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Sporting style of our camogie girls

If ever there was an excuse to party, then the members of the Cork Senior Camogie team have it!

This year the team brought glory to Ireland's largest county by winning the 1995 Munster Camogie Championship, the National Camogie League and the All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship.

The celebrations are still going on! laughs Therese O'Callaghan, who plays centre forward, feigning exhaustion, but Therese still has enough energy left to fly to Australia for the Christmas season!

Sticking around to get the most out of Cork Christmas festivities are Eithne Duggan, who plays at the full back, and selector Rose Keane.

All three are superb ball players and totally committed to the game of camogie, yet are indefatigable socialisers with more than a passing interest in fashion and style.

Therese confesses to extravagant tastes when it comes to clothes. A systems analyst in the computer department of the Central Statistics Office in Mahon, Therese lives in Rochestown.

'I really like to dress up in stylish outfits for formal occasions, but I won't get much of that in Australia, as I'm meeting up with friends in Cairns, and then we will be travelling through Australia and on to New Zealand, so it will be the hiking boots for me this Christmas!'

Therese chose her ideal party outfits in Sheena's Boutique in Oliver Plunket Street, and Monica Johns in French Church Street.

Therese, who is single, is from Mounseabbey in Mallow and she has played camogie 'all my life' starting in school in

Members of the Cork Senior Camogie team like to put on the glad-rags. Isabel Healy went shopping with them



Short blue dress, £135, long blue dress, by Joseph Ribkoff, £169; Sheena's Boutique, Cork, Jewellery from Marion Creedon Hegarty, Grand Parade.

Mallow and joining the Glen team several years ago.

She will miss the 'far too good' social life with work and team at Christmas, but she is delighted to be going a roving.

Eithne Duggan would get away with paying half fair in the bus - but the downside is that she probably gets stopped going into 'Over 18' certificate films!

Yet the young full back is already an experienced physiotherapist and a graduate of UCD. She will spend Christmas in Limerick with her family who moved there some years ago. Two members of her family are now working abroad.

'I enjoyed school there, the night life isn't great, but I'm looking forward to meeting old friends. The socialising will very

informal, all pubs and parties.'

She enjoys nights out with team mates, 'but not all my friends are into camogie' and rather than formal, arranged occasions, Eithne most enjoys spontaneous social events.

She is happiest in casual sporty clothes.

'I get the urge to dress up the odd time, but it's mainly in pants rather

than skirts and dresses. I suppose I do spend money on clothes, but I don't particularly like shopping, and if I don't find something immediately I don't bother looking around.'

Selector Rose Keane is the mother of a toddler daughter, Orla (who already has her own camán!) and with her husband James, a town planner, will be spending

Christmas with her parents, Breda and Tony Mackey in their home in Richmond Hill. Rose works with National Seaways in Tivoli and, in leisure time, prefers easy, smart casual clothes.

The clothes we picked out for the photo shoot mightn't be what I'd usually go for, but I really like them, and I am especially taken with the velvet coat and long black

dress, which feel great to wear and ideal for a party.

Socialising over Christmas will be quite informal, and a lot of it centres around my work, or James', office parties and nights out with girl friends. But we've been socialising at a hectic pace since September 24, so it won't seem any different!

'It's eight years since



Long black dress by Liz Minelli, £175, from Sheena's boutique. Suede shoes, £70, from Monica John, French Church Street, gold and diamante necklace, £112, bracelet, £56, square diamante earrings, £20, all Marion Creedon Hegarty.



Red dress by Liz Minelli, £160, from Sheena's; Red satin dress, £40, and black velvet coat, £99, from Evans, black suede shoes, £30, from A Wear, Cork.

Rose has played camogie competitively and she grumbles that she's very unfit at the moment, having broken her leg during the summer.

Immediately after Christmas, both Rose and Eithne will be packing away their party finery in favour of sun clothes, when they go with the senior camogie team on a holiday to Lanzarote in the Canaries.

PICS: Eddie O'Hare
MODELS: Therese O'Callaghan, Eithne Duggan, team members, and Rose Keane, selector of the Cork Senior Camogie Team.

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All Ireland Champions, the Cork Camogie team were given a civic reception in Cork's City Hall last evening. Included are the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Joe O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, captain, Liam Harte, Patricia McCarthy and Willie Cronin, ACC sponsors, Sheila Golden, Chairman Camogie Board Mary Moran, President and selectors. Cork beat Kilkenny in the All Ireland final.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony



Jubilant Aghabullogue captain Tina Roche raises the trophy after receiving it from Sheila Golden, chairman, Cork County Camogie Board, following their victory over Cloughdun in the Cork County Under-16 camogie championship final at Ballinora..

Aghabullogue are tops

Aghabullogue 0-2
Cloughdun 0-1
AGHABULLOGUE were crowned under-16 A County Camogie champions when they defeated Cloughdun at Ballinora. Scores were hard to come by in the difficult underfoot conditions. However, this did not deter the Aghabullogue girls from taking the title.

MOYLOUGH MOUNTBELLEW CAMOGIE CLUB

CELEBRATE HISTORIC JUNIOR TITLE VICTORY

Camogie is a sport that has traditionally been strongest in Dublin, Cork and Kilkenny. The first All-Ireland Senior Championships were held in 1932 and the Metroplitans lead the roll of honour with a massive 26 titles. Unfortunately the great game has gone into decline in the capital, and the Sky Blues haven't been successful since 1984, the GAA's Centenary year.

Cork are current champions and have 17 victories, while Kilkenny, benefiting from the emergence of the legendary Downey sisters, have garnered 12 titles, despite not annexing the first until 1974. Antrim, with six, and Wexford with three, are the only other counties that can boast of having All-Ireland Senior camogie titles to their credit.

Expect that to change in the next few years however, as camogie has become a very popular pursuit in a number of other counties. In fact it has taken some of them by storm, and so proficient are these newcomers becoming at the game, that there will be a new name on the roll of honour, sooner rather than later.

My inconsiderable wage packet (hint, hint!) is on Galway to be the first to make the breakthrough. The Tribeswomen have swept onto the scene to some effect in the last few years. They are now a force at inter-county level and with new clubs being set up throughout the county on a regular basis, they can only get stronger and stronger.

Of course, these new clubs need support, firstly, to get off the ground, and then when the momentum is built up, to keep things going. Moral support is great, but the harsh realities of life today is that a club needs the greenbacks to survive, let alone prosper. That's where the generous sponsor comes in.

The Moylough-Mountbellew camogie club was established in 1990 and its star has been on an upward trajectory since. The committee has been fortunate to receive the support of various sponsors, one of whom is Pat Donoghue.

The Moylough native is delighted to be of

help, but he wouldn't be in a position to do so, were it not for the continuing success of his burgeoning construction operation.

Pat Donoghue Construction was founded just a year before the emergence of the Moylough-Mountbellew club, in 1989. Pat Donoghue had been in the trade for many years. Armed with this experience and expertise, this go-ahead, forward looking character decided to take the plunge, and on his own. And sensing that the time had come to go out on his own.

"I was 18, so I knew I have been in the buildings since I went out on my own. what the business was all about when I went on from there. I started off building houses and have gone on to construction service, but we offer a comprehensive construction service, but specialise in building houses and apartment blocks like the one we're doing at Salthill at the moment."

Pat says that the construction industry is flourishing at the moment. Which spells good news for Moylough-Mountbellew. As long as Pat Donoghue Construction continues to go from strength to strength, they can be assured of the Moylough based company's support.

So what possessed Pat Donoghue, and persuaded him to become a sponsor of this fledgling camogie outfit.

I have always been interested in gaelic games," explains the affable company MD. "I became interested in camogie when my daughter Amy, who is 13, started playing. I decided to do my bit for the club and offered to sponsor them. Thankfully, things have gone well, and it was great to see them winning the Junior Championship. Hopefully, this success will continue."



The Mountbellew-Moylough heroines of 1995, winners of the Junior B Championship. Front, left to right: Aoife Ruane, Niamh Collieran, Marie Carrick, Louise O'Brien (Capt.), Carol Derrissey, Mary Cunniffe, Laura McHugh, Alma Geraghty, Aileen Dempsey, Brenda Dempsey, Paula Carrick, Karen McHugh. Back, left to right: Frank McDonagh - trainer, Corina O'Sullivan, Rita Gavis, Mary Coyle, Una Keary, Bernadette Farrell, Tanya Donnellan, Mary Hannon, Finnula Gardiner, Lisa Donnellan, Ann Carthy, Aine Gordan, Mary Bellew, Christine McHugh - Manager

~ ~ Hogan Stand ~ ~ Hogan Stand ~ ~



The 1992 Mountbellew-Moylough team got to the Féile na nGael final down to the commitment of coaches like Christina McHugh and Frank McDonagh and many others. The former took time off to speak to HOGAN STAND about Moylough-Mountbellew camogie club's phenomenal rate of development since she helped found it with Fr Seán Higgins, five years ago. And believe me, the development has been phenomenal.

Pat and his lovely wife Bernadette, have two more children beside Amy. Robert is nine, while Aoife is just five. The chances are that Robert and Aoife will be quite proficient at their choice of gaelic games in the near future.

Not alone is their older sister Amy a bit of a hot shot, having played Mini-Sevens at Croke Park in the past, but their cousin (Pat's nephew), Tomás Donoghue played football for Dublin's Minors and also plays hurling. It's in the genes.

Bernadette, who like her husband, is a keen follower of the local camogie club, and is very proud of Amy's obvious ability.

"The club has an excellent set up and the sponsorship is fully deserved", she enthuses. "Camogie has grown tremendously around here and that's

"In 1993, we won the All-Ireland Under 14 Féile na nGael title, after beating a Down team in the final. The following year, the National School won the county final, which was a tremendous achievement considering it was our first time in the National Schools competition."

In April of this year, the previous season's Minor 'B' Championship was garnered, with Ahascragh providing the opposition in the decider. Then came the *crème de la crème*.

"Winning the Junior title in our first year fielding a team at adult level was brilliant. We beat Cappataggle convincingly in the end. It shows that we have a very bright future, because this is a very young team. We had three Under 14 players lining out."

Christina's contribution to this success story cannot be overstated. As well as being the club's co-founder, she currently holds

the position of treasurer (Brid Egan is the Chairperson, while Síle Moore is Secretary).

She also trained the All-Ireland Féile na nGael and National School winning teams and was manager of the Junior outfit.

"Frank Mc Donagh trained that team," she reveals. "Mary Coyle trains the Under 14s. Rita Doolihan trains the Under 10s and



The Mountbellew-Moylough side that went all the way in the 1993 Féile na nGael competition. Front, left to right: Ann Carthy, Claire Hyland, Laura McHugh, Mary Hannon, Brenda Dempsey, Paula Carrick, Aileen Dempsey. Back, left to right: Tomás McHugh - selector, Deirdre Burke, Natallie Noone, Alma Geraghty, Karena McHugh, Tanya Donnellan, Bernadette Farrell, Aoife Ruane, April Quinn, Aine Gordon - President Camogie Association, Christine McHugh - trainer



Mountbellew-Moylough Minor B champions 1994. Front, left to right: Aine Gordon, Paula Carrick, Brenda Dempsey, Laura McHugh, Marie Carrick (Capt.), Alma Geraghty, Corina O'Sullivan, Una Keary. Back, left to right: Frank McDonagh, Tomás McHugh - selectors, April Quinn, Niamh Collieran, Carol Dempsey, Aoife Ruane, Bernadette Farrell, Mary Hannon, Karena McHugh, Annette Crehan, Christine McHugh - trainer

Under 12s, while my husband Tomás, and I train the Minors."

In fact conversation in the McHugh household is dominated by camogie, as Christina's daughters, Laura and Karina also play. Indeed Laura is the first Moylough-Mountbellew player to be recognised by intercounty selectors, having been a Galway Minor panellist this year.

The club has also had representatives in the INTO Mini-Sevens at Croke Park in the last two years: the aforementioned Amy Donoghue, Alma Geraghty, Paula Carrick, Brenda Dempsey, Aileen Dempsey, Ann Carthy and Aine Gordon.

We may well see some, if not all of these girls, wearing the maroon and white jersey in the not too distant future. If the Moylough-Mountbellew camogie club continues to evolve in its current manner, they may have quite a few inter-county players in the not too distant future.

Speaking of which, how does Christina McHugh see the next few years going for Moylough-Mountbellew? "Well, camogie has really taken off here in North East Galway and interest in the game has never been higher. That



Moylough N.S. 1993 INTO Mini Sevens champions. Front, left to right: Aine Monaghan, Jacinta McHugh, Amy Donoghue, Ann Carthy, Paula Carrick. Back, left to right: Christine McHugh - trainer, Aine Gordon, Donna Gordon, Alma Geraghty, Catherine Costello, Asumtha Gavin, Aileen Dempsey

is good news for us.

"We would be hoping to be playing Senior camogie in five years time ... that is the aim anyway. We have a very good base with the youngsters. I just hope they stay playing. They are a great bunch of girls."

Christina readily concedes that none of this would have been possible without sponsorship.

"Sponsorship is vital to keep things alive and we are fortunate to have a number of very generous sponsors. We just couldn't survive without them."

It was this realisation that prompted Pat Donoghue to offer his help in the first place. Yet he seeks no kudos or praise. All he wants is to see Moylough-Mountbellew camogie club continue to grow as it is at present, thus continuing to provide Amy and possibly Aoife, not to mention all the other local girls, hours of fun, and good clean, healthy competition in the future.

He need not worry.



Moylough N.S. 1994 County Champions and INTO Mini Sevens winners. Front, Michelle Gordon, Caroline Costello, Catriona Nielen, Jacinta McHugh. Back, Christine McHugh - trainer, Brenda Dempsey, Ann Carthy, Alma Geraghty, Aine Monaghan, Donna Gordon, Aisling Connolly, Amy Donoghue

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Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

CARLOW & KILDARE SHARE SPOILS

Carlow and Kildare shared the spoils in a National League tie played at Bagnalstown. It was a repeat of the Leinster Championship final which Kildare won after a replay. The game lived up to all expectations with both sides producing good fare.

After a good first half tussle, a goal by Bernie Farrelly gave the Lilywhites a 1-4 to 0-6 advantage at the break. Two second half goals by Nuala Quirke, who was in good scoring form put Carlow heading for victory. But back came Kildare's Bernie Farrelly to take her second goal and minutes later, Elaine Miley had Kildare in front. Miriam Malone stretched their lead to three points, but again Carlow fought on with points by Valerie Creen and Marie Sheehan. As the end approached it looked as if Kildare would take their first points when Mary Coady sent over the bar to put the sides on level terms. Final score - Carlow - 3-7 Kildare 2-10.

Scorers - Kildare - Bernie Farrelly 2-2, Miriam Malone 0-4, Elaine Miley 1-1.

Carlow - Nuala Quirke 2-5, Valerie Creen 0-2, Anne Marie Ryan, Marie Sheehan and Mary Coady 0-1 each. Referee - Aogain Swords, Wexford.

All-Ireland Junior Championship finalists Roscommon proved too strong for Offaly in this National game at Athleague. Goals by Mary Gannon and Maeve Healy gave them a 2-3 to 0-4 lead at the break. A flurry of second half goals swamped the Faithful County. Final score Roscommon 5-5 Offaly 1-8.

Scorers - Roscommon - Maeve Healy 2-2, Mary Gannon 1-1, Trish Mullery and Geraldine Carr 1-0 each, Liz Hanley 0-2.

Offaly - Michelle Davis 0-4, Dymphna Whyne 1-0, Maggie Lynch 0-2, Mary Corcoran and Anne Glennon 0-1 each.

Referee - Liam Davitt, Westmeath. Wexford collected their first points when they got the better of Kilkenny at Enniscorthy. It was a closely

contested affair. The winners fielded some very young players. The sides were locked at 1-3 each at the break. The second half continued to be close. A goal from 15 year old Kate Kelly gave Wexford the break. They managed two further points by Bernie Higgins and Rosemary Breen.

Kilkenny failed to raise a flag in this half.

Final score - Wexford 2-5 Kilkenny 1-3

Scorers - Wexford - Kate Kelly and Jenny McLaughlin 1-0 each, Bernie Higgins and Claire Cullen 0-2 each, Rosemary Breen 0-1.

Kilkenny - Mairead Costello 1-0, Margaret Comerford, Pauleen Comerford and Olive Hennessy 0-1 each.

Referee - Marie Pollard, Waterford.

National Junior League champions, Galway had a convincing win over Clare at Shannon. Goals by Eileen Earls and Ann Hardiman gave the champions a 2-9 to 0-3 lead at the break. However the Banner County came more to the fore in the second half with goals by Ursula McInerney and some well taken points by Sylvia O'Brien. A goal by Galway's Sandra Farrell left the issue beyond doubt. Final score - Galway 3-11 Clare 1-8.



Rathnure, Wexford who collected their first All-Ireland Club Championship title: Front, left to right: Geraldine Codd (Capt.), Anne Marie White, Catherine Murphy, Aoife O'Connor, Marguerite Somers, Teddy O'Connor - coach. Middle, left to right: Mary Hayden, Mary Fleming, Anne Reddy, Norma Carty, Orla Brady. Back, left to right: Bernie Higgins, Elaine O'Halloran, Sinead Farrell, Claire O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary, Bernadette O'Halloran

Scorers - Galway - Aoife Lynskey 0-6, Eileen Earls and Ann Hardiman 1-1 each, Sandra Farrell 1-0, Aine Hillary 0-3.

