, with the stepping down of President, Phyllis Breslin at the end of March. Phyllis, originally from the Eoghan Ruadh club, where she won an All Ireland Club medal in '67, is now a member of another Dublin club, Naomh Brid.

As goalkeeper, she won All Ireland Inter-County Junior honours in '75, and was part of the Dub's first National League win in '79. This was the year of the Association's anniversary and therefore the final was played in her own club grounds of Naomh Brid. She progressed to refereeing - in charge of the first All Ireland Junior Final in '68, and later two Senior Finals in '73 and '81.

Phyllis began her term of office as Uachtaran in '97, a crown she took over from Down's Belle O'Loughlin. Since her inception, she can be proud of her many achievements - live coverage by RTE of the All Ireland Finals, Schwarzkopf Ireland Ltd.'s sponsorship of the Inter Provincial Gael Linn competitions, plans for a Shinty/Camogie tournament, the "Camogie Abu" annual magazine, inaugural Rest of Ireland team selection...just to mention a few.

Camogie congress is hosted this year by the Derry County Board. ☉

# No ref letdown for Dubs in Clare

DUBLIN made a fruitless journey to Clare as their National Senior League game against the hosts didn't proceed last Sunday.

The non-appearance of the referee meant the postponement of the fixture and caused much grief to the Dubs.

Making sure their preparation was right, Dublin travelled to the Banner county on Saturday and stayed overnight.

In order to cut down the expense, the girls travelled on their own steam, but the Dublin County board met the accommodation costs.

Following their wins over Antrim and Limerick, a Dublin victory would have seen them top the group.

## CAMOGIE By NIAL SCULLY

Yet if Clare had won, they would have been on equal points with the Dubs, adding to the importance of the tie.

Morale and fitness under manager, Tom Monaghan, has rarely been better and the side were planning to continue their good run against Clare.

Now it's likely that the match will have to be re-fixed.

There was better news for the Dublin Juniors in Clare as they maintained their fine form in beating the home county, 1-4 to 0-4, to lead their section, with goalkeeper, Lisa Ryan, making

three outstanding saves in the last three minutes. Helen Connor scored the goal with Joyce Donnelly getting the four points. The boss man, Pat Duncan, is delighted with the progress in the National Junior League.

On Saturday, the Dublin U-14s lost by a point to Wexford in the Leinster Championship at Glinalbyn. This competition is run on a League basis, and Dublin's next assignment is away to Kilkenny on April 15.

### FIXTURES

TONIGHT (6.45): Sen A: Fermoneck: Naomh Meenag v Ballyboden St. Enda's, A Derham, St. Anne's Park: Raheny v Na Fionna, G Dunne, Phoenix Park: Good Counsel v St. Vincent's, C Dodd, Farnham

Reads: Erin's Isle v Cymllh, B Canavan.  
THURSDAY (6.45): Jun A: Pairc Uí Mhurchu: Ballyboden St. Enda's v St. Jude's, St. Anne's Park: Raheny v St. Mark's, St. Margaret's: St. Margaret's v Naomh Meenag, Cleodalkia: Round Towers v Plunkett's/E Ruadh, Liffey Park: Ulfey Gaels v Erin's Isle, Sen B: Pairc Uí Mhurchu: Ballyboden St. Enda's v St. Jude's, A Maguire, Tymon North: Celtic v St. Anne's, M Norton, Silver Park: Kilmacud Crokes v Portobello, C Priest, Russell Park: Naomh Brid v O'Toole's, D Noble, Killick: Thomas Davis v St. Vincent's.

SUNDAY (11.0): Jun B: Rathcoole: Commercial v Lucan Sarsfields, Balbriggan: O'Dwyer's v St. Vincent's, John Paul Park: Naomh Fionbarra v Na Fionna, Killick: Thomas Davis v Naomh Brid, Inter (12.30): Fairview: Craobh Chiarain v Clanna Gael, Skerries: Skerries Harps v Cuala, A Cooley, Harlow Road: St. Peregrine's v Kilmacud Crokes.