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On evidence against Tipp, it will take an exceptional side to halt Leesiders in championship

# Cork cruise to their fifth league title on the trot

Cork  
Tipperary

9-19  
2-4

by Brendan Larkin

DESPITE conceding home advantage, defending championship Cork handed out a drubbing to Tipperary in the one-sided All-Ireland senior camogie national league final at Semple Stadium, on Saturday night.

If ever there was a mismatch, this was it. Cork fielded 11 of last year's All-Ireland championship-winning team and the four newcomers (this final was 15-a-side for the first time) they slotted in perfectly as the reigning champions cruised to their fifth league title in a row, and served notice that it will take a team of exceptional ability to dethrone them in the upcoming championship.

Surprisingly, Tipperary, who won the toss, elected to play against the very strong wind in the opening half, but still found themselves in all sorts of trouble from the throw-in. In a blistering opening quarter, Cork slammed in two goals and 10 points and even at that stage in the match, there was only going to be one outcome.

Cork sparkled all over the lush green Semple Stadium sward. Their defence held the Tipperary forwards in a vice-like grip with goalkeeper Cora Keohane, Mags Finn, Eithne Duggan and

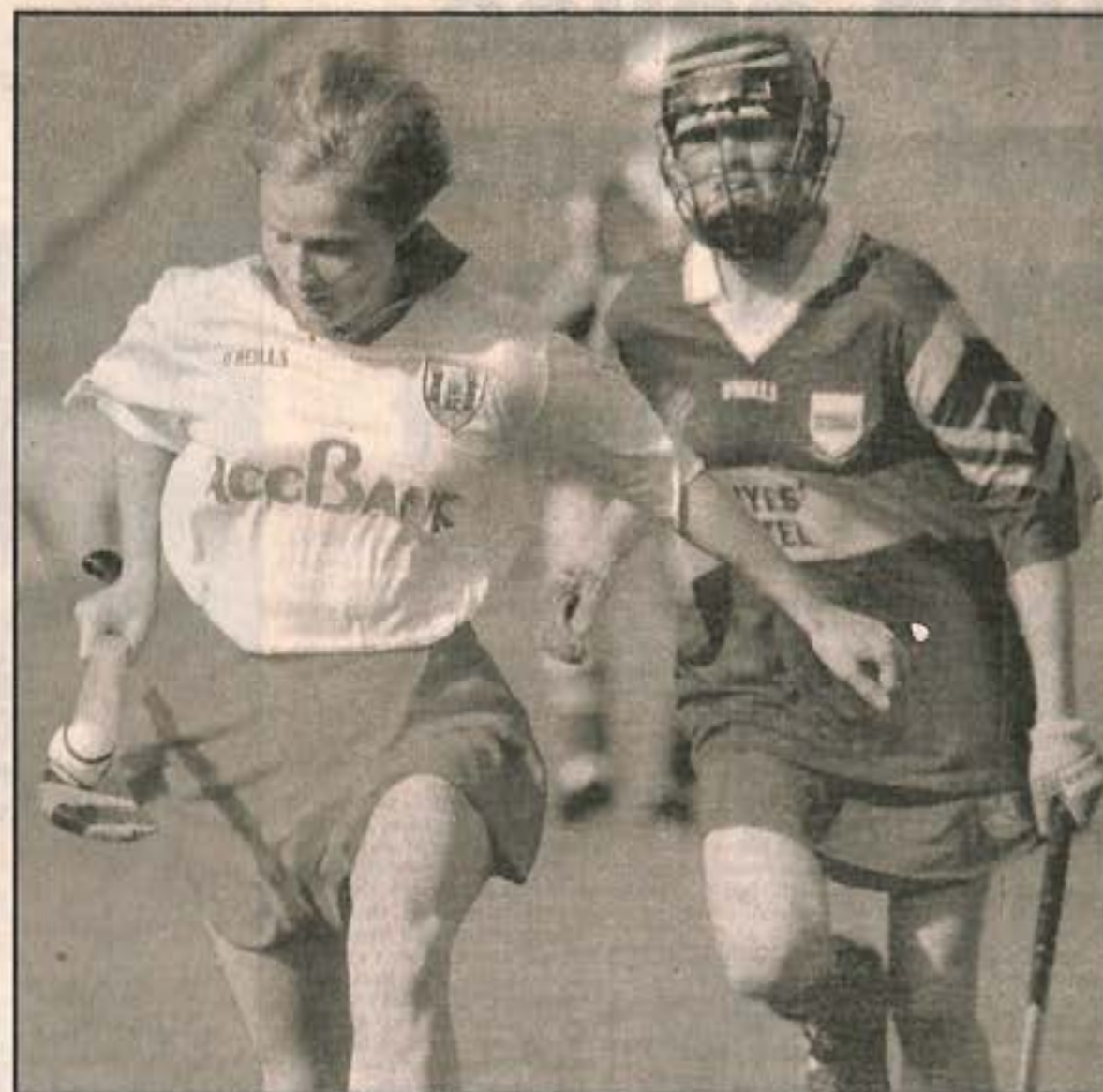
Denise Cronin particularly impressive. Linda Mellerick and Ursula Troy larded it at midfield, while up front all six forwards scored freely. Una O'Donoghue began the Cork goal rush in the 12th minute when Tipperary goalkeeper Nora Dwan failed to hold the ball and the Cork wing-forward was in quickly to finish the rebound to the net.