Clare - Sylvia O'Brien 0-4, Ursula McInerney 1-0, Sandra McGrath and Mary Neylon 0-2 each.

Referee - Sean Murray, Tipperary.

Last season's League finalists Down coasted to an easy win over Armagh at Leitrim. The McGovern sisters, Sinead and Clara were in great scoring form and between them notched Down's four goals. The winners led 2-8 to 0-0 at the interval and at the end the scoreboard read Down 4-17 Armagh 2-1.

Scorers - Down - Sinead McGovern 2-2, Clara McGovern 2-0, Valerie Hynds 0-5, Jennifer Branniff and Maureen McAlenan 0-4 each, Colleen Hynds 0-2.

Armagh - Colette Conway 1-1, Breege Burns 1-0. Referee - Geraldine Clarke, Monaghan.

The National Junior League has not been shelved for the winter break. There are plenty of interesting games to look forward to in the New Year.

The following is the League table to date:

Zone A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Limerick	2	2	0	0	4
Wexford	2	1	0	1	2
Tipperary	1	1	0	0	2
Cork	1	0	0	1	0
Zone B					
Antrim	2	2	0	0	4
Derry	2	2	0	0	4
Dublin	2	1	0	1	2
Monaghan	2	0	0	2	0
Tyrone	2	0	0	2	0
Zone C					
Down	2	2	0	0	4
Cavan	2	2	0	0	4
Carlow	2	0	1	1	1
Kildare	2	0	1	1	1
Armagh	2	0	0	2	0
Zone D					
Roscommon	1	1	0	0	2
Galway	1	1	0	0	2
Offaly	1	0	0	1	0
Clare	1	0	0	1	0



Toomevara, Tipperary All-Ireland Club Championship runners-up. Front, left to right: Triona Maxwell, Josie Brown, Deirdre Hughes, Siobhan Kelly (Capt.), Nora Dwan, Ann Gleeson, Miriam Maxwell, Noelle Kennedy, Regina O'Meara. Back, left to right: Ann Bergin, Aileen Delaney, Siobhan Cusack, Siobhan Maxwell, Mary Stapleton, Grainne Shanahan, Cora Kennedy, Louise Maxwell, Lena Woods, Marie Ryan, Audrey Ryan, Sean Kennedy - coach

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Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

This week we take a look at two of Dublin's forty clubs who are making great strides. Liffey Gaels was founded in 1984. In the summer of 1991 a major recruitment effort was carried out. Most girls never played before. However, they were interested and eager. The following year a team was entered in Dublin Board under the watchful eyes of Bridgie Keenan and Rosaleen Mullally, two very experienced camogie personnel.

The first two seasons established a panel that was just about surviving at Junior C level, which is a beginners grade. The following year the Inchicore club disbanded and Niamh O'Loughlin, Maire O'Reilly, Sinead O'Connor, Audrey Byrne and Bridget Cullen threw in their lot with Liffey Gaels. The club was now on firm footing and ready to face the tough competition at Junior level.

At the beginning of '94/'95 season, Willie Lupton an experienced club hurler, joined with Bridgie Keenan to become the Junior mentors. Ably assisted by Brendan Kinsella, their endless enthusiasm and encouragement soon paid off with the new panel of girls.

Liffey Gaels' first Championship assignment in the '94 / '95 season was a tough match versus Lucan Sarsfields. They then came up against Cumann Setanta in the semi final and won narrowly by two points.

They then went on to meet Commercial in the final, which was played in Russell Park, Blanchardstown. Final score Liffey Gaels 1-5 Commercial 0-2. There was much celebration that night with the gleaming silverware. Great credit goes to the following: Michelle Nolan, Janice Lupton, Sinead O'Gorman and Bridgie Keenan, who have given great commitment to the club down the years. We will expect to hear more from this progressive club in the years ahead.

Naomh Mearnog was founded in 1986 under the guidance of Nell Kennedy. Initially the club started with one team, and they now field six teams from Under 11 up to and including Intermediate level. Jim Carroll became the driving force behind the club in the Portmarnock area. He got solid support from Eileen Bernard and Orla Uí Riain. Orla is the holder of All-Ireland and National League medals with Dublin and is the daughter of former Ard-Stiúrthóir, Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Seán O'Siocháin.

The Under 14 team which represented Dublin at Féile na nGael in Limerick this year were coached together since the team were Under 11. Jim Carroll's daughter Paula became involved in coaching the team. She received much help from Noel Rooney, John McGarry and Paul King. This team won the Under 11 League, the Under 12 League and Championship, Under 13 and Under 14. This year they did Dublin proud by reaching the semi final of Féile na nGael. The team were well kitted out thanks



Liffey Gaels Junior B champions '95. Front, left to right: Mary Anglin, Jenny Elliott, Tina Brogan, Louise Conway, Niamh O'Loughlin, Capt., Frances Brogan, Lesley Gannon, Maire O'Reilly. Back, left to right: Willie Lupton, Bridgie Keenan, Sinead O'Gorman, Michelle Nolan, Anya Curry, Vanessa McDonald, Bridget Cullen, Janice Lupton, Sinead O'Connor, Audrey Byrne, Brendan Kinsella

GREAT STRIDES IN DUBLIN



Naomh Mearnog team who reached the Féile na nGael semi final. Front, left to right: Louise Conlon, Esther Curry, Deirdre Magee, Siobhan Madden, Aoife Crove, Louise Fitzpatrick. Back, left to right: Louise Rooney, Jackie Carroll, Roisin Davis, Sara Redmond, Lorna Rickard, Niamh Sheehan, Deirdre Magill

to sponsors Oliver Freaney & Company.

Some of Naomh Mearnog's members to wear the Dublin colours are Paula Carroll (Senior), Deirdre Carroll (Minor), Sara King, Siobhan Madden, Louise Rooney and Jackie Carroll (Under 14).

This progressive club will continue to rise and no doubt they will reach Senior status before long.

Rathnure, Wexford collected their first All-Ireland Senior Club Championship title when they had a convincing win over Toomevara, Tipperary in this final played at Toomevara. The first half was evenly contested until Marguerite Somers sent a sizzling ball to the net to give Rathnure a 1-5 to 0-3 lead at the break. Then a dramatic third quarter saw the winners crash home 3-1 inside of eleven minutes, the flurry of goals coming from Bernie Higgins (2) and Anne Reddy. Final score Rathnure 4-9 Toomevara 1-5. Scorers:

Rathnure: Bernie Higgins 2-0, Ann Reddy 1-3, Geraldine Codd 0-6, Marguerite Somers 1-0. Toomevara: Deirdre Hughes 1-2, Noelle Kennedy 0-2, Ann Gleeson 0-1. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.

On Sunday next the final of the Leinster League is down for decision when Meath and Laois clash at Mountrath at 2 p.m.

On Saturday the qualifying rounds for the Ashbourne Cup take place. First mentioned have the venue, games are timed for 2.30 p.m. The winners take part in the Ashbourne Cup and the runners-up in the Parcell Cup.

Mary I. Limerick v Waterford R.T.C., Tralee.
Kerry v U.C.C.
U.L. v Q.U.B.
U.C. Coleraine v U.C.D.
Dundalk R.T.C. v U.U. Jordanstown
Maynooth v T.C.D.
D.C.U. v U.C.G.
Athlone R.T.C.
v St. Mary's, Belfast.

Camogie World

by P.J. Fulham

Cork's Sandie Fitzgibbon is one of the most inspiring players in the game of camogie. She played a major role in the Rebel Countys All-Ireland victory this year. Sandie played her first match at the tender age of nine in the Cork Under 18 League and was immediately pin-pointed as a player with real potential. She made her Cork debut at the age of fourteen with the Minor squad and became the first player to win three All-Ireland Minor medals - 1978, 1979 and 1980. She captained the Cork Minor team in '80.

She has given truly outstanding service to her club Glen Rovers. She holds nine Cork Senior Championship medals and four All-Ireland Club Championship medals. Sandie has five All-Ireland Senior Championship medals - '82, '83, '92, '93 and '95. She was captain in '92. She also has five National Senior League medals captaining the winning teams in '84 and '92.

Sandie played Colleges Camogie with North Presentation, Cork, winning many Munster souvenirs and an All-Ireland Senior Colleges medal in 1980. She holds a number of Gael Linn Senior medals and has captained Munster to victory. She has been honoured with a Jury's Sports Award and a National Irish Player of the Year Award in 1992. Undoubtedly one of the top performers in camogie, Sandie gives her all whether she is wearing the colours of club, county or province. A very skilful and pacy player she does a huge amount of work during the course of a game. Whether at centre back or at midfield, Sandie has few equals.

Sandie combines camogie with basketball, both at the highest level. For many years she has been a regular member of the Irish International basketball team and has travelled around the world with them. Her club in basketball is Lee Strand.

A very good captain, her work rate and all round ability

inspires the players around her. Sandie has always been popular with her playing colleagues both from her own club and those of other clubs. She maintains a particularly high level of fitness throughout the season and appears to have an abundance of energy.

Meath are the newly crowned Leinster League champions having got the better of Laois in this eagerly contested final played at Mountrath. The game was a cliffhanger all the way until four minutes from the final whistle when a goal by Ann Marie Dennehy and two quick points by Derville O'Carroll was enough for victory.

After a good first half tussle the sides were level at 1-4 each at the break with Laois's goal coming from Paula Cuddy and Suzanne Kelly had Meath's just on half time. The second half was an edge of the seat affair as both sides notched off score for score, and with four minutes remaining it looked as if it was going to be a replay until Meath got through for the vital scores. Final Score - Meath 3-7 Laois 2-5.

Scorers - Meath - Derville O'Carroll 0-6, Anne Marie Dennehy 1-1, Suzanne Kelly and Lynn Winters 1-0 each.

Laois - Paula Cuddy 2-2, Sinead Cuddy, Trish Cuddy and Caitriona Coss 0-1 each. Referee - Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly.

University College Dublin qualified for the Ashbourne Cup Competition with a comprehensive win over University of Ulster, Coleraine at the latter venue. Dublin's Irene

Kirwan and Calrow's Mary Coady were in great scoring form. Final score - UCD 3-12 Coleraine 0-2.

UCD scorers - Irene Kirwan 2-4, Mary Coady 1-3, Maureen Dooley 0-3, Eleanor Walshe and Veronica Treihy 0-1 each.

The following are the draws for the Ashbourne and Purcell Cups: Ashbourne Cups Quarter-Finals - UUJ v Waterford RTC, UL v UCG, UCC Cork v UCD, Athlone RTC v Trinity.

Purcell Cup Quarter-Finals - St Mary's, Belfast v Dundalk RTC, Mary I Limerick v Tralee, UU Coleraine v Queens, St Patrick's, Maynooth v DCU.

At the annual Convention of CCIA the following officers were elected: President - Fiona O'Driscoll, Vice President - Caitriona Higgins, Secretary - Camillus King, Treasurer - Dymphna Whyte, Central Council Delegate - Carmel Ryan.

The All-Ireland Colleges held their AGM recently and returned the following officers - President - Kathleen Henry, Vice President - Sheila Morgan, Secretary - Mary Moran, Treasurer - Lily Spence.

We now take a break until the new year. In the meantime I would like to hear from County PRO's on their Conventions, Officers elected or any happenings of note within your county.

I wish all readers of 'Camogie World' the Seasons Greetings and a word of thanks to the editor and staff of Hogan Stand for the space they afforded us during the year.

Sandie Fitzgibbon plays a major role in Rebel success

It's a time for reflection of 1995 on the c

With the playing season now coming to an end it is time for Clubs to reflect on their activities for the past year and to hold their Annual General Meetings. Below are details of some of the clubs. A.G.M.'s and over the next few weeks we hope to focus on some other clubs.

COURCEY ROVERS

Officers Elected - Chairperson, Hilary Calvert, Secretary Shirley Moloney, Treasurer, Margaret Cahalane, P.R.O. Noreen Quinn.

TRAINERS ELECTED

U10 Noreen Quinn, Elizabeth Quinn, U12 Nellie Collins, Noreen Quinn, Eliza-

beth Quinn, U13/U14 John Quinn, Raymond Moloney, J.J. Hayes, U15/U16 Miah Collins, Peter Omagony, Carie Twomey, U17/U18 Junior Pat Nyhan, Miah Collins, Liam Calvert.

BALLINHASSIG

The most successful A.G.M. to date of the club was held in the Marion Hall on the 6th of November and with an attendance well in the seventies it proves once again that Camogie in Ballinhassig is going from strength to strength. Most remarkable was the large number of young people and teenagers present and the positive contribution they

offered on all items up for discussion.

Chairperson Dave Hurley thanked the outgoing officers and extended a sincere word of thanks to the Ballinhassig G.A.A. Club for the facilities they provided during the year and also for their generosity and co-operation during 95.

Mentors

Outgoing secretary Sheila Coleman congratulated the Under Age Section plus mentors on their numerous victories during the year and especially their U13 South East League Final win.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Chairman - Dave Hurley, Secretary - Eileen Collins, Treasurer - Mary Crowley, P.R.O. - Sheila Coleman, Registrar and Co. Board delegate - Eileen Collins, South East Delegates - Michelle and Marion Flemming.

BALLYGARVAN AGM

At the A.G.M. of the Ballygarvan Camogie Club Chairperson, Yvonne Lane opened the meeting by welcoming the very large attendance. She referred to the great success the club has enjoyed this year winning the U12 and U14B County Leagues and the Under 16B Championship.

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Camogie with Mary Newman McCarthy



Cork Senior National League, Munster and All-Ireland Champions. Front (left to right): Stephanie Dunlea, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Denise Cronin (Capt.), Silé Golden (Chairperson, Co. Board.), Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Irene O'Keeffe, Sandra Fitzgibbon. Centre (left to right): L. O'Sullivan (Registrar, Co. Board), Tom Nott (Trainer), Miriam Deasy, Rose Desmond, Sheenagh Morley, Mary McSweeney (Treasurer, Co. Board.), Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins, Miriam Murphy (Selector), Marion McCarthy (Vice-Chairman, Co. Board). Back (left to right): Mary Newman-McCarthy (PRO Co. Board), Angela Higgins-Sheehan (Selector), Hilda Kenneally, Therese O Callaghan, Mary Kenefick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Viv Harris, Colette O'Mahony, Rose Mackey-Keane (Selector), Tracy Sheehan (Sec. Co. Board).



1995 will go down as one of the greatest for Cork camogie, with the winning of the All-Ireland Senior and National League titles. Starting out '95 we saw a new look Cork take the fields with Tom Nott taking over as trainer and Angela Higgins-Sheehan

joining Miriam Murphy and Rose Mackey as Selectors. A new sponsor in the form of A.C.C. Bank and Cork were ready for action.

When the National League commenced many new faces lined out on the senior side. Viv Harris, Eithne Duggan,

Stephanie Dunlea were all commanding regular places for the League and Cork's only defeat was against Wexford. However this did not stop their qualification and at St. Finbarr's G.A.A. grounds Cork faced Kilkenny in the semi-final and with a top class performance, qualified to meet Armagh, who were in their first year in senior grade.

In the senior championship Cork faced Clare and after a tough encounter won through to meet Wexford in what was the first inter-county camogie game at Paire Uí Rinn. Lynn Dunlea became the toast of Cork when she scored 3-9 of Cork's 5-13 tally to see Cork safely through to the All-Ireland Final v old rivals Kilkenny. In a rip roaring contest Cork were trailing by 1 point with 3 minutes remaining on the clock. However Linda Mellerick's goal from a long range shot put Cork ahead and two points from Lynn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll were to be enough to bring a seventeenth title Leeside and give Sandie Fitzgibbon her fifth All-Ireland senior medal. At the end of the game Kilkenny were stunned and disappointed. The win was one of the greatest and sweetest of Cork's All-Ireland victories.

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On the Junior scene Cork failed to Limerick who went on to win the All Ireland title. Our minors were defeated by Tipperary and this gave cause for grave concern with the County Board holding an inter-divisional blitz in October, with a view to the minor team of '96. The blitz was a resounding success with victory going to Seandun.

Pride of place at under age level went to our U-18 side, who retained their Munster Championship crown with a tremendous win over Tipperary in the Final following a great semi-final victory versus Limerick. Linda O'Sullivan, Jill Hannon and Viv Harris who had also starred in the senior victories, played major roles. Well done to coach Jerry O'Shea and his Selectors. Hopefully many of the U-18s will make the breakthrough in the years to come and star for Cork seniors in Croke Park.

Cork were well represented on the Munster inter-provincial teams, with the senior side scoring a great win over Ulster in the Final. The team was captained by Cork's Therese O'Callaghan.

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

The county championship season kicked off with Bishopstown rejoining the ranks of senior following their victory in the B Competitions in '94. They accounted for Seandun and Carbery to qualify to meet holders Glen Rovers, who had reached the final after receiving a walkover from Muskerry, whose nonappearance did little to enhance the reputation of the Board's most prestigious competition. Oliver Webb (Carraigaline) created his own bit of history by refereeing a senior county final, when the sides met at Paire Uí Rinne for the first camogie game at the venue. How fitting it was that Glen Rovers were to lift that 21st title at a venue bearing the name of it's most famous son and it was a very proud Patricia Murphy who accepted the Science Cup on behalf of her club who, in the process collected their sixth Cork senior camogie championship title in a row. In the Munster Club Championship

Toomevara (Tipperary) defeated the Cork champions by three points and went on to win their first title.

SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

Fr. O'Neills became Senior B Champions when they defeated St. Finbarrs by 4-5 to 1-6. Fr O'Neills defeated Inniscarra, Aghabullogue and Killeagh to reach the Final and had an



Denise Cronin receives the O'Duffy Cup from Bella O'Loughlin, Uachtarán, Cumann Camogaíochta na h-Eireann.

excellent performer in Mary Kenefick who gave a superb display in the Final. 1995 also saw Fiona O'Driscoll and Mags Finn as well as Mary Kenefick bring All-Ireland Senior medals to the Ballymacada side. Sharon Meade collected the trophy, much to the delight of trainer Tony McCarthy and the hard working Fr.O'Neill's backroom team.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Five teams contested the Intermediate Championship with Eire Og and Newcestown reaching the Final. For the second year Eire Og were to be defeated in the Final and it was a delighted

Hilda Kenneally who accepted the trophy on behalf of her club. With Eire Og's commitment to the game, it will not be long before a title comes their way.

FEILE NA N-GAEL

For the third year in succession Aghabullogue qualified to represent Cork at Feile na n-Gael. However they were unsuccessful in their bid for ultimate honours, which were won by Pearse's (Galway). Ciara Healy (Bishopstown) represented Cork proudly in the skills competition and was placed second.

UNDER AGE COMPETITIONS

The U-12 League once again was a resounding success, with all games contested with enthusiasm. The Final saw Ballygarvan gain victory at the expense of a gallant Barryroe side. Ballygarvan were also victorious in the U-14B League, with a victory over St. Catherines. At the time of writing Brian Dillons await the winners of Eire Og and St. Finbarrs to contest the U-14 A Final. Sciath na Scoil once again had all the thrills and spills and played in ideal weather conditions at Paire Uí Caoimh. Scoil Oilibheir Dublin Hill were crowned Section 'A' winners with a victory over Watergrasshill, St.Catherines. Bishopstown took the B Section, with a victory over Togher. Section C saw Middleton overcome Farnanes while in Section D Ovens defeated Ballygarvan. Victory in Section E went to Cloughdun winners over Aghabullogue and in Section F Rennies took the honours with a win over Rusheen.

All said, 1995 was a tremendous year for Cork camogie and praise must be lavished on coach Tom Nott for his work with the Senior team, the Selectors, Rose Mackey-Keane (Glen Rovers), Miriam Murphy (Eire Og) and Angela Higgins-Sheehan (Watergrasshill) and without doubt, the players. Mna Corcaigh Abu.

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"I'm off" ...Irene O'Keeffe (Cork) races away from Kilkenny's Margaret Hickey, centre, and Ann Downey in the Bord na Gaeilge All Ireland senior final.

LINDA SHOWS CORK THE WAY



By P.J Fulham

It was a great All-Ireland day in Croke Park when Denise Cronin, Cork received the coveted "O'Duffy" Cup from Uachtaran Belle O'Loughlin before an attendance of 10,000 after an edge of the seat All-Ireland senior Championship final against arch rivals Kilkenny, in the first sponsored series, "Bord na Gaeilge" were the sponsors.

Cork secured their 17th title in their 30th appearance. This some-what atoned for the six times they had to stand by while Kilkenny hoisted the trophy. This was the first time in 21 years that Kilkenny had to settle for second best in an All-Ireland senior championship final and their third defeat in 15 All-Ireland appearances. All defeats were to Cork.

It has been a see-saw struggle between those Counties down the years. When Cork were going for five-in-a-row in 1974 Kilkenny stopped them. In '92 when Kilkenny were chasing eight-in-a-row Cork halted them and last year "The Leesiders" were again seeking three-on-the-trot the "Noresiders" prevented them. In their nine All-Ireland final meetings Kilkenny scored 29 goals 88 points and Cork notched 25 goals 77 points.

Leading up to the big day Kilkenny recorded 1-14 to 1-9 win over Galway while Cork disposed of Wexford 5-13 to 1-6 in the semi-finals.

The final lived up to all expectations and as is the usual tradition between those Counties, with excellent skill, excitement and great rivalry.

It took some time for bothsides to settle in after an uneventful first half. Kilkenny led 0-5 to 0-2 at the break.

Angela Downey's second goal twelve minutes from time gave Kilkenny a six point lead. Within the next six minutes Cork Skipper Denise Cronin and Fiona O'Driscoll goaled to draw level. Time ticking away Kilkenny Captain, Angela Downey pointed, but from the puck-out Linda Mellerick collected and after a great solo run, what appeared to be the equaliser dropped under the bar. The "Rebels" were rampant and left no doubt about the issue as the sent over two more points. Final score: Cork 4-8 Kilkenny 2-10.

CLARE SECURED SECOND ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP:

This competition introduced in 1992 to bridge the gap between senior and junior. This year seeded senior teams:- Armagh, Dublin, Kildare and Clare gained entry by being defeated in the first round of the senior Championship, while Down, Galway and Tipperary were graded Intermediate.

In the semi-finals Clare defeated Armagh, the holders 2-15 to 3-10 and Tipperary had a 3-16 to 3-8 win over Down.

After Clare Hurlers secured the "Liam McCarthy Cup" after a lapse of 81 years, the "Roses" FROM Clare had a point to prove the following Sunday. This they did when they made history by becoming the first County to carve its name on the "Purcell Cup" for the second time after a brilliant final at Toomevara. Although the sides met

on numerous occasions within the Province this was the first time for them to meet in an All-Ireland final.

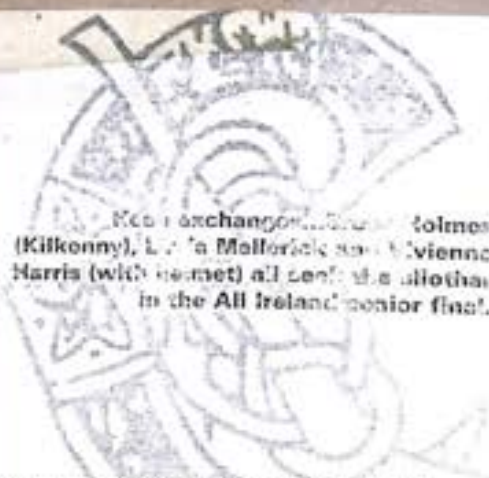
Tipperary, making their first appearance in an All-Ireland Intermediate final were much the superior side in the opening half and led 1-7 to 0-4 at the break...In the second half Clare were dominant in most parts of the field and Catherine O'Loughlin, who was in superb form put the sides level, and on the whistle sent over the winning point to give the "Banner County" its second All-Ireland Cup in a week. Final Score: Clare 1-10 Tipperary 1-9.

LIMERICK SECURE ALL IRELAND JUNIOR AFTER A GAP OF 18 YEARS:

Limerick secured the All-Ireland Junior Championship and took home "The New Ireland Cup" after a lapse of eighteen years by defeating Roscommon in the All-Ireland Junior final which was the curtain raiser to the senior at Croke Park.

Roscommon, taking part in their first All-Ireland final almost snatched victory in injury time. Two first half goals by Kay Burke left Limerick ahead 2-5 to 0-2 at the break. Roscommon's substitute Mairead Coyle launched a revival with a brace of goals early in the second half. They held Limerick scoreless for 18 minutes. Entering the last ten minutes the Munster County led by six points. In the first minute of injury time Charmaine Cooney goaled to give Roscommon the lead for the first time in the match. Two points...a dangerous lead...as seconds later Kay Burke sent a sizzling ball to the net to give Limerick victory by one

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Rob O'Leary (Kilkenny), L. J. O'Malley (Limerick) and J. O'Connell (Kilkenny) all centred the ball in the All Ireland senior final.

point. The score 3-7 to 4-3. It was a cruel twist of fate, but Limerick knew how Roscommon felt, as they suffered a similar defeat by Galway in the final last year.

FIRST ALL IRELAND MINOR TITLE FOR WEXFORD

Wexford collected their first ever All-Ireland Minor Championship Title when they defeated the holders, Galway at Loughrea. Wexford defeated Derry 2-17 to 2-7 in the semi-final while Galway had a 2-12 to 3-6 win over Tipperary.

In the final Wexford got off to a dream start with goals by Esme Murphy and Rosemary Breen they led 2-3 to 0-1 after 12 minutes and by half time had increased their lead to 2-8 to 0-4.

In the second half Galway pulled out all stops holding Wexford to just one point, but the first half deficit was too much to overcome.

NATIONAL LEAGUES:

Cork won their fourth National Senior League title with a 5-16 to 3-4 win over Armagh. The semi-final against Kilkenny was a highly skillful affair, the score Cork 3-9 Kilkenny 1-10.

Armagh, the first Ulster County to take part in a Senior League final, did well to record a 2-11 to 2-7 win over Wexford in the semi-final. They were no match for Cork as "The Leesiders" romped to victory.

Galway won the National Junior League after a re-play with Down at Loughrea. At the end of the first half the winners led 3-7 to 0-5. Down produced lots of fire in the second half and proved the better on the scoreboard, but found the first half deficit too much as Galway took the title on a score of 4-13 to 2-9.

LISDOWNNEY TAKE FIRST ALL IRELAND CLUB TITLE:

Lisdowney, Kilkenny collected their first All-Ireland Club Championship title, when Angela Downey rescued them from the jaws of defeat by Glen Rovers, Cork with four goals in the final quarter. "The Glen" going for their third title in succession looked the sharper side in the opening half and led 1-10 to 0-6 at the break increasing their lead to ten points entering the final quarter. A flurry of goals by Angela Downey left Glen Rovers stunned as Lisdowney lifted the title by 5-9 to 1-15.



MUNSTER AND CONNACHT SHARE GAEL LINN HONOURS:

Gael Linn Interprovincial, here-to-fore played in November, was this year staged in June. The semi-finals and finals in junior and senior were played on the one day in Naomh Brid grounds, Blanchardstown.

Semi-finals: Munster 3-14 Ulster 2-10, Connacht 6-10 Leinster 1-10. Munster retained the title on a score of 4-13 to Connachts 3-10.

The junior semi-finals: Munster 3-10 Ulster 1-4; Connacht 2-10 Leinster 1-10. Munster, the holders and Connacht met again in this decider which Connacht won 1-9 to 0-10.

CAMOGIE ROLL OF HONOUR '95

Bord na Gaelige All Ireland senior Championship:

Cork 4-8 Kilkenny 2-10
All Ireland Intermediate Championship:
Clare 1-10 Tipperary 1-9

All Ireland Junior Championship:
Wexford 2-9 Galway 1-7
National Senior League: Cork 5-16 Armagh 3-4

National Junior League: Galway 4-13 Down 2-9

All Ireland Club Championship 1994
Lisdowney, Kilkenny 5-9 Glen Rovers, Cork 1-15

Senior Gael Linn (1994) Munster 4-11 Ulster 2-7

Junior Gael Linn (1994) Munster 5-9 Ulster 2-12

Senior Gael Linn (1995) Munster 4-13 Connacht 3-10

Junior Gael Linn (1995) Connacht 1-9 Munster 0-10

COLLEGES 1995

Ashbourne Cup Uni. Limerick 0-7 Waterford R.T.C. 0-3

Ashbourne Shield: U.C.C. 2-5 U.U.J. 1-3

Purcell Cup: Athlone R.T.C. 5-10 U.C.D. 1-0

Purcell Shield: Maynooth 5-7 Mary

Immaculate Limerick 3-5

C.C.I.A. Senior League U.U.J. 1-8 A.R.T.C. 0-4

All Ireland Colleges Senior: Presentation,

Kilkenny 3-4 St. Mary's Charleville 2-4

All Ireland Colleges Junior: St. Mary's

Charleville 2-12 St. Mary's, Magherafelt 1-1

NATIONAL FEILE NA nGAEL

Div. 1. Pierces, Galway 1-6 Drom/linch, Tipperary 0-3

Div. 2. Teemore, Fermanagh 5-8 Inistigoe, Kilkenny 1-0

Div. 3. O'Donovan Rossa, Antrim 1-6 Dunhill, Waterford 1-2

Div. 4. Camross, Laois 2-3 Burgess, Tipperary 1-3

Div. 5. Kildavin, Carlow 0-2 Gleneally, Wicklow 0-0

CEOL, CAINT AGUS DAMHSA RESULTS:

Ceili Dancing: Eire Og, Clare

Set Dancing: Clonduff, Down

Ballad Group Kilgael, Roscommon

Table Quiz: Caulry, Westmeath

Solo Singing: Aine Dileen, Clare

Instrumental Music: Aonghus Rooney, Monaghan

Recitation: Breda Ryan Limerick.

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CAMOGIE REVIEW

by **BRIDÍN UÍ MHAOLAGÁIN**

Fiona Sets A Record As Angela Bows Out

All-Ireland final day is always one of keen anticipation. Once again this year, as in the League, the old rivals Cork and Kilkenny were on duty in the Senior Final in Croke Park, while Limerick and Roscommon were the Junior contestants. Once again a great afternoon's entertainment was in store for the largest attendance yet - 10,000.

Limerick certainly had the upperhand during the first half but Eamonn Cregan's team had hardly bargained for the resurgence of Roscommon in the second half. From the throw-in by referee, Marie Pollard of Waterford, the girls from the west attacked. Mairead Coyle, who came on as substitute, scored almost immediately and set the tone for the remainder of the game. Limerick seemed to be on the rack but determination, self belief and experience told in the end and the Munster girls emerged as Junior All-Ireland champions with one point to spare. In the last few years the juniors have served up camogie at its most exciting and skilful standard.

The recent great giants of camogie then took to the hallowed sod of Croke Park. Would Cork overcome the lack of

victories against Kilkenny at All-Ireland level, or would the Black and Amber, one more time prove supreme?

On the day, victory was with the girls from the "Banks" but not without a titanic struggle. One of the stars on the Cork team was Fiona O'Driscoll who won another All-Ireland medal on the following Sunday with Cork's junior Ladies' Football team - perhaps she'll take up handball, our other national sport - and bring international glory to Ireland - to add to her magnificent achievements.

Fiona has recently had the distinction of being elected President of CCIA - the governing body for third level camogie affairs. In winning her first Ashbourne medal, first All-Ireland Camogie medal, first All-Ireland football medal, first Combined Universities medal, captaining U.L. to victory and captaining the combined team to victory in the same year she must surely have set a record second to none in any Gaelic sport, if not in any sport.

There were some fine contributions on the day particularly from Sandie Fitzgibbon, Lynn Dunlea, Theresa O'Callaghan and newcomer and ex-UCD star, Eithne Duggan. However, no superlative would be good enough to describe the role played by superstar Linda Mellerick. Suffice to say that she was chosen as "player" of the match with every justification.

On the opposing side once again there were fine contributions from Marina Downey, Sinead Millea and Gillian Dillon. Ann Downey and Angela Downey played a major role in the fantastic performance by the Noresiders.

The great queen of camogie Angela Downey-Brown gave a breathtaking performance in what may be her grand-finale. Now that she has retired from the Kilkenny team many of her opponents around the country will heave a sigh of relief. Angela has contributed in no small way to the propagation of

the game and her expertise, skill, stamina and determination was always in evidence whether at inter-county, inter-provincial, inter-club or just at tournament level.

We haven't forgotten her fantastic superstar three-in-a-row "Gradam Tailteann" in the 1980s. She has much



Fiona O'Driscoll chats with Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin

still to offer the camogie association in terms of coaching and administration. I take this opportunity to wish Angela and Ted all the very best in her retirement. *Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.*

Yet another first for All-Ireland camogie — this year Bord na Gaeilge has given very generous sponsorship to the All-Ireland Finals. *Taimid go mór faoi chomaoín ag Bórd na Gaeilge as an urraíocht fhlaithiúil atá a dhéanamh acu ar chraobh - chomórtas camógaiochta uile - Éireann. Is mór is fiú dúinn é.*

While the home championship season was in full swing, 3000 miles away on the banks of the Hudson River the North American Camogie Association was hosting the now Annual International Seven-a-side tournament, which was inaugurated in 1994 during my term as president of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael, and now attracts teams from Canada, Ireland, U.S.A. and Britain. It's extraordinary to see Jamaican players on the Canadian team displaying camogie skills in many cases much better than the Irish lassies. Many students who clash in the Ashbourne and Purcell Cups Intervarsity come face to face once again - not in typical February cold, wet Ashbourne conditions, but in the sweltering humid heat of New York in August.



LAST TIME OUT: Angela Downey-Brown, with her daughter Katie, steps out for her last Croke Park appearance

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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS

BY MARY MORAN

In every season there are names which make the news. 1995 holds great memories for some. The majority of these are Munster players.

A good example is Fiona O'Driscoll. Early in the season she captained University of Limerick to win the Ashbourne Cup for the first time. She played an outstanding part in all the matches and was named Player of the Tournament.