That goal opened the floodgates and the rampant Cork forwards were ruthless in their application, scoring four more goals, two from Sinéad O'Callaghan and one apiece from O'Donoghue and Linda Mellerick to take an unsailable half-time lead of 5-13 to 0-3.

With the elements in their favour in the second half, Tipperary enjoyed more of the play, with Angie McDermott and Deirdre Hughes causing problems in their attack. However, they never really threatened a rock-solid Cork defence, in which their goalkeeper Cora Keohane was in excellent form.

Whatever chance the home side had of retrieving the situation disappeared in a five-minute spell just after the reward when Fiona O'Driscoll got in on the scoring act with two splendid goals, and the remainder of the match was purely academic after that.

Credit to the Tipperary girls for battling on, and a goal from a 30-metre free by Noelle Kennedy was a just reward or a 10-minute period of pressure. Cork's reply was instant, however, with Una



Cork's Linda Mellerick solos away from Emily Hayden, Tipperary during the national senior camogie league final at Thurles.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

O'Donoghue capping a great debut with another goal to complete her hat-trick.

A late Tipperary goal, deflected past the Cork keeper by defender Mags Finn put some respectability on the scoreboard for the home side who were best-served by Suz-

anne Kelly, Noel Kennedy, Angie McDermott and Deirdre Hughes.

Scorers — Cork: U. O'Donoghue 3-1; F. O'Driscoll 2-4; S. O'Callaghan 2-3; L. Mellerick 2-0; L. Dunlea 0-7 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45). M. O'Connor 0-2; T. O'Connor, S. Hayes 0-1 each. Tipperary: N. Kennedy 1-3 (all frees); M. Finn 1-0 (a.g.); D. Hughes 0-2; E. Hayden, E. McDonnell 0-1 each.

CORK: C. Keohane; S. Dunlea, E. Duggan, M. Finn; P. O'Connor, D. Cronin, V. Harris, L. Mellerick, U. Troy; M. O'Connor, S. O'Callaghan, U. O'Donoghue; S. Hayes, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll. TIPPERARY: N. Dwan; M. Harkin, U. Dwyer, C. Gaynor; T. Brophy, S. Kelly, S. Neslon; M. Stokes, E. Hayden; E. McDonnell, N. Kennedy, A. McDermott; C. Hennessy, D. Hughes, N. Harkin. Subs: L. Ryan for Dwan. Referee: A. Durham (Dublin).