She qualified as a P.E. teacher and turned her attentions towards the All-Ireland Championships. Her move to centre-forward in the final against Kilkenny made an immediate impact on the game. Fiona collected her third All-Ireland senior medal and returned to Croke Park the following Sunday to add a Ladies Football medal.

Her skilful and committed play was instrumental in Cork winning both titles. She also helped Munster retain the Gael-Linn Cup and her club, Fr. O'Neills attain Senior A status in Cork.

Many other Cork girls will savour happy memories of the past season. Lynn Dunlea registered 4-20 in her three championship outings and was honoured with a Jury's Award. Cork captain, Denise Cronin missed the early part of the season through injury but played for the final.

Newcomers to the team, Eithne Duggan and Mags Finn can feel justifiably proud of their contribution. Both proved the critics wrong and came through the season with honours. Young Vivienne Harris, who was awarded the Cork Examiner Munster Youth Sports Award last February is one to watch for in the future. The Cork selectors held her back for the Wexford and Kilkenny games. But they need not have worried about her ability to survive and shine in the big time. Her introduction in the second half of the final had many people in the stand enquiring as to her identity.

One of the best contests of the year was the Intermediate Championship final at Toomevara. Tipperary made the early running with Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes leading the way. But with the spirit which abounded in Clare this season, Catherine O'Loughlin, Debbie McDonagh, Patricia Maloney, Frances Phelan and Moira McMahon were not to be outdone. They snatched victory from the hands of the Tipperary girls in the final minutes.

Limerick made amends for their defeat in last year's All-Ireland Junior Championships. But they did not have it all their own way.



Cork Captain, Denise Cronin, receives the O'Duffy Cup from Uachtarán Bella O'Loughlin, following Cork's victory in the '95 All-Ireland Camogie Final.

Roscommon rose to the occasion and were literally inches away from causing an upset. Kay Burke and Pauline McCarthy made the early running and put Limerick into what looked like an unassailable lead. It was a very different story in the second half.

The arrival of Mairead Coyle revitalised Roscommon. They played some great camogie which had Limerick with their backs to the wall. Roscommon won many admirers with their spirited play and showed that they are capable of matching the best.

On the losing side in the 1994 All-Ireland Senior Final, young Esme Murphy had her day when Wexford captured Corn Tailteann for the first time. Esme scored all but a goal of her side's total in the All-Ireland Minor final against Galway. Esme and Aine Codd were the stars of the win.

Presentation Kilkenny will always be remembered as the inaugural winners of the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Championship. Twenty five years later a quartet of Kilkenny senior players, Michelle Fennelly, Sinead Costello, Marie Maher and Imelda Kennedy brought Corn Sceilg back to its original resting place. In the final, however, the Kilkenny side did not have it all their own way. The Sheehan sisters, Deirdre and Vera, Breda O'Brien and Caoimhe Harrington were close to causing an upset.

St. Mary's, Charleville played excellent camogie to retain the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Junior title. Laura Leslie, Sinead O'Callaghan and Caoimhe Harrington played leading roles but it was a frail looking Eileen O'Brien who really caught the eye.

A new name will be engraved on the All-Ireland club championship trophy before the season closes. None of the provincial winners, Toomevara (Munster), Davitt's (Connacht), Leitrim (Ulster) and Rathnure (Leinster), are previous winners.

Angela Downey announced her retirement following Cork's win in the All-Ireland Senior final. Far and away the top performer in the game for the past twenty five years, Angela had a glittering career. Already the question is being asked - who will fill her shoes. The game has many fine players at the moment but all fall short of the heights which Angela attained over and over again. For the sake of the game, let us hope that a worthy successor will shortly emerge to catch and hold the imagination of camogie fans.

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LÁ MÓR NA CAMÓGAÍOCHTA.



CAMOGIE LE MICHAEL Ó MUIRCEARTAIGH.

Bhí lá mór ag cailíní Chorcaí i bPáirc An Chrócaigh ar an gceathrú Domhnach de Mheán Fomhair —bhuadar craobh camógaíochta na h-Éireann—craobh Bhord Na Gaeilge.

Ní nuacht mhór é Corcaigh bheith ag buachtaint craobh na h-Éireann mar go bhfuilid sa dara áit in ord fruntais an chluiche le seacht gcrabhb déag. Ach is scéal mór é nuair éiríonn le Corcaigh buachtaint ar Chill Choinnigh i gcluiche ceannais mar nár éirigh leo an gaisce áirithe sin a dhéanamh ó'n mbliain 1972.

Dheineadar go slachtmhar é an uair seo agus níl amhras ná gur curaidh maith iad mar bhí sárfoireann ag Cill Choinnigh mar is gnáth.

Ní raibh an céad leath ró iontach ar fad ach bhí an dara leath chomh maith le h-aon leath-uair imeartha dá bhfacthas riamh i gcamógaíocht.

Bhí scil, luas, diograis agus eachtraí spéisiúla ag baint na sála dá chéile agus bhain an lucht féachana ana thaitneamh as an iomlán.

Ag tagairt do'n lucht féachana is deas é go raibh ardú ar an dtinreamh go dtí tarrach ar 10,000 agus bhí tacaíocht láidir ag sóisir Roscomáin agus Luimneach sa réamhchluiche.

Bhí caighdeán maith sa chluiche sin freisin agus is iontach mar a chruthaigh Roscomáin in a gcéad chluiche ceannais.

Bhí a gcrabhb tuillte ag Luimneach ach bhí ádh an lae leo.



Eibhlín Ní Chlúmháin Uí Chártuaigh captaen, Luimneach raises the All-Ireland Junior Trophy in triumph.



Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh de Brún (Cill Chainnigh) outnumbered by Vivienne Ní Earchaí and Sandie Ní Giobúin (Corcaigh)

Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh ar éirí as an gcamógaíocht.

D'fhógair Aingeal Ní Dhúnaigh go raibh deireadh aici le camógaíocht idir-chon tae tar éis cluiche ceannais na bliana seo.

D'imir sí i gcluiche ceannais na bliana 1972 in aghaidh Chorcaí nuair nach raibh sí ach cúig bliana déag d'aois.

Ní raibh craobh ar bith ag Cill Choinnigh ag an am agus níor tháinig sé ar an lá sin ach oiread.

Dhá bhliain níos d'éanaí bhí Cill Choinnigh sa chluiche ceannais arís, Bhí Aingeal ann agus a leathchúpla Aine ar an bhfoireann le.

Thógadar an chraobh tré bhuachtaint ar Chorcaigh in ath-imirt ag cur tús le ré glórmhar do Chill Choinnigh.

Tá craobh na h-Éireann busaite acu dhá uair déag anois agus nach gaisce mór é go raibh an cúpla ar ghach aon fhoireann caithréimeach.

Dheineadar a gcion i gcluiche ceannais na bliana seo agus d'éirigh le h-Ain-geal dhá chúl agus ceithre chúilín a scóráil.

Níor leor é áfach le foireann cumasach diograiseach Chorcaí a chloí.

Is leor sampla amháin ó'n imirt—bhí Cill Choinnigh dhá chúl chun tosaigh dhá neomat déag ó'n deireadh.

Ní thógfa ar dhaoine é dá gceapfaidís ag an am go raibh port Chorcaí seinte ach ní mar sin a bhí.

Ghnóthaigh Corcaigh trí chúl agus dhá chúilín sa tréimhse a bhí fágtha agus níor éirigh le Cill Choinnigh ach péire cúlíní a chlárú.

Ní bhuann foireann craobh na h-Éireann gan taispeántas maith ó'n a lán imreoirí agus sárthaispeántas ó roinnt díobh.

Mar sin a bhí le Corcaigh '95.

Bhí cothramaíocht ag baint leo agus bhí leitheidí Linda Mellerick, Denise Ní Chróinín, Lynn Ní Dhuinnshléibhe, Sandie Ní Giobúin agus Fiona Ní Dhrisceoil ar fheabhas.

Bliain Stairiúil i gcúrsaí Camógaíochta.

Dhein Bord Na Gaeilge urraíocht i mBliana ar chraobh na camógaíochta agus thug sin deis fógraíochta do'n mBord i bPáirc An Chrócaigh agus in áiteacha eile. Is Cumann náisiúnta é Cumann Camógaíochta Éireann agus bhí báidh acu leis an nGaeilge ó'n dtús.

Is i dtreise a rachaidh spórt na mban im' thuairm-se agus b'fhiú do Bhord Na Gaeilge tacaíocht a thabhairt do i mBliana.

Tá moladh agam féin i leith sport na mban ó thaobh cluichí Gaelacha de. Cad faoi cluichí ceannais na camógaíochta agus peil na mBan bheith ar siúl i bPáirc An Chrócaigh ar an lá céanna?

Tá fhios agam gur eagraíochtaí éagsúla a reachtálann an dá sport ach ní gádh gur bac a bheadh sa mhéid sin.

Ní rud neamhghnáthach é go mbíonn sé chluiche in aon tráthnóna amháin thall i nGaelic Park Nua Eabhrach ach nach fearr go mór na h-áiseanna le h-aghaidh a bídh agus dí atá i bPáirc An Chrócaigh anois.

Gan stró ar bith d'fhéadfaí na ceithre cluichí ceannais d'imirt agus nach meallfadh sin fiche nó triocha míle duine!

Ní fada ansin go meallfadh sin Beo-Theilidís agus níl teora leis an bhforbairt a bheadh i ndán do spórt na mban i gcoitinne.

Anois an t-am le cur chuige —féach mar a éiríonn le lá na mban i mBaile Phuinsé aerach in Ascot álainn, i York glórmhar—cé'n fáth nach m-éireadh leis i bPáirc An Chrócaigh?

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THE CAMOGIE SCENE

Cork Take 17th Title In Thriller With Old Rivals Kilkenny

By P. J. Fullam

It was a great All-Ireland Senior Championship day in Croke Park and Denise Cronin, Captain of Cork received the coveted O'Duffy Cup from Uachtaran, Belle O'Loughlin before an attendance of 10,000 after an edge-of-the-seat final against old rivals Kilkenny. Sponsored for the first time by Bord na Gaeilge.

Cork secured their 17th title in their 30th appearance. This atoned somewhat for the six times they had to stand by while Kilkenny hoisted the Trophy. It was the first time in 21 years that Kilkenny had to settle for second best in an All-Ireland senior championship final and only their third defeat in 15 All-Ireland appearances. All defeats were by Cork.

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Leading up to the big day Kilkenny recorded a 1-14 to 1-9 win over Galway, while Cork disposed of Wexford 5-13 to 1-6 in the semi-final.



Cork captain Denise Cronin lifts the O'Duffy cup in winning for Cork Parkland the Leesiders in the final of the All-Ireland Senior Championship.

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Cork Turn On The Style



Irene O'Keefe of Cork on a solo run through the Kilkenny defence in the All-Ireland final, Kilkenny's Margaret Hickey moves in to try and stop the run.

The final lived up to all expectations and as is the usual between those Counties was marked by excellent skill, excitement and great rivalry.

It took some time for both sides to settle and at the end of the first half Kilkenny led 0-5 to 0-2 at the break.

Angela Downey's second goal twelve minutes from time gave Kilkenny a six point lead. Within the next six minutes Cork Skipper Denise Cronin and Fiona O'Driscoll goaled to draw level. With time ticking away Kilkenny Captain, Angela Downey pointed, but from the puck-out Linda Mellerick collected and after a great solo run, what appeared to be the equaliser dropped under the bar. The "Rebels" were rampant and left no doubt in the end as they added two more points. Final score: Cork 4-8; Kilkenny 2-10.

Birr's Club title (from page 142)

The team came home to scenes of jubilation which rivalled the rapturous reception accorded to Offaly the previous September. The win was the ultimate reward for the work of people such as club secretary John Tooher but it was also marked recognition for Birr's status as one of the great bastions of hurling in the country. The town hosted the first All-Ireland final in 1887 and the club won the first of its 13 county titles in 1912.

There was a poignant scene on the Saturday after the All-Ireland final when the team brought the Tommy Moore Cup to the Old Folks home in Birr. Denis Grogan and John Dooley, both in the late '80's, had been life-long servants of Birr hurling through good times and bad, and there were tears in their eyes when they were shown the Cup. Both men died before the year had reached its' end.

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Angela Retires With Twelve Medals

Now Her Twin Sister Will Seek To Equal Una O'Connor's Record

Angela Downey/Brown, 38-year-old Kilkenny Stalwart announced her retirement after the 1995 All-Ireland. This decision had ended her chance of equalling Una O'Connor's record of thirteen All-Ireland Senior Championship medals. A hope now carried by Angela's twin sister, Ann who plans to continue. Angela and Ann each have twelve All-Ireland Senior medals and tie in joint third place in the honours list.

Angela first donned the Black and Amber in 1972 as a very young school girl and has played in fourteen of the fifteen finals which Kilkenny has contested. She was awarded the Texaco Award in 1986, the B & I Award in '77, '86 and '89. Gradam Tailte in '84, '85 and '86. She was co-recipient with her sister Ann, of the

National Irish Bank Award in '94.

Angela's enormous collection of medals include 8 National Senior League, 10 Senior Gael Linn, 6 All-Ireland Club Championship, All-Ireland Senior and Junior Colleges medals with St. Brigid's, Callan and a Shield medal with St. Patrick's, Maynooth, 22 Senior County Championship, 20 of which she won with St. Paul's and has also won an All-Ireland Senior Club Championship medal with her present club, Lisdowney.

Angela will be a major loss to Kilkenny and Camogie as a whole. She was always a treat to watch and impossible to mark.

Her skill and scoring ability has undoubtedly placed her on a pedestal as one of the best of either sex to grace Croke Park.

Angela Downey playing in her last All-Ireland final against Cork in September '95 and (inset) proudly displaying the O'Duffy Cup after captaining Kilkenny to victory in the 1994 All-Ireland final (Picture: Sportsfile)



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Clare Win Second All-Ireland Intermediate Crown

This competition was introduced in 1992 to bridge the gap between senior and junior. This year seeded senior teams Armagh, Down, Kildare and Clare gained entry by being defeated in the first round of the Senior Championship, while Down, Galway and Tipperary were graded Intermediate.

In the semi-finals Clare defeated Armagh, the holders, 2-15 to 3-10 and Tipperary had a 3-16 win over Down.

After Clare hurlers had won the Liam McCarthy Cup after a lapse of 63 years, the Clare girls had a point to prove the following Sunday. This they did when they made history by becoming the first County to carve its name on the 'Purcell Cup' for the second time after a brilliant final at Toomevara.

Although the sides met numerous occasions within the Province, this was their first meeting in an All-Ireland final.

Tipperary, making their first appearance in an All-Ireland Intermediate final, were much the superior side in the opening half and led 1-7 to 0-4 at the break. In the second half Clare were dominant in most parts of the field and Catherine O'Loughlin, who was in superb form put the side level, and just on full time sent over the winning point. Final Score: Clare 1-10 Tipperary 1-9.

Limerick Juniors Bridge 18 Years Gap

Limerick, by winning the All-Ireland Junior Championship took home New Ireland Cup after a lapse of eighteen years.

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In the first minute of injury time Catherine Cooney goaled to give Roscommon the lead for the first time in the match but seconds later Kay Burke sent a sizzling ball to the net to give Limerick victory by one point. The score 3-7 to 4-3.

It was a cruel twist of fate, but Limerick knew how Roscommon felt, as they had suffered a similar fate against Galway in the 1994 final.

First Minor Title For Wexford

Wexford collected their first ever All-Ireland Minor Championship Title when they defeated the holders Galway at Loughrea.

Wexford defeated Derry 2-17 to 2-7 in the semi-final while Galway had a 2-12 to 3-6 win over Tipperary.

In the final Wexford got off to a dream start with goals by Esme Murphy and Rosemary Breen they led 2-3 to 0-1 after 12 minutes and by half time had increase their lead to 2-8 to 0-4.

In the second half Galway pulled out all stops holding Wexford to just one point, but the first half deficit was too much to overcome. Final score: Wexford 2-9 Galway 1-7.

Cork's Fourth League Title

Cork won their fourth National Senior League title with a 5-16 to 3-4 win over Armagh. The semi-final against Kilkenny was a skilful affair and winning on the score 3-9 to 1-10.

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Munster And Connacht Share Honours

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Roll Of Honour 1995

All-Ireland Senior Championship Medal List

Kathleen Mills, Dublin	15
Una O'Connor, Dublin	13
Angela Downey, Kilkenny	12
Ann Downey, Kilkenny	12
Gerry Hughes, Dublin	9
Kay Ryder, Dublin	9
Bridie McGarry, Kilkenny	9
Deirdre Malone, Kilkenny	9
Sophia Brack, Dublin	8
Eileen O'Duffy, Dublin	8
Kay Lyons, Dublin	8
Eithne Leech, Dublin	8
Marian McCarthy, Cork	8
Joe Dunne, Kilkenny	8
Biddy O'Sullivan, Kilkenny	8

The Camogie Scene

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Ashbourne Shield U.C.C. 2-5; U.U.J. 1-3
Purcell Cup Athlone R.T.C. 5-10; U.C.D. 1-0
Purcell Shield Maynooth 5-7; Mary I, Limerick 3-5

C.C.I.A. Senior League

U.U.J. 1-8; A.R.T.C. 0-4
All-Ireland Colleges Senior Presentation, Kilkenny 3-4; St Mary's, Charleville 2-4
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Div. 5 Kildavin, Carlow 0-2; Gleneally, Wicklow 0-0
Ceol, Caint Agus Damhsa Results:
Ceili Dancing: Eire Og, Clare
Set Dancing: Clonduff, Down
Ballad Group: Kilgael, Roscommon
Table Quiz: Caulry, Westmeath
Solo Singing: Aine Dileen, Clare
Instrumental Music: Aonghus Rooney, Monaghan
Recitation: Breda Ryan, Limerick

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By: P.J. Fulham

Munster Annex Most Major Titles

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Aine Derham, the Dublin girl in the middle during the 1995 Senior final

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A joyful Limerick captain Helen Clifford McCarthy with the Junior Camogie Cup



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CEOL, CAINT AGUS DAMHSA RESULTS:

Ceili Dancing: Eire Og, Clare

Set Dancing: Clonduff, Down

Ballad Group: Kilgael, Roscommon

Table Quiz: Caulry, Westmeath

Solo Singing: Aine Dileen, Clare

Instrumental Music: Aonghus Rooney, Monaghan

Recitation: Breda Ryan, Limerick.

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CAMOGIE ALL IRELAND INTERMEDIATE TITLE FOR CLARE

JIM MCNICHOLAS

Highlight of the year in Clare Camogie was undoubtedly the winning of the All-Ireland Intermediate title at Toomevara on Sunday, 10th September.

It was a well drilled and talented team that kept their nerve and composure in a remarkable second half rallied and snatched victory with a Catherine O'Loughlin fifty yard free which sailed over the bar a minute into injury time.

After being outplayed and out thought in an opening half that brought to firm favourites Tipperary who led at half time by 1 - 7 to 0 - 4, Clare's chances looked anything but promising at that stage.

The re-assuring advice of mentors Kitty McNicholas and Trixie Twoomey during the half time break, was taken on board on the restart, with a rejuvenated Clare team displaying that never say die attitude, and the will to win became more evident as the game progressed.

Once Patricia Moloney's goal brought the teams level with fifteen minutes remaining, the tempo of the game increased to an alltime high as both teams swapped points in their bid to win.

In this review it is difficult to single out any of the players for special mention because they gave of their all in an inspiring second half.

However, Debbie McDonagh and Sinead O'Brien who played a Captains role, Patricia Moloney, Orla Slattery and Frances Phelan deserve special mention.

On the opening round of the competition Clare defeated

Kildare by 3 - 13 to 2 - 6 and dethroned holders Armagh in the semi-final by 2 - 15 to 3 - 10.

As in the past Clare had little success in the National league which is used to introduce new players.

In the Senior Championship, Clare were defeated by Tipperary in the opening round and the County Juniors also were defeated in the first round of the Munster Championship by Tipperary.

Wolfe Tones retained their Senior Championship title for the fifth year in succession

League titles.

Clarecastle celebrated their first ever camogie championship success, when their well balanced and skillful team defeated an equally well trained Kilmaley team to take the U 14 B title, but Kilmaley had their hour of glory when they overcame the challenge of Tulla to win the U 12 B Championship.

Kilmaley also won the Intermediate League when they defeated Eire Og.

Kilnamona were Clare's Feile representatives in Limerick while both Clooney and Wolfe Tones hosted teams for the

Tulla win the Clare Primary Schools Camogie Championship title for the first time.

Five Clare Colleges took part in the Munster Camogie Championship and League competition.

Eire Og were successful in bringing two All-Ireland titles to Clare in the Ceol Caint agus Damhsa talent competition when they represented their County and Munster. Aine Dilleen won the Solo Singing event while the Figure Dancing team comprising of Niamh Dilleen, Colette Galvin, Sabrina Longe, Alma Clancy,



Camogie President Bella O'Lochlainn presenting the Player of the Match award to Moira McMahon after the the All-Ireland Intermediate final in which Clare defeated Tipperary.

when they defeated Truagh.

They also retained the Senior League title with a win over Sixmilebridge. Wolfe Tones were also successful in under-age competitions by winning U 12 A and U 14 A titles.

It was also a great year for the up and coming Newmarket club who in 1994 brought off the Junior Championship and League titles for the first time in their history. This year however, they went one step better by winning the Intermediate Championship title at the first attempt.

Scariff-Ogonnelloe completed a unique double by taking the Junior Championship and

Feile Festival. Margaret Littleton of Clooney represented her County in the Feile Skills Competition and the same girl was honoured by being invited to take part in the I.N.T.O. mini "sevens" competition at Croke Park on All-Ireland hurling final day.

Honoured too, were Sinead Greene and Lorraine O'Loughlin from Tulla. They took part in the I.N.T.O. mini "sevens" competition at Croke Park on the All-Ireland hurling semi-final day when Clare defeated Galway.

It was also a great year for the two Tulla girls, they played a major role together with Margaret Littleton in helping

Sharon Nugent, Isualt Hayes, Laura Minogue and Rachel Gilligan took the honours.

Titles 1995

Competition
Winners
Runner-Ups.

U12A Championship
Wolfe Tones
Sixmilebridge
U12B Championship
Kilmaley
Tulla
U14A Championship
Wolfe Tones
Clooney
U14B Championship
Clarecastle
Kilmaley



Wolfe Tones, Winners of the Senior Championship title for the fifth consecutive year.
Back row, left to right: Eric Lennon, Manager, Debbie McDonagh, Sharon McGrath, Clodagh Lennon, Laura O'Shea, Frances Phelan, Ursula McInerney, Deirdre Joyce, Marian Costello, (Capt), Teresa Naughton, Eithne McCormaic. Front: Sylvia O'Brien, Kelly Cullen, Debbie Kelly, Moira McMahon, Debbie McGettrick, Loena, McGrath, Cathy Stevson, Siobhan Walshe, Louis McKenna, Shirley McLoughlin.



Clare team with Substitutes which won the All-Ireland Intermediate championship title.
Back row, left to right: Clodagh Lennon, Deirdre Joyce, Mary Neylon, Debbie McDonagh, Patricia Moloney, Frances Phelan, Marian Costelloe, Edel Arthur. Front: Joanne Frost, Catherine O'Loughlin, Aine Ní Cormaic, Sinead O'Brien, Ann Keane, Orla Slattery, Moira McMahon.



Clare Ladies Senior Football team beaten by All-Ireland Champions Waterford in the Munster semi-final at Quilty.
Back row, left to right: Diane Kelly, Edel Arthur, Sylvia O'Brien, Carmel Bohannon, Deirdre Neenan, Noelle Comyn, Moira Murphy, Fiona O'Boyle, (Capt). Front: Marie Gallagher, Marie Killeen, Eileen Brennan, Sharon O'Brien, Mary Keane, Catherine O'Loughlin, Claire Walsh.



Cora Chaitlin 1995, Camogie Intermediate Champions.
Back row, left to right: Bridie O'Looney, Fiona Hannon, Helen O'Leary, Vivien Arthur, Christine Cullinan, Michelle Arthur, Eleanor McCormack, Niamh McDonnell, Mary Quinlivan, Patricia Austin, Maria Hannon. Front row: Marie O'Looney, Breda O'Looney, Roisin Duggan, Elaine McMahon, Sinead Ryan, Edel Arthur, Caitriona Collins, Veronica McMahon. Mascots: Roisin McMahon, Sean Quinlivan, Laura McMahon.

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Camogie Board Chairman Tom Hogan presenting the Michael McMahon Cup to Wolfe Tones Captain Marian Costelloe.

McNicholas
Munster Council Reps. -
Eileen Downes and Kitty
McNicholas
What a Record.
Clare holds the unique
distinction of having never
been defeated in an All-Ireland
Camogie Final in which they
won three Junior and two
Intermediate titles.
In 1974 the Juniors bridged a
sixty year gap by bringing the
first All-Ireland title to Clare
since the hurlers won the All-
Ireland Senior in 1914.
They followed with a second
in 1981 and five years later
won their third title.

Clare won their first
Intermediate Championship in
1993 and won the title for the
second time in 1995.

So lets look back and salute
the five teams who in twenty
one years brought so much
glory to the Banner County.
ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR
FINAL 1974.

Clare 3 - 2 Dublin 3 - 0
Clare Team: Maureen Kelly
(Eire Og), Anne Marie
O'Loughlin (Dalg Cais), Rose
Kelleher (Wolfe Tones),
Margaret O'Toole (Captain)
(Eire Og), Clare

Harrington (Celtic Dublin),
Theresa McDonagh (Eire Og),
Kitty McNicholas (Eire Og),
Maureen Davoran (Celtic
Dublin) 1-2, Mary
Dolan (Wolfe Tones) 1-0, Mary
Mahon (Musberry Cork),
Pauline Ryan (Eire Og),
Eleece Fitzgibbon (Wolfe
Tones).

Subs: Mary Griffin (Eire Og)
1-0 for Pauline Ryan
Maureen Saunders (Eire Og)
for Eleece Fitzgibbon
Manager: Michael Brennan
(Eire Og).

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR FINAL 1981

Clare 3 - 2 Antrim 0 - 7
Clare Team: Mary Carey (Eire
Og), Josie Connellan (Eire
Og), Caroline O'Meara
(Wolfe Tones),

Mary Howard (Eire Og),
Carmel Moroney (Ruan),
Veronica Casey (Ruan),
Carmel Wall (Ballyea), Clare
Jones (Captain) (Wolfe Tones),
Lourda Fox (Wolfe Tones) 2-
1, Colette Keating (Eire Og),
Martina Beegan (Wolfe Tones)
1-0, Rose Marie Fahy (Feakle)
1-0.

Mentors: Fr. Michael
McNamara and Kitty
McNicholas.

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR FINAL 1986

Clare 1 - 13 Kildare 3 - 4
Clare Team: Pauline O'Brien
(Bodyke), Cusack (Ballyea),
Patricia Ryan (Eire Og),
Noeleen Quinn

(Sixmilebridge), Siobhan
Reidy (Sixmilebridge), Patricia
Rynne (St. Flannan's), Sheila
O'Halloran (Kilkishen),
Carmel Wall (Ballyea),
Catherine O'Loughlin
(Kilnamona) 0-6,
Maura McNicholas
(Captain) (Eire Og) 1-7,
Catherine Molloy (Wolfe
Tones), Noelle Comyns
(Michael Cusacks).

Subs: Claire Bracken
(Kilmaley) for Noelle Comyns.
Mentors: Kitty
McNicholas and Trixie
Twoomey.

Tom Hogan
Vice Chair -
Maura Sheedy
Hon. Secretary -
Eileen Downes
Hon. Treasurer -
Mary McFadden
Registrar -
Vera Hennessy
Dev. Officer -
Kitty McNicholas
Congress Reps. -
Eileen Downes and Kitty

U16A Championship
Clooney
Sixmilebridge
U16B Championship
Bodyke
Kilmaley
U18A Championship
Truagh
Sixmilebridge
U18B Championship
Kilmaley
Feakle
Senior Championship
Wolfe Tones
Truagh
Intermediate Championship
Newmarket
Kilmaley
Junior Championship
Scariff-Ogonnelloe
Whitegate
Junior League
Scariff-Ogonnelloe
Wolfe Tones
Intermediate League
Kilmaley
Eire Og
Senior League
Wolfe Tones
Sixmilebridge
Feile Na nGael representatives
- Kilnamona
Feile hosts - Clooney and
Wolfe Tones
Feile Skills representative -
Margaret Littleton
Clare Camogie Board Officers
1995.
President -
An t-Athair Seamus O Dea
Chairman -



Eire Og Figure Dancing Troupe who won the All-Ireland title in
their event at the Camogie Ceol, Caint agus Damhsa Talent Finals
in Dublin last March. Back, from left: Niamh Dilleen, Colette
Galvin, Bellaa O'Lochlainn, Camogie President Sabrina Longe,
Alina Clancy. Front from left: Sharon Nugent, Isuelt Hayes, Laura
Minogue, Rachel Gilligan.

ALL-IRELAND
INTERMEDIATE FINAL
1993.

Clare 1 - 8 Dublin 1 - 5

Clare Team: Aine MicConnaic (Wolfe Tones), Tina O'Connell (Kilkishen), Marie Collins (Bodyke), Debbie McDonagh (Wolfe Tones), Marian Costelloe (Wolfe Tones), Sinead O'Brien (Bodyke), Sylvia O'Brien (Wolfe Tones) 1-1, Frances Phelan (Captain)(Wolfe Tones) 0-3, Moira McMahon (Wolfe Tones) 0-1, Maura McNicholas (Eire Og) 0-1, Noelle Comyns (Tulla), Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona) 0-2.

Mentors: Fr. Michael McNamara, Kitty McNicholas and Trixie Twoomey.

ALL-IRELAND
INTERMEDIATE FINAL
1995.

Clare 1 - 10 Tipperary
1 - 9

Clare Team: Aine MicConnaic (Wolfe Tones), Debbie Kelly (Wolfe Tones), Orla Slattery (Bodyke), Debbie McDonagh (Wolfe Tones), Marian Costelloe (Wolfe Tones), Clodagh Lennon (Wolfe Tones), Moira McMahon (Wolfe Tones), Sinead O'Brien (Captain)(Bodyke), Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona) 0-8, Frances Phelan (Wolfe Tones) 0-1, Anne Keane(Kilnamona), Patricia Moloney (Eire Og) 1-1.

Subs: Edel Arthur (Newmarket) for Ann Keane

Mentors: Fr. Michael McNamara, Kitty McNicholas and Trixie Twoomey



Team Captains, Marcella Crowe, Truagh on left and Marian Costelloe, Wolfe Tones, watch as referee Kitty McNicholas flicks the coin before the start of the senior camogie final at Cusack Park. This was Kitty's 9th senior final to be in charge.



Scariff-Ogonnelloe Camogie team junior Championship and league winners 1995
Back, Left to Right: Ann Madden, Tony O'Brien, Trainer, Teresa Peril, Ann Kavanagh, Carmel Bolton, Christina Madden, Jackie Turner, Joanne Tracey, Pauline Scanlon.
Front, Left to right: Mary Rodgers, Claire McKenna, Noeleen Minogue, Claire Collieran, Captain, Una O'Rourke, Caroline Peril, Aine O'Brien, Fiona Miles.



Margaret Littleton, Clooney, Feile Skills representative, who also took part in L.N.T.O mini sevens in Croke Park on All-Ireland Hurling Day when Clare defeated Offaly.

CAMOGIE IS THRIVING IN TRUAGH

As 1995 nears a close on the Camogie front, Truagh are once again satisfied with a wide range of participation from all age groups from U 12 right up to Senior level.

Our U 12 and U 14 teams were under the guidance of Richard and Mary O'Sullivan and also Bob Caulfield. Both teams enjoyed successful runs to their respective semi-finals where they both lost to the eventual winners. Our U 12 team went down to Kilmaley in a close contest in which the issue was in doubt until the final whistle. Hopes were also high of reaching the U 14 final and making amends for last year's disappointing result but unfortunately our team, which was very young, went down to a much stronger and fitter Shannon outfit.

After a good win over Whitegate in early Summer, our U 16 team had a long



The Clare Senior Camogie team which lost to Cork in the Munster Championship.

delay of over four months for their semi-final encounter with Sixmilebridge and on the day it was obvious that this delay did not suit our team. Much credit is due to Flan Haskett for keeping this team going throughout the summer period. As at present, the U 18 championship has not been concluded and our team has once again reached the decider

after two good wins over Whitegate and Shannon. Hopes are high in Truagh that this team can retain the title after such a memorable victory over Shannon last year.

Our Senior team had an up and down League campaign and were unlucky to lose to a strong Sixmilebridge team in the semi-final of the event. In

the championship, Truagh reached the decider for only the second time ever. In the final, Truagh did not play to their full potential and did not do themselves justice against the reigning champions and title favourites Shannon. On the path to the final, Truagh comprehensively defeated Newmarket/Eire Og and Kilnamona. The future looks bright for this Truagh team especially if you take into consideration how young the team is. The team was trained throughout the year by Noel Galvin and Mike Sheedy.

Finally, Truagh Camogie Club would like to thank all those who supported the club throughout the year and most especially the management teams and players without whom none of this would be possible.

SHEILA NIHILL - P.R.O.



Wolfe Tones U14A Camogie Championship Winners 1995: Back row: Fiona Kilderry, Louise Slattery, Caroline Fanneran, Valerie O'Loughlin, Jennifer O'Reilly, Ciara Logan. Front L to R: Sinead Twomey, Margeret Long, Janet Culligan, Catherine Madden, Evelyn Mc Girk, Nicola O'Meara.



*Scariff Community College Clare Colleges Senior Camogie Champions' 94/95
Standing: Celine Maloney, Orla Slattery, Jacqueline Tracy, Liza Byerley, Evelyn Quinlivan, Karen Naughton, Joanne Treacy, Jackie Turner, Claire Bolton, Claire McGrath, Aoife O'Connell, Michelle McNamara. Kneeling: Ann Kavanagh, Fiona Myles, Christine Dillon, Una O'Rourke, Michelle Madden, Patricia Counihan, Claire Colleran, Geraldine Counihan.*

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St. Patrick's Comp. School, Shannon - First Year Camogie. Clare College Champions 1995.
Back row, l to r: Aisling McMahon, Sile Twomey, Audrey O'Connor, Sarah Quinlivan, Dóirín Tuohy, Claire Sexton, Claire Barrett, Caroline Ryan, Marie Mellett, Jennifer Ryan, Ms. Ann Howard (trainer). Middle row, left to right: Susan Sheridan, Sinead Twomey, Kelly Nolan, Marie McKeogh (Captain), Therese Earls, Deirdre Carew, Maire O'Loughlin, Lisa Sinnott, Eileen O'Shaughnessy. Front row, left to right: Caoilfinn Pike, Grace Wallace, Debbie Byrne.