Cork captain Vivienne Harris raises the cup after their National senior camogie league final victory over Tipperary.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

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## NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE FINAL

# Annihilation in Tipp's dismal downfall

**Cork (holders) 9-19 Tipperary 2-7**

By Gerry Slevin

The idea was good, playing a major camogie fixture before a hurling game, now that the ladies have upped their complement of players to fifteen a side, using a full pitch. Not so good was the fact that the hurling public didn't bother to go along to Semple Stadium for a 5pm throw-in. But as the crowd began to gather in the second half, they looked up at a scoreboard that was nigh incredible to comprehend and which showed Tipp in a light no one could have anticipated.

It was sheer annihilation in Thurles on Saturday evening for a Tipp side that had come through a tough campaign but after only ten minutes of the hour, the result was inevitable. Cork, seeking their 5th league title in a row were in total command, running up 2-10 without reply in the opening twenty minutes. By half time it was 5-13 to 0-3, Noelle Kennedy pointing two Tipp frees and Deirdre Hughes picking off the third.

No way back for Tipp, even with wind advantage for the second half, an advantage inexplicably spurned in the first half, despite winning the toss.

Though Deirdre Hughes pointed forty seconds into the second half, Cork's reply was ruthless, two goals within a minute and the agony continued as Cork meeting such feeble resistance couldn't help but score.

### AN OWN GOAL

Seventeen minutes into the half, Noelle Kennedy goaled from a free but the Cork momentum continued its merry way and when Tipp had another goal five minutes from time there wasn't even the satisfac-

tion of having one of their own players score it!

A centre from substitute Claire Madden was deflected to the Cork net by a defender.

No matter how one looks at it, this was a very serious blow to Tipp's camogie prospects, and yet it would be wrong to view the performance in any light other than the fact that it was one of those days when nothing went right.

Coming up against Cork, Tipp needed every advantage possible and declining to accept what was quite a strong wind for their first half endeavours, must be seen as a serious error. This was borne out immediately from the throw-in when the Cork attack went into action. Scores came from all angles, the Tipp defence was under intense pressure, offering only token resistance. Players like Sinead O'Callaghan, Lynn Dunlea, Una O'Donoghue and Fiona O'Driscoll rounded opponents with the minimum of effort and Nora Dwan on the Tipp goal line found her confidence being continually undermined, as protection was nil.

### AMAZEMENT

Anyone who had seen Tipp in

action previously, could only gaze in amazement as the game was being ruthlessly and inexorably hauled away from Tipp. This was not the side, surely, that played so well against Galway at the same venue two weeks previously? Where was the heart, the commitment? Finding answers is not easy, though one might wonder at the wisdom of playing a county final the previous week in which seven of the side were involved. What was the rush?

Perhaps in seeking to find excuses for Tipp's performance, we are being slightly unfair to Cork. They are, after all, All Ireland champions and they showed it in no uncertain manner from the moment referee Ann Derham got proceedings going. That said, even Cork must have been so surprised at the easy manner in which they were winning their 5th league title on the trot. When the sides met earlier in the campaign, there were only five points in it and Tipp were not at full strength.

### CAPABLE OF BETTER

No Tipp player could feel

happy with her performance on Saturday evening. That each of them is capable of far more is probably of some consolation and eyes will now focus on the All Ireland championship as Tipp set out to put last Saturday behind them and look upon it as just one of those days when nothing went right.

Cork's scores came from F. O'Driscoll 2-4, U. O'Donoghue 3-1, S. O'Callaghan 2-3, L. Dunlea 0-7 (1 45, 2 frees), L. Mellerick 2-0, M. O'Connor 0-2, T. O'Connor and S. Hayes 0-1 each.

Tipp's replies came from N. Kennedy 1-3 frees, D. Hughes

0-2, E. Hayden, E. McDonnell 0-1 each and an o.g.