Maura Sheedy presenting the Junior League Trophy to Scariff/Ogonnelloe captain, Claire Colleran.



Clare U16 Team
Back, l to r: Mary Littleton, Caroline Lynch, Caroline Moloney, Emer Murphy, Deirdre Concoran, Orla Fitzgerald, Yvonne Gurring, Michelle McNamara, Tom Hogan (Trainer). Front, l to r: Michelle Madden, Deirdre Murphy, Paula Walsh, Jean Flynn, Siobhan Walsh.

MARY FOLEY (CARLOW)

Mary Foley passed away within days of receiving the Carlow Hall of Fame Award for 1995. Her winning of the Award made history as she was the first female to be thus honoured. Mary's camogie exploits were legendary she was a member of the famous Myshall Blues and played with both Carlow and Leinster. Mary was also a dedicated follower of the Naomh Eoin hurling team and cheered them on to victory in this year's county hurling final. In her younger days she regularly cycled to Nowlan Park and Semple Stadium for the big matches. Her son Tom is one of the most popular figures in racing circles he trains Danoli.

LONDON CAMOGIE BOARD'S TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

At the London Camogie Board's tenth annual convention held at the Irish Centre, Camden Town on 10th December, no fewer than four new faces will grace this year's board, although no outgoing officer was defeated by a vote. Outgoing Secretary Carmel Dillon felt that after three years it was time to introduce new blood. Deirdre King of the Sarsfields camogie club in Luton takes on the mantle after all other nominees withdrew.

Outgoing assistant secretary Máire Ní Threasaigh, who returned to Ireland earlier this month, was thanked by Chairperson Rita O'Hanlon-Wright in her detailed address to the convention, for her efficiency during the year when called upon to fill her post. Máire will indeed be missed by not only the county board but also by her former club Greenwich. Olivia McGrath of Newham Gaels fills the vacant post

of assistant secretary.

In the vote for vice chair, Mary Noonan's vacated post, Frances Killeen got 13 votes to Jim Barrett's 7. Terri Shanahan (London Irish) takes over as registrar from Frances Broderick (Tara) who didn't run. Delegates to congress are Rita O'Hanlon-Wright (14) and Carmel Dillon (13). Others to run were Etty Kelly (5), James O'Donnell (5) and Frances Killeen (3). PRO Jim O'Donnell was returned unopposed.

There was heated debate on several of the motions proposed, none more so than the proposal by Croydon that any club whose delegates does not attend a county board meeting should incur a fine of £30. The motion was carried with 13 for, 5 against and 3 abstentions.

The motion by Croydon that the Ard Chomairle of Cumann Camógachta na nGael be directed to seriously explore the possibility of having camogie recognised as an official sport

at the Sydney Olympics was unanimously passed.

Mick Fleming of Sean Tracey's was elected for another year as county team trainer, with Martin McGrath and Terri Shanahan (who takes over from Gerry Rae) as the two selectors.

It was decided that an underage development committee be set up and this will be structured at the next board meeting.

The next board meeting is pencilled in for 12th February 1996 at the Cock Tavern, Holloway Road, for 8.30pm.

The London County Camogie Board is as follows: President - Etty Kelly (Life), Chair - Rita O'Hanlon-Wright (outgoing), Vice-Chair - Frances Killeen, Secretary - Deirdre King, Assistant Secretary - Olivia McGrath, Treasurer - Mary Gilligan (outgoing), PRO - James O'Donnell (outgoing), Registrar - Terri Shanahan, Delegates to Congress - Rita O'Hanlon-Wright, Carmel Dillon (outgoing).

County Trainer - Michael Fleming (outgoing), County Selectors - Martin McGrath (outgoing) and Terri Shanahan.

Referees Committee - Chair - Terri Shanahan, Secretary - Mary Gilligan, Assistant Secretary - Geraldine Guinan.

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Camogie Honours For Limerick

By Aidan Corr, Limerick Leader

Without doubt, 1995 will be remembered in the annals of Limerick GAA as the 'year of the ladies.' Not alone did Ms Sandra Marsh become the first ever female officer of the Limerick County Board, but more significantly the county's camogie team captured the All-Ireland junior camogie crown after a cracking final against Roscommon at Croke Park on Sunday, September 24.

The closeness of the final score, Limerick 3-9, Roscommon 4-4, told its own story and those of us who were fortunate enough to be present on this memorable occasion will not go through a more nail-biting finale at this level of GAA competition again in their lifetime.

Indeed, even for that seasoned campaigner, Limerick team manager Eamonn Cregan, the fiercely contested final quarter was traumatic and provided him with as much anxiety as he had experienced in over forty years of involvement as a player and manager within the Gaelic Athletic Association.

Leading by nine points at the interval and looking destined to receive their first All-Ireland success in 18 years at a canter, the Shannonsiders came apart in the second half and trailed by two points to a resurgent Roscommon with less than two minutes left on the clock. Shades of similar final defeats for Limerick hovered menacingly before them as rampant Roscommon thwarted their every effort to get back on terms. If ever the Shannonsiders needed a saviour it was now and it was a piece of brilliant opportunism by red-haired corner forward, Kay Burke, which eventually won the day with a goal that will be long remembered in local GAA circles.

It was the Feohanagh-Castlemahon girls third goal of the game and it is unlikely that she will ever notch a more important score as far as Limerick camogie is con-

cerned. A point in arrears with seconds remaining in this topsy turvy decider, Roscommon came forward in a last ditch effort to pull the game out of the fire and they very nearly forced a replay with virtually the last puck of the game when

Hilary Hussey's left-handed shot from 40 metres bounced off the upright and went wide much to the delight of a prancing Eamonn Cregan who had by now made his way to the right of the Limerick posts.

Seconds later referee Maire Ui Pholaird from Waterford sounded the final whistle and the scenes of joy from the Limerick camp, and the couple of hundred supporters who had made their way to the capital to support the county, had to be seen to be believed.

Disappointments of the past eighteen years were washed away by the euphoria of an All-Ireland success; Limerick's ladies had conquered the voodoo of Croke Park with a late late show of courage and a dogged refusal to accept defeat.

Let there be no mistaking. Were it not for the sheer bravery of a number of players in those dying minutes, Limerick would today be looking back on another All-Ireland defeat. Roscommon had come back from the dead and players of lesser character would not have responded to the challenge. But the Limerick backroom team have instilled a great pride in wearing the green and white shirt and never was it more evident than on this occasion.

Heavy rain poured down as the final got underway and it was Limerick who looked the sharper, rising the ball with ease and

striking with authority. Elizabeth O'Riordan was first to threaten, picking up a long ball from Agnes Sheehy but Pauline McCarthy was narrowly wide with a left-handed effort. Limerick were not to be denied the lead, however, with Pauline



Kay Burke, the scorer of the winning goal in the Camogie Final

McCarthy of Brufl pointing a "30" after four minutes. Roscommon rallied and only smart defending by Helen Clifford-McCarthy and goalkeeper Breda O'Brien kept the green and whites in front. Limerick increased their lead after six minutes when Pauline McCarthy pointed a Limerick free and Eamonn Cregan's side looked impressive. Mary Burke and Anna Marie Stack were ruling the middle of the field and their speed on the ball and excellent stick work were features of the first half. At the back the experienced Ann Lenihan was winning her battle with the

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dangerous Mary Gannon and when Lenihan lost possession Maeve Healy snapped up the chance to put Roscommon's opening score on the board from an acute angle.

Limerick's reply was swift, and after good work by Mairead Cagney, Pauline McCarthy shot over from 35 metres out to give her side a 3-1 advantage after 16 minutes. A minute later Limerick were three points ahead and again it was Pauline McCarthy who got the score, slotting over a "30" to give the Shannonsiders a little breathing space.

At the other end it was the turn of Limerick goalie, Breda O'Brien to again show her class, saving smartly from Maeve Healy and this was to herald Limerick's best spell of the entire game.

Sweeping down field, Pauline McCarthy picked up a loose ball before finding Anna Marie Stack with a perfect pass. The Ballyagran girl struck a low ball into the path of Kay Burke and rising the sliothar sweetly, the little Feohanagh-Castlemahon star rounded Caroline Connaughton to plant the ball in the Roscommon net for a classic goal at any level. A minute later Limerick flags were again flying high as Anna Marie Stack and Pauline McCarthy again tore open their opponent's defence and when Roscommon goalkeeper, Ursula Hussey, made a great save, Kay Burke slammed the ball to the net for her second goal in a minute. Limerick were now on top in all areas of the field, using ground hurling to clear their lines and using their speedy midfielders to create constant problems for the Roscommon defence. Pauline McCarthy added yet another point after an exciting solo run and Limerick led 2-5 to 0-1 after 25 minutes of play.

Limerick fans could be forgiven for thinking that all the hard work had now been done even at this early stage of the game. Roscommon, apart from a few individual performers such as the outstanding Mary Grehan, captain Karina Jones and Mary Gannon, appeared to be outclassed and although Hillary Hussey struck over a point from a free just before half time it appeared to be only of token significance.

What a serious error of judgement we made, however, for no sooner had the second half got underway than it was clear that this Roscommon side were not going out without a fight. The introduction of Mairead Coyle of the Four Road club was to make all the difference and after just five minutes she hammered the ball to the Limerick net to signal a recovery that was to leave the Limerick supporters eating

their nails for the next 27 minutes.

Mary Burke and Anna Marie Stack hurled their hearts out at centre field to try and get the Limerick attack going again but with Mary Grehan coming more and more into the game at centre back for the Connaught challengers the Shannonside scoring machine was drying up at an alarming rate.

Mairead Coyle left five points between the teams when she pointed a 20 metre free for the blue and yellows and Limerick now needed a score badly. Pauline

McCarthy prepared to shoot into an empty net. This incident left three players on the ground injured and when play resumed it was Limerick who went close with a good effort from Pauline McCarthy.

With five minutes left and only a goal between the sides, this junior title was still very much up for grabs and Limerick hearts sank as Mairead Coyle lofted a 40 metre free all the way to the net. With the sides level, Limerick now needed leader-



Elated Eamonn Cregan after the match

McCarthy shot wide when well placed and when Anna Marie Stack cut through the Roscommon defence it took a double save from keeper Ursula Hussey to prevent a Limerick goal. Cregan's girls had to wait until the 15th minute for their opening score of the second half - a well struck "30" from Pauline McCarthy - and although now leading by double scores, 2-6 to 1-3, Limerick did not at all look comfortable. Even from our high perch in the Hogan Stand one could sense the anxiety in the Limerick camp and with every Roscommon attack threatening to breach the Munster champion's defence, Eamonn Cregan's incursions onto the field of play became more regular.

After eighteen minutes Roscommon got the goal that nearly turned the game in their favour. A long, probing ball was dropped into the Limerick square by Karina Jones and it was Mary Gannon's hurley got the vital touch to send the ball into the net to bring Roscommon within a goal of the Shannonsiders. Seconds later Limerick were under pressure again and only a heroic intervention from captain, Helen Clifford-McCarthy, saved a cer-

ship and it was the experienced Pauline McCarthy who was prepared to take on the responsibility, picking up the ball on the 40 and forcing a foul from which she calmly put Limerick back in front.

It was now pretty exciting stuff with every ball being fiercely contested and the Limerick defence suffering from a severe dose of the jitters every time Roscommon launched an attack. Carol Murphy came on for the injured Elizabeth Leonard with three minutes remaining but before Limerick could re-organise their side Roscommon took a sensational lead. Mary Grehan was again the instigator, driving the ball deep into Limerick territory and when the sliothar was hand-passed across the goalmouth, Charmaine Cooney was there to send an unstoppable shot past Breda O'Brien for what, to Limerick supporters, looked like a sad ending to their hopes of All-Ireland glory. These Limerick girls, however, are made of stern stuff. They had trained hard for the past twelve months and their road to Croke Park was not an easy one. They were not going to give in as long as they had a last ounce of energy in them and

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Breda O'Brien summoned all her strength to loft one last, mighty puck-out and into the rain-filled Croke Park skies. Mary Burke carried it on and in a flurry of excitement, her sister, Kay who had an outstanding game all though the hour, struck left-handed to flash the ball past Ursula Hussey and into the Roscommon net to give Limerick the title that they just

told us, "but we are thrilled to win. We were brilliant in the first half but the girls never hurled at all after the break. We needed an early point to settle us down but when Roscommon got that early goal we were always in trouble.. "It's been a long, hard slog for the panel and I'm absolutely thrilled for them at this moment. They made me sweat a bit but any All-Ireland

following Monday evening where team captain, Helen Clifford-McCarthy, was greeted by the Mayor of Limerick, Alderman Jim Kenny.

"Congratulations on a terrific win," the mayor told the squad, "You have brought a welcome respite for the county's legions of fans. At last we had something to cheer about and the fact that the green and white



Limerick Junior Camogie Champions

Back Row (L - R): Niamh Cregan, Carol Murphy, Agnes Sheehy, Ann Lenihan, Liz O'Riordan, Deidre Sheenan, Helen Kelleher, Jean Cullinane, Bernie O'Brien, Cecilia McNamara, Kathleen O'Connor.

Front Row (L - R): Mary Lonergan, Ide Quaid, Kay Bourke, Mary Bourke, Anna Marie Stack, Mairead Cagney, Helen Clifford McCarthy (Capt), Liz Leonard, Vera Sheehan, Pauline McCarthy, Breda O'Brien

about deserved.

Limerick had to withstand a last gasp Roscommon effort but the sound of the final whistle must have sounded like music to the ears of a Limerick team that had shown character, plenty of hurling ability and a will to win that other county teams could well be inspired by.

The Croke Park pitch was a sea of green and white as the Limerick girls celebrated their success. The win was, in the words of team captain Helen Clifford-McCarthy, "well worth waiting for". It was a long time coming but after eighteen years I think that we deserve our success today," she told the cheering fans.

And there was a word of consolation for the gallant Roscommon side: "We know what it is like to lose an All-Ireland," she told the Connaught champions, "and your day will come."

Wiping the sweat from his brow, team manager, Eamonn Cregan had run further than some of the players during the hour but had this to say minutes after the presentation: "We were extremely lucky," he

win is a tremendous achievement and this one is of particular significance to me," said the manager.

Limerick's All-Ireland success marked a historic treble success for the Cregan family who have now won All-Ireland glory in three consecutive generations. Eamonn and his late father, Ned won senior hurling titles with Limerick in different eras while Eamonn's daughter, Niamh, sub-goalkeeper on Sunday, completed the treble.

Many people have contributed much over the years to Limerick camogie and for the current selectors, Eamonn Cregan, Noreen Lynch, Very Mackey Mulcahy and Bernie O'Dea, Sunday's success makes their work of the past few years very much worthwhile. Vera and county PRO, Brid Naughton, together with Pauline McCarthy, who had such an outstanding game for Limerick on this occasion, played with Limerick in their last All-Ireland success in 1977.

Cheering fans greeted the arrival of the victorious party at Colbert Station on the

colours took over the hallowed turf of Croke Park at the final whistle has given the county confidence for the future.

Scorers: Limerick, Kay Burke 3-0, Pauline McCarthy 0-6, Anna Marie Stack 0-1.

Roscommon, Mairead Coyle 2-1, Charmaine Cooney 1-0, Mary Gannon 1-0, Maeve Healy 0-1, Hillary Hussey 0-1.

Limerick - Breda O'Brien, Granagh-Ballingarry; Helen Clifford-McCarthy, Granagh-Ballingarry, captain; Agnes Sheehy, Croagh Kilfinny, Ann Lenihan, Croagh-Kilfinny, Elizabeth Leonard, Bruff, Elizabeth O'Riordan, Bruff, Mairead Cagney, Granagh-Ballingarry, Mary Burke, Glen Rovers, Ann Marie Stack, Ballyagran, Kay Burke, Feohanagh-Castlemahon, Pauline McCarthy, Bruff, Vera Sheehan, Granagh-Ballingarry, Subs: Niamh Cregan, Croagh-Kilfinny, Bernie O'Brien, Granagh-Ballingarry, Deirdre Sheehan, Granagh-Ballingarry, Carol Murphy, Croagh-Kilfinny, Jean Cullinane, Cecilia McNamara, Kathleen O'Connor, Helen Kelleher, Ida Quaid, Mary Lonergan.

The Knockaderry panel were as follows: L.Magner, B.O'Sullivan, J.Ambrose, L.Ambrose, J.O'Sullivan, J.Guiry, S.McMahon, C.Liston, M.Cantillon, L.Moloney, D.McGrath, N.Wall, D.Downes, A.O'Kelly, J.Mc Mahon, C.Walshe.