**CORK** -- Cora Keohane, Stephanie Dunlea, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Paula O'Connor, Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris (capt), Linda Mellerick, Ursula Troy, Mary O'Connor, Sinead O'Callaghan, Una O'Donoghue, Sarah Hayes, Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll.

**TIPPERARY** -- Nora Dwan (Toomevara), Marie Harkin (Drom/Inch), Una O'Dwyer (Cashel), Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane), Therese Brophy (Burgess), Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara), Sinead Nealon

(Burgess), Maedhbh Stokes, capt, (Cashel), Emily Hayden (Cashel), Eimear McDonnell (Burgess), Noelle Kennedy (Toomevara), Angie McDermott (Knockavilla), Caitriona Hennessy (Drom/Inch), Deirdre Hughes (Toomevara), Niamh Harkin (Drom/Inch).

Subs -- Louise Ryan (Holycross) for Dwan, Philly Fogarty for Marie Harkin, Claire Madden for Gaynor. Referee -- Ann Derham, Dublin.



Sinead Nealon gets in a clearance against Cork. B.D.

## Camogie performance 'inexplicable'

By Gerry Slevin

Like all followers of camogie in the county, County Board Secretary and Munster Council chairperson, Marion Graham from Littleton is at sea this week in trying to come to terms with probably the greatest defeat ever inflicted on a Tipperary side in a competitive game.

"Inexplicable" was how Marion put it when I spoke with her on Tuesday. Was it a question of the team freezing, I asked her. Her quick retort to that was, 'you'd imagine they would thaw out at some stage, if such was the case'.

"It was diabolical, an absolutely disgraceful display and it is all the more difficult to understand in that most of the players had played in All Ireland finals in other grades.

The occasion shouldn't have been too much for them, especially playing in Semple Stadium, where they had beaten last year's All Ireland finalists, Galway only a fortnight before that", said Marion, herself a former inter-county star and selector.

She said that to reach the final they had beaten Kilkenny, Clare, Limerick, Wexford and Galway, their only loss being to Cork by five points.

What had happened therefore on Saturday? Marion admitted that because of the club championship, the players hadn't been together as much as they would have wished them to be, but that was hardly a valid excuse for their performance.

"It was just something that happened, a freak result. It probably wasn't a good idea to play against the wind in the first half. Maybe we needed to have wind advantage to enable us to settle down and the wind died down then in the second half. Then again, three years ago Cork gave Galway an awful trimming in the league final and Galway came back and beat them in the All Ireland final" said Marion.

July 10th will see Tipp in championship action against Clare, the winners meeting Down on the August bank holiday week-end. It looks a comfortable enough draw with all the 'big guns' on the other side, but one suspects that the immediate task facing the mentors is to endeavour to re-instill confidence into the team. Conceding 9-19 was a shattering blow to morale on Saturday and coming after the great promise shown since returning to senior ranks last season, it presents a mighty challenge to all concerned, not least in terms of rebuilding confidence among a group of what are undoubtedly very talented camogie players, whose past performances have been such as to make last Saturday evening's debacle all the more unfathomable.

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# Powerful Cork hammer off-colour Tipperary

**Cork**..... 9-19  
**Tipperary**..... 2-7  
THE scoreline tells its own story. League final day in Semple Stadium on Saturday was the day it all went wrong for the Tipperary senior camogie team who suffered the most humiliating of defeats at the hands of The Rebels in a one-sided affair.

This was a game that Tipperary were eagerly awaiting having beaten Galway in the semi-final and there were real hopes that the Premier County could cause an upset. Cork, the All-Ireland champions, were bidding for the five-in-a-row League titles and twelve of that team that played in last year's All-Ireland were lined out in Semple Stadium also.

From a very early stage it was quite evident that Tipperary were not in the hunt at all. Having won the toss, they elected to play into the breeze in the first half and they suffered hugely as a result. The half time deficit was 5-13 to 0-3 and by the time Tipperary came to play with the breeze was obviously to allow the team to settle first thereby having the full benefit of the wind. However, to realistically challenge this fine Cork team, Tipperary needed to have been in contention and that did not happen thanks to the high flying Cork women.

Cork had 3-11 scored by the time Noelle Kennedy registered Tipperary's first point from a free in the 23rd

minute. Cork's goals had come from Una O'Donoghue, Sinead O'Callaghan and Linda Mellerick and they just sim-

By  
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ply ran riot on the Tipperary girls. Indeed, one would have to have sympathy for the Tipperary defenders who were under so much pressure in the final half. By the interval the lead was 5-13 to 0-3. Sinead O'Callaghan and Una O'Donoghue grabbing Cork's two goals.

The pace of the Cork girls caused Tipperary great difficulties and the experience was also a telling factor. If Tipperary learned anything about the first half, it was that Cork were well able to take their scores while, at the other end, they defended strongly to beat away Tipperary attacks.

It was a sad and sorry sight to witness as the Cork girls once again destroyed Tipperary hearts and dreams in the second half. While Tipperary did fare a little better themselves on the scoring stakes, they were never going to make any real comeback and Cork continued to press hard right to the final whistle. Noelle Kennedy did have a goal for Tipperary in the 17th minute from a free while a Claire Madden centre resulted in an own goal four minutes from time.

Cork had second half goals from Fiona

O'Driscoll (2), Una O'Donoghue and Linda Mellerick to rub salt into the Tipperary wounds in a game that was of no benefit to either side as championship time approaches.

What can Tipperary do now but try to put this disaster behind them. Cork are only too well aware of Tipperary's potential and, more importantly, Tipperary know what they are capable of. The Tipperary girls certainly did not do themselves justice and they will be hugely disappointed with the game. In many ways this was the kind of game that should be just forgotten because little if anything can be learned from it.

What's important now for Tipperary is that they get back to basics and prepare for the championship. A team does not turn into a poor side as a result of one game and this is certainly true of Tipperary. Claire Madden made her return to the fray after injury and her inclusion is a big boost to Tipperary's hopes. The character of this Tipperary team has been tested to the limit and only time will tell how they respond.

Cork are a very strong side and are easily the best team in the country. Up front they are particularly strong with Lynn Dunlea, Sinead O'Callaghan, Una O'Donoghue, Fiona O'Driscoll and Linda Mellerick particularly prolific while, in defence, Denise Cronin, Eithne



Tipperary midfielder Emily Hayden (left) gathers the ball ahead of her opponent during the camogie National League final at Semple Stadium on Saturday last.

Duggan and Stephanie Dunlea are very solid.

For Tipperary it's back to the training ground and hard work in the coming weeks as they bid to resolve the difficulties experienced.

Scorers for Cork — Una O'Donoghue 3-2; S. O'Callaghan and F. O'Driscoll 2-4 each; L. Mellerick 2-0; L. Dunlea 0-6; M. O'Connor 0-2 and S. Hayes 0-1.

Scorers for Tipperary —

N. Kennedy 1-3; D. Hayes 0-2; E. McDonnell, E. Hayden 0-1 each.

**Cork** — C. Keohane; S. Dunlea, E. Duggan, M. Finn; P. O'Connor, D. Cronin, V. Harris; L. Mellerick, U. Troy; M. O'Connor, S. O'Callaghan, U. O'Donoghue; S. Hayes, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll.

**Tipperary** — N. Dwan (Toomevara); M. Harkin (Drom-Inch); U. Dwyer (Cashel); C. Gaynor (Kilruane MacDonagh's); T. Brophy (Burgess); S.

Kelly (Toomevara); S. Nealon (Burgess); M. Stokes (Cashel); E. Hayden (Cashel); E. McDonnell (Burgess