County U16,U18

Limerick U16s met early in the year and were drawn to play Tipperary in the Munster semi-final, this game was played at Golden, Co.Tipperary, but unfortunately the game did not go as Limerick wished and they were defeated by a team that later contested the U16 All-Ireland final being beaten by Wexford.

The U18s were drawn against Waterford and travelled to Tramore where they beat Waterford well. Their next opponents were Cork and as Limerick had four of their junior players still U18 hopes were high. Limerick had home venue, Mary Immaculate College, but Cork proved way too strong for the inexperienced Limerick side, and Vivienne Harris, a sub who played on the victorious Cork senior team this year was outstanding. Hard luck to these young girls, better luck next year. Sincere thanks to John O'Connor and Margaret Harty for the work they put in. Thanks also to Mary Immaculate College and especially to Noirin Lynch for allowing the county use the pitch and the facilities.

County Competitions, U12 Competitions.

Thirteen teams participated in this competition which was divided into two sections A & B. Seven rounds were played with the top two teams in each section into the semi finals.

The final pairing were Galbally and Newtownshandrum. This game was played in Kilfinnane with a very high standard of camogie on display, after a keenly fought game Galbally came out the winners over a very disappointed Newtownshandrum team.

The winning panel were: M.Ryan, Y.Keane, E.Noonan, C.Noonan, M.Davern, M.Ryan, K.Hedigan, N.Casey, F.Upton, A.Staunton, O.Noonan, J.Walsh, A.Sheehan, B.Ryan, G.McCormack, M.Murphy, Y.Blackburn, G.O'Donoghue, M.O'Brien.

U18, U21 still being run off.

Junior League

and Championship

Nine teams participated in the league, namely Ahane, Kilfinnane, Na Piersaigh, St. Fintans Singland, Bruree, Newtownshandrum, Knockaderry and Crecora. Every team played four matches, two top teams in the final namely Knockaderry and St. Fintans. Knockaderry proved worthy winners in this competition.

Knockaderry winning team were as follows: L.Ambrose, T.Downes, L.Hartnett, V.Dillon, B.O'Sullivan, S.McMahon, M.Hartnett, B.Downes, J.McGrath, M.Greaney, M.A.Downes, M.McMahon, J.O'Sullivan, L.Moloney, J.Guiry, M.Cantillon, D.Downes, E.O'Kelly, E.McCoy.

Junior Championship

This competition is played on a knock-

Bruff qualifying for the final. Patrickswell came out on top in this close encounter.

Intermediate Championship

Patrickswell, Tournafulla, Bruff, Cappamore and St.Fintans played in this competition, Patrickswell qualified for the final with their opponents being St. Fintans. Patrickswell proved much too strong for St. Fintans and finished easy winners. Well done to Patrickswell who now join the senior ranks for the 1996 season.

The Patrickswell panel were as follows: A.Buston ;R.Kelleher, C.Foley, T.Lillis, N.Geoghagan, M.O'Brien, C.Cronin, D.O'Brien, J.Hickey, A.Costello, L.Foley, B.Daly, A.Bennis, C.Enright, I.Bennis, J.O'Herlihy, P.Griffin, L.O'Brien.



Croagh/Kilfinny Co. Senior Champions

Back Row (L - R): Sarah Madigan, Caroline Lenihan, Maeve Neville, Marion Neville, Norita Shire, Mary Lenihan, Kathleen O'Connor, Marie Lenihan, Noreen Noonan, Carol Murphy. Front Row (L - R): Emma Fitzgerald, Niamh Cregan, Sharon O'Kelly, Ann-Marie McCarron, Ita Hurley, Anne Linehan, Agnes Sheehy, Marguerite Guiry, Catherine Hurley.

out basis with Kilfinnane, Singland, Crecora, Knockaderry, Bruree, Ahane, St. Fintans, Newtownshandrum and Na Piersaigh participating. Knockaderry and Newtownshandrum qualified for the final with Newtownshandrum coming out on top. The Newtownshandrum panel are as follows: P.O'Connor, G.Cotter, N.Noonan, C.O'Mahony, L.Long, S.Reidy, G.Reidy, R.Hawe, C.Harrington, M.Morrissey, K.Hickey, S.Cotter, G.Giltinan, S.Long, B.Keane.

Intermediate League

Bruff, Cappamore, St. Fintans, Tournafulla and Patrickswell participated in this competition. Five games were played with Patrickswell and

Senior League

Six senior teams participated in this competition: Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Bruff, Croagh/Kilfinny, Ballyagran, Granagh/Ballingarry, Newtownshandrum, Granagh/Ballingarry and Bruff qualified for the final with Granagh/Ballingarry coming out convincing winners.

Senior League - Granagh/Ballingarry: M.O'Brien, P.McKenna, S.Sheehan, M.Sheehan, B.Chawke, J.Cullinane, M.Cagney, D.Sheehan, U.Quaide, S.Heffernan, B.O'Brien, V.Sheehan, J.Treacy, K.Sheehan, L.Lesley, I.Quaide.

Senior Championship

Again six teams participated in this

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Local Scene

U14A

Four teams participated with every team having four games. Granagh/Ballingarry and Na Piarraigh were two to reach the final.

Na Piarraigh were new to the U14 scene, but this did not daunt them, they played Granagh/Ballingarry who were strongly fancied, as they were winners of this competition for a number of years. This final game must have been the game of the season. At full-time it was level, after extra time it was level, the game had to be replayed. In front of a fine crowd, Na Piarraigh were gaining in confidence, and after an excellent game Granagh/Ballingarry overcame Na Piarraigh by a very narrow margin.

The Granagh/Ballingarry panel were as follows: C. Lenihan, S.O'Halloran, C.O'Connell, M.Lane, C.O'Shea, E.O'Shea, T.Moloney, M.McAuliffe, E.O'Brien, M.Lane, M.Hayes, A.Sheehan, D.Corrigan, K.Leslie, E.Boyce, A.Moore, L.Buckley.

The following were the Fr. Doran's panel: M.McMahon, B.Hanrahan, S.Lennon, R.Collins, S.Nash, N.McAuliffe, E.Cregan, C.Gavin, F.Ryan, M.Malley,

Ballyagran, Bruff, Granagh/Ballingarry, Killeedy, Newtownshandrum and Croagh/Kilfinny. Each team had five games, the two top teams in the final.



Granagh - Ballingarry U-14 Co. Champions

Back Row (L - R): Cathrina O'Donnell, Mary Hayes, Ava Moore, Catherine Lesley, Emer O'Shea, Mary Lane, Eileen O'Brien, Michelle McAuliffe, Clare Lennon (Capt), Sandra O'Halloran, Lennox Buckley. Front Row (L - R): Aoife Sheehan, Edwina Boyce, Bernadette Noonan, Mairead Condon, Ciara McGrath, Maire Lane, Deirdre Corrigan, Catherine Scanlan, Ciara O'Shea, Rachel Hickey.

U14B

Eleven clubs took part in this competition, which was divided into two sections, again four top teams in semi-finals. This competition was bigger this year because of clubs participation in Feile na nGael. Ahane, Kilfinane, and Fr. Doran's were relatively new to the scene, but Fr. Doran's (Milford) and Patrickswell both got through to the final with Fr. Doran's being successful.

O.Stapleton, S.Cosgrave, S.Clinton, N.Nolan, A.Stapleton.

U16A

Six teams participated namely,

Ballyagran and Newtownshandrum qualified for the final with Ballyagran coming out on top. This is an important win for Ballyagran, who are concentrating their efforts on underage. Well done. The Ballyagran panel were as follows: G.Walshe, G.Coleman, M.Gilbourne, N.Kinnane, P.Lynch, K.O'Shea, C.De Bhai, S.O'Callaghan, E.Geary, P.Murphy, A.Sheehy, T.Morrison, S.Roynone, Triona O'Sullivan, L.O'Donnelly, J.Dolan, M.O'Brien.

U16 League

Seven teams participated in the competition, namely, Adare, Galbally, Na Piarraigh, Patrickswell, St.Fintans, Knockaderry, Newcastlewest. Every team played six rounds with Knockaderry and Galbally qualifying for the final.

Knockaderry won the final but hard luck to Galbally who are also a new club to this age group. Well done to both teams.



Na Piarraigh Runners Up U14A

Back Row (L - R): C. Cronin, S. Keogh, N. Fleming, D. Williams, C. Burke, C. Jordan, C. Casey, L. Lancaster. Front Row (L - R): C. Carty, G. Quilligan, M. Leahy, E. Brommell, M. Power, A. McMahon

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competition, Feohanagh were defeated by Bruff. Croagh/Kilfinny overcame Ballyagran in an easy victory in the preliminary rounds.

The semi-final pairing saw Bruff take on Granagh/Ballingarry and Croagh/Kilfinny play Newtownshandrum. Granagh defeated Bruff in a disappointing affair, while the other semi-final went to extra time and Croagh/Kilfinny coming out victorious.

The final pairing were Granagh versus Croagh played at Ballyagran. Granagh were strongly fancied but Croagh emerged victorious by a narrow margin.

Senior championship - Croagh/Kilfinny: M. Guiry, I. Hurley, C. Hurley, N. Noonan, K. O'Connor, C. Murphy, M. Neville, M. Lenihan, N. Cregan, N. Shire, E. Fitzgerald, S. Madigan.

Senior B Competition

Newtownshandrum and Ballyagran contested the B final with Newtownshandrum winning the trophy.

Senior B. Newtownshandrum: M. Keane, M. Harrington, G. Cotter, F. Cremin, L. Long, L. Kelliher, P. O'Connor, Y. Morrissey, H. Kelliher, U. Troy, K. Carroll, C. Harrington, F. Kelliher, S. Buckley, K. Hickey.

Feile Na nGael

This year the Feile Na nGael competition was organised by a committee consisting of Kathleen Coffey, Brid Naughton, Helen Clifford, Judy Hennessy, Mary B. Hayes, Margo O'Connell, Noreen O'Loughlin with Bernie O'Dea as the chairperson of the committee. Five divisions were organised with Limerick sponsoring a new cup for the fifth division. Twenty teams from the county and neighbouring counties participated with twenty visiting counties been hosted. The weekend proved to be a marvellous success and Limerick camogie can be very proud of their clubs and everyone involved in Feile Na nGael.

The following were the winners in each division

- Division I St. Ibars, Wexford
- Division II Teemore, Fermanagh
- Division III O'Donovan Rossa, Antrim
- Division IV Burgess, Tipperary

Division V Wicklow

Feile Na nGael skills winner:
Lucy Fowler (Waterford)
Ciara Healy (Cork)
Bridget Murphy (Wexford)

Limerick camogie people were honoured at the Supporters Club monthly awards in Beamish & Crawford. The following were our people honoured

Breda O'Brien
Bernie O'Dea
Ide Quaid
Pauline McCarthy
Kay Burke

Newcastlewest, Ballyagran, Killeedy.

Milford and Mungret took part in the I.N.T.O. blitz. This year, because of Feile Na nGael in Limerick, the primary schools board decided to run the competition off in a one day blitz. This did not prove as successful as other years and it was decided that next year it will be run off on a different system.

In the past, other schools have taken part in the primary schools but because of a decline in numbers, some have stopped participating. If your school would like to take part please contact June Hannon, Kilfinny N.S. 061-396518 between 12.30 and 1.00pm.

Kilfinny national school won the pri-



Patrickswell County Intermediate League and Championship Winners

Back Row (L - R): Audrey Fitzgerald, Imelda Bennis, Catherine Enright, Lorna O'Brien, Teresa Lillis, Paula Griffin, Dieder O'Brien, Louise Foley, Christine Foley, Suzanne Enright, Breda Daly and Gary Kirby. Front Row (L - R): Dieder Carey, Amanda Buston, Josephine Hickey, Carmel Cronin, Niamh Geoghegan, Mary O'Brien (Capt), Rose Kelliher, Aedin Bennis, Alva Costello, John O'Herlihy.

Gael Linn - Inter-provincials

Limerick were well represented on the Munster Junior team that beat Leinster but were unsuccessful to Connaught in the final. A fine performance was put in by the Limerick girls and Vera Mulcahy must be congratulated on being a selector. The following were picked to represent their province Breda O'Brien (Granagh/Ballingarry), Pauline McCarthy (Capt) (Bruff), Kay Burke, Mary Burke (Feohanagh/Castlemahon).

Primary Schools

The following schools took part in primary schools:-

Adare, Shandtrakte, Kilfinny, Croagh, Creora, Bruff, Tournafulla, Milford, Ahalin, Caherdavin, Newtownshandrum,

mary I.N.T.O. competition for the fifth successive time. Michelle McInerney was chosen to represent Limerick in Croke Park on All-Ireland Final day.

The Board expresses its gratitude to the County Board for financial support and the use of pitches and club houses during the year, to the Limerick leader and Limerick 95FM for coverage, and to referees, field officials and mentors.

Sincere sympathy to all involved who had bereavements during the year, especially to Fr. Dorans club Milford Monaleen on the loss of one of their founder members, Fr. John Doran S.D.B. whose untimely death occurred earlier this year. His contribution to camogie and club and county levels will be sadly missed.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

BRIAN DILLONS

CAMOGIE CLUB

TO MAKE WAVES IN '96

Camogie is a very popular game in Cork. It is also played at an extremely high proficiency level within the county, so to reach a county final is a fantastic achievement.

When you consider that three-quarters of the Brian Dillons team that got to the county Junior 'A' camogie final, held at Bandon on Sunday, November 19th was no older than 15 years of age, you really have to admire them.

Alright, they didn't win, but the circumstances were a little controversial. Aside from that, even to get so close to annexing a county adult title with such a youthful side, bodes well for the future of this hard-working club. Barryroe provided the

The 'champions to be' were quickest out of the blocks and Geraldine Collins shot a rasper past S Mangan in the eight minute. Michelle Fleming converted a placed ball after 13 minutes. Brian Dillons got off the mark soon after, with a 'beaut' of a point from out on the right wing by Aileen O'Neill. The city girls began winning more of the ball but yet, they raised only one more white flag before the interval, courtesy of a '30' from Therese Drummond. Unfortunately for the city girls however, Barryroe added 1-2 to their total. The points came from the sticks of Michelle Fleming and Geraldine Collins. Indeed it was the excellent Collins who imparted the killer blow when she netted for the second time. The half-time score was 2-3 to 0-2. At that stage it looked like curtains for Brian Dillons, but those who allowed such a thought be processed through their minds, obviously didn't account for the reserves of energy, skill and determination that this young team possessed.

The fact that Barryroe only managed to notch one point in the second half is an indication of the level of control their opponents had on affairs in that period. The ever-accurate Therese Drummond pointed two frees and then had a bullet of a drive knocked over by Cora Keohane. When Lesley Wilkins forced a goal with 10 minutes remaining, there was only the minimum margin between the sides and we were set for a real humdinger of a finale.

At credit to Barryroe however, they fought back and Deirdre Walsh pointed with eight minutes to go. They were on the defensive from here on in however, as Brian Dillons made an all out assault on the Barryroe goal. It seemed for one moment that they had succeeded in snatching the verdict, when a Therese Drummond '30' ended up in the back of the net. Alas, much to their chagrin, it was disallowed by referee, Irene O'Keefe, who sounded the final whistle soon after. Final score: Barryroe 2-4, Brian Dillons 1-5.

Barryroe - C Keohane, A Sheehy, G Carroll, C Cahalane, L McCarthy, P O'Leary, E McCarthy, C O'Leary, M Fleming (0-2), M O'Regan, G Collins (2-1), D Walsh (0-1). Sub: J Keohane.

Brian Dillons - S Mangan, A O'Brien, K O'Sullivan, A Cotter, L Fleming, J O'Sullivan, G O'Connell, T Drummond (0-4), A O'Neill (0-1), N O'Regan, T Deane, L Wilkins (1-0). Sub - S Kelly. Referee - Irene O'Keefe.

While the result will have left many Brian Dillons stalwarts heartbroken, they can take pride from the girls performance HOGAN STAND spoke to four people who have made contributions of sponsors and administrators of the club, and found that they are extremely optimistic about the future.

JOHN DRUMMOND

The Managing Director of John Drummond Bar, Restaurant and Hotel Furniture, which was established fifteen years ago and is based in Blackpool, Cork, is an ardent gael, as is his wife Mary, who is also involved in the business. Employing 23, this thriving firm has just completed a contract for the Mount Sion GAA Club. It delighted John to be able to do a job for a GAA club. He likes nothing better than to be of help to an association he loves. Hence the sponsorship of Brian Dillons camogie club. Two of John's daughters are camogie players. Claire lines out for Brian Dillons Seniors and UCC, while Therese starred for the Juniors in the county final (scoring four points) and is currently attending trials for the county Minors. So the Drummonds are very much a GAA family.



John Drummond presents a set of jerseys to club secretary, Mary O'Sullivan. Also present are Therese Drummond (left) and club PRO Margaret O'Sullivan (right).

"I have always been interested in the GAA and played for 20 years with St Vincents, winning an Intermediate hurling medal, and a few Junior football ones, along with various underage ones along the way.

"All the sponsorship is a bit of support for the girls. It was a pity they lost the county final but these things happen and it was a good performance. I would be confident that they'll go one better next year.

"Brian Dillons are great for camogie. They put a lot of work into it and the committee deserves much credit for that. St Patricks (the secondary school attended by Therese) is a great nursery for the club also, and as long as it prospers and everyone gets behind the club, Brian Dillons will continue to be successful."

JACK KEOHANE

J Keohane & Son Wholesale and Retail Fruit and Veg Store at Dillons Cross, Cork was set up in 1929 by Jack Keohane's grandfather. Jack took over from his father as proprietor in 1977.

The development of the Dunnes Stores shopping centre, just 500 yards away, has had a serious effect on Jack's trade, especially the passing variety. Therefore, he relies heavily on local support.



Keohane checking out the fruit & veg shop in Dillons Cross.

That was why we decided to enter a team and Niamh O'Regan were the three

long to recount. This year alone, they

had Sabrina Buckley and Sarah Mongan on the county Minors, while Niamh O'Regan and Alison Dilworth were on the Junior side. The Brian Dillons club is very appreciative of the support it has received from John Drummond and Jack Keohane.

"They are excellent, unbelievable. We wouldn't be in a position to put out teams without them and for that we thank them.

"We also get great support from the men. The Chairman, Noel Keohane, in particular has been a great help.

"As regards the final itself, we gave it a good shot and were unlucky in the end. We'll be back."

BREDA FLEMING

The club committee reads as follows:

Eileen McDonald - President

Niamh O'Regan - Vice-Chairperson

Catherine Kelly - Treasurer

Breda Fleming - Chairperson

Mary O'Sullivan - Secretary

Margaret O'Sullivan - PRO

As Chairperson, Breda Fleming is the one who has to make the tough decisions. "To be fair, the rest of the committee does the work, but at the end of the day, the buck stops with me. I had to make a few decisions this year that didn't make me very popular, but they were for the good of the club in my opinion.



The 1994 Brian Dillons Minor camogie outfit, beaten Championship finalists.

"The girls performed brilliantly in the county final. It was galling to have that last minute goal disallowed. I don't know why it was disallowed, but at the end of the day, the referee has the final say, and there is no point in arguing or complaining.

"It was great to see our second team, which is so young, playing with such skill and determination. The future looks fantastic.

"We are very lucky with the support we have from our sponsors. It's so important.

"Then there's (Mary O'Sullivan). She is a brilliant secretary, who has kept things ticking over. I'd back her no matter what she did! She has now become the Fixtures Secretary for the County Board, which is great recognition, both for herself and for Brian Dillons.

"We also have a very good underage structure here. A lot of the Senior girls such as Niamh O'Regan, Alison Dilworth and my daughter Gail Fleming spend a lot of time coaching. The fact that we had such a young Junior 'A' team shows that we are reaping the benefits from this work.

"At the moment, the future looks fantastic."

Expect Brian Dillons camogie club to be making waves in 1996.

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Great year for ladies in red

NOW our camogie fixture programme for 1995 is almost complete it's time to reflect on what has been a great year for Cork camogie.

Camogie is now played in almost every division in the county and the membership is increasing on a regular basis. 1995 saw three new clubs register, Sliabh Rua, Erins Own and Ballinas-carthy bringing a total number of clubs now participating to 44 and we are hopeful that 1996 will show an increase on this number.

On the playing fields pride of place must surely go to our county team who brought the All-Ireland Senior Championship to Cork after a marvellous victory over arch rivals Kilkenny at Croke Park on September 24.

In the past two decades Kilkenny have been Cork's bogey team particularly in All-Ireland Finals as Cork had not defeated Kilkenny in an All-Ireland Final since 1972 and for three-quarters of this season's final it looked as if this trend was to continue. However Cork were not to be denied on this occasion and a marvellous goal by team captain Denise Cronin brought Cork back into contention and after 60 minutes of exciting play Cork were crowned All-Ireland champions.

The Cork junior team made an early exit from the



Winners of the Barrs' Camogie King Of The Road Long Puck competition were Sharon Crowley, Orla O'Sullivan and Grace O'Sullivan. Also included is Denis McCarthy, President.

Championship being defeated by the eventual All-Ireland champions, Limerick, in the first round.

With Limerick now graded intermediate for the coming season Cork will be hopeful of doing well in this grade. There is plenty of talent in the county and the incoming selectors, Denis Dineen, Ballinora; Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons and Sheila

O'Brien, Eire Og will be looking for a huge commitment from all involved.

It was yet another great year for the Cork under-18 team, winning the Munster Championship for the second year in a row. This was a very dedicated panel of player and must certainly give hope for the future. Well done to coach Jerry O'Shea and selectors on a good job.

At club level Glen Rovers were once again crowned Senior "A" County Champions for 1995. This was their sixth title in a row.

In the Senior "B" grade Fr. O'Neills won their first senior title, defeating St. Finbarrs in the final, while in the intermediate grade it was also a first for newcestown when they were crowned intermediate cham-

ionships for the first time having defeated Eire Og in the final. Newcestown added the Intermediate League making it a historic double for the club.

Barryroe won the Junior "A" Championship, defeating Brian Dillons after a closely contested final in the Junior "B" Championship Valley Rovers brought to an end many years of appointment by winning the Junior "B" Championship for the first time.

Aghabullogue are the Under-16 "A" champions, having defeated near neighbours Cloughduv by the narrowest of margins. For the Ballgarvan club 1995 will probably mark one of their greatest years. They won both Under-12 and Under-14 Leagues and the Under "B" Championship, a great achievement indeed.

St. Finbarrs were also without success, winning the Under-14 "A" and Junior County League titles and the All-Ireland Under-16 Celtic competition, while the Junior "B" League Cloughduv brought a first title to the town after defeating Valley Rovers in the final of the Junior "B" League.

Aghabullogue were Cork's representatives in the All-Ireland Féile Na nGael competition while Cloughduv were our skills representative.

Club going well

THE inaugural meeting of the Inniscarra Camogie Club was held in Berrings Hall in April 1967.

Over the last 28 years, the Club has gone from strength to strength. The first chairperson was the late Maire Ni Cheallachain from Dripsey who.

Initially the Club fielded at junior level only and had to endure many lean years before success finally came its way in Ballinlough in November 1976 when they won the Junior "A" title.

Success seemed to elude them again until 1992, when, after a lapse of sixteen years, the cup once again returned to Inniscarra. The next two years were spent building upon that foundation and in the autumn of '94, Inniscarra captain Margaret O'Donovan was proud to accept the Intermediate trophy from the hands of a fellow Inniscarra person and current chairperson of the Board, Sheila Golden.

Indeed much of the Many players from Inniscarra have graced the Cork jersey with style and dignity over the years, since 1968. Undoubtedly, the most successful exponent has been Irene O'Keeffe, current Cork Senior with three All-Ireland Senior Medals. Irene was also player of the match in the 1992 All Ireland Final.

Over the years, Inniscarra Club has developed a strong youth pol-

Inniscarra going from strength to strength

icy, spear-headed by current chairperson Emer Dineen, in the early 1980's, and the hard work and dedication of these players certainly bore fruit in the early 90's when the Club won both U-14 and County Féile titles in 1991, two consecutive County U-16 championships in 1992 and '93, an All-Ireland pan-Celtic title in 1992 (U-16). Club mentors Terry McMahon, Martin McDonnell, Joan O'Leary, Noel Hennessy, Sheila Golden, Emma Dineen and Ann Buckley (current treasurer of Club) had a very significant input into these victories. The Club is very lucky to have interested and dedicated adults to look after its young players.

OTHER notable accolades over the years have been the inclusion of six Inniscarra girls in the Cork Primary Schools Team of 1989 (Margaret O'Sullivan, Edel Dineen, Elaine McMahon, Elaine McDonnell, Evelyn Moynihan, Catherine O'Leary and Nicole Buckley).

In that year, three of the Primary Schools in the Parish, Cloughroe, and a combination of Dripsey and Berrings, were successful in the Sciath na Scol competitions and from that point on, Camogie in the Club went from

strength to strength. Two of the girls, Catherine O'Leary and Nicole Buckley captained the Cork Minor Teams in '93 and '94. In the individual U-14 Skills Competition, both Sandra O'Sullivan (1988) and Evelyn Moynihan (1991) have won County titles. The latter was runner-up in the All-Ireland of that year. Three others, namely Elaine McMahon, Edel Dineen and Sharon O'Flaherty were nominated to play in the Mini-Sevens Competition on All-Ireland Day in Croke Park in 1989.

Social

The Inniscarra Club has not been found wanting on the social scene either. Over the years, many social functions were held. Some of these were in conjunction with the G.A.A. Club with whom the Club has maintained close links. Of late, they have gone it alone and packed venues are testimony to the success of the Club.

Entries for the "Cool Cant agus Damhsa" competitions were always forthcoming from Inniscarra and on three occasions the Quiz team won the All-Ireland Final.

While drama and singing prowess ensured provincial honours, a "Club Person of the



Irene O'Keeffe, a loyal servant of the Inniscarra Club and a current member of the Cork senior team.

Year" trophy is awarded annually to express the gratitude of the Club to hard-working players and for mentors. Current secretary and "work-aholic", Carmel O'Donovan, is the most recent recipient of this award.

ANOTHER recent innovation is the advent of "Indoor Camogie".

Over 60 girls are trained in an enjoyable way in the basic skills of the game under the tutelage of Rita Cronin and E. Dineen. They play on league-

basis for approximately six weeks and competition can be intense! It is true to say that Inniscarra Club has ridden on the crest of a wave in recent times. We now face the prospect of playing at Senior "B" level with 75 of our players Under 18.

It may take some time for this young team to establish itself at Senior level. However, since we gave present Senior "B" champions "Fr. O'Neills" a very close call earlier in the year, the potential is certainly there.

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The Cork Camogie Team, the All-Ireland champions, pictured at Cork Airport before departing for holidays in the Canary Islands.

Picture: Dan Linehan



Sisters Stephanie and Lynn Dunlea, both members of the Cork Camogie team, the All-Ireland champions, pictured at Cork Airport before flying to the Canary Islands.

Picture: Dan Linehan

Cork camogie team fly off to the sun for a well-deserved winter break

by Declan Colley

IT is not all blood sweat and tears for top sportsmen and women these days and this fact was very much evidenced by the happy faces of the Cork camogie team at Cork airport yesterday afternoon as they boarded a flight to Lanzarote for a winter break.

Along with many other GAA representative teams currently enjoying a similar break, the Cork girls were using the occasion for a bit of much deserved rest and relaxation after a hard, but record-breaking season.

The trend for teams to travel abroad at this time of the year is underlined by the fact that All-Ireland Hurling Champions, Clare, are currently sunning themselves in Thailand, while the Tyrone footballers are in Florida and the Cork Senior Football squad will take off for the Canaries within the next fortnight.

All-Ireland Football Champions Dublin are also on this bandwagon and a big party of the Dubs will soon be winging its way to the sun.

The majority of Cork's double-winning girls were in the happy party flying out yesterday, accom-

panied by selectors and Camogie Board representatives.

However, it was not simply a case of turning up any flying out for their week-long jaunt as the girls had to do an enormous amount of fundraising to make the trip happen.

Since their remarkable League and All-Ireland successes over Kilkenney, they have been actively seeking support for the Lanzarote trip, and some of their efforts included the selling of adverts on a calendar dedicated to their success and a number of other activities like quizzes.

Keeping it in the family

THE glorious month of September 1995 will be indelibly etched in the memory of 18-year-old Cloyne youth Donal Og Cusack and his sporting aunt Kathleen Costine.

It was on the first and last Sundays of that momentous month that the sporting duo brought All-Ireland glory to the rebel county of Cork, the barony of Imokilly and their native heath Cloyne.

Coming from outstanding Gaelic families the aunt and nephew combination created their own unique brand of sporting history. Both players manned the Bearna Baol, or last line of defence, in the red and white colours of Cork in their respective conquests of the black and amber clad Kilkenny boys and girls. The occasions being the All-Ireland Minor Hurling and Senior Camogie finals at Croke Park.

For young Donal it was the culmination of a great sporting year.

Spring

In the spring the talented goalkeeper played a heroic part when captaining his beloved alma mater Middleton CBS to Harty Cup victory over favours Lismore CBS in the final at Fitzgerald Park, Fermoy. This was amidst tremendous scenes of excitement although defeat was to be their lot in the All-Ireland colleges decider against St. Raphael's College, Loughrea.

The lad from Chapel Lane in Cloyne had proved himself an outstanding goalkeeper - indeed good enough to be selected for the Cork minor and Imokilly senior teams during the summer and autumn of '95.

Aunt

Donal Og's aunt Kathleen Costine has given tremendous service to the game of camogie. Whether playing in the colours of her native Cloyne, Killeagh, Imokilly, Cork or Munster, Kathleen has adorned the game of the Na gCaillini with style and distinction. She

has won many honours including county senior, provincial and All-Ireland senior and minor championships. She has also won Gael Linn Cup medals with Cork and Munster. Kathleen is the daughter of Michael and the late Mrs. Joanne Costine of St. Colman's Terrace, Cloyne.

Donal Og is the eldest son of Dan and Bonnie Cusack (nee Costine), Teach Beag, Cloyne.

Talented

His father Dan being a talented utility player during his long playing career winning several tournament and championship honours in the red and black jersey of Cloyne.

He starred as a forward, goalkeeper and full-back, indeed if memory serves me correctly Dan played inter-county minor hurling for Cork as a wing-forward in the Munster Championship back in 1962. Whilst on the Costine side of the family Kathleen's eldest sister Marie (now O'Donovan) was one of the greatest camogie players of all time. She captained Cork to All-Ireland senior championship glory as part of the county's great four-in-a-row championship winning teams in the 1970's.

Therefore the Cloyne Culbaires are steeped in both GAA and camogie traditions and in congratulating Kathleen and Donal Og on their outstanding and unique achievements in the current year, I conclude as Public Relations Officer on behalf of the executive and members of the East Cork Divisional Board and on my own personal behalf by wishing the likeable Cloyne duo the very best of luck in their sporting endeavours in the years to come on the sporting fields of Cork, Munster and Ireland.

Chapter

Their achievements are another chapter in the long and proud history that is the GAA in Cloyne.

Carrigtwohill

Carrigtwohill Camogie Club was re-formed in 1993. In that first year no competitive games were played but judging from the great interest by the youth of Carrigtwohill a group of enthusiastic mothers and other interested parties decided to form a juvenile club. This juvenile club has now grown to become an important part of the community in Carrigtwohill providing a most enjoyable sporting activity for the girls in this sport loving community.

The A.G.M. for 1995 was held a few weeks ago. Officers elected for the coming years are as follows: President - Fr. Frank O'Neill; Chairperson, Kay O'Connell, Secretary Helen Bowen, Treasurer Margaret O'Brien, P.R.O. Mary Hogan.

For the 1995 season 30 games in all were played with victories in 50% of these.

Though no silverware was forthcoming the commitment and interest of all involved proved to be more important than victories.

The 1995 season also saw the formation of a Junior "B" Camogie team. The formation of this team seemed to be a natural progression as our juvenile players since 1993 were fast needing an outlet for their talents.

The Carrigtwohill Camogie Club are working hand in hand with the G.A.A. to ensure that our great sporting tradition will continue for many years to come.

On St. Patrick's night in the Rinn Ronain Hotel, Cobh the Club will host the Annual St. Patrick's Night Social. This was a great success last year and with great support from the local community it is hoped that this year will be just as successful.

Since its inception the Club has aimed to make enjoyment their main priority. Evidence was this was the participation in the local Long Puck competition run by the G.A.A. Club.

Winning

A great day was had by all. The winning Ladies team was Mary Roche, Marian Moore and Caroline Roche. Juvenile winners were Kay Furlong, Aoife Fuohy and Rebecca Bowen.



7. The Cork Senior Camogie Team in celebratory mood after the Civic Reception to mark their All Ireland Victory

Cork aim to stay at top

REFRESHED from their holiday in the Canary Islands, All-Ireland champions Cork are back in training in preparation for their defence of the double in '96.

The Rebel county open their league campaign on March 3 and will be under the same management structure. Last year's selectors - Miriam Murphy, Angela Sheehan and Rose Mackey - were all retained.

Also back at the helm is team manager Tom Notts who will be aiming for to maintain Cork's domination of senior camogie.

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Meanwhile the Munster Convention will be held in the Queens Hotel, Ennis on Sunday next at 2.0.

Chairperson Bernie O'Dea (Limerick) has completed her three year stint and will be replaced by Cork's Marie Carney.

While Vice chair Vera Mackey (Limerick) faces a challenge from Marie Pollard (Waterford), secretary Rose Malone (Cork), treasurer Mary Casey (Cork)

and registrar Brid Naughton (Limerick) all retain their places.

The Ulster Convention also takes place on Sunday in Carrdonagh Community School, Donegal at 11.0. The Leinster Convention takes place on Saturday at Aras Laighen, Portlaoise

FIXTURES
Saturday - Ashbourne Cup (All 2.0). At Carlow Town Hurling Ground: UCD v UCG. At Santry: ARIC v TCD. At Dangan, Galway: UCG v UL. At a Dublin Venue: UUJ v WRIC. Purcell Cup (2.0) - At Dandale: St Mary's Belfast v DRIC. At Queens: QUB v UU Coleraine.
● Semi-finals and final of the Ashbourne Cup will be hosted by UCD on February 12 and 11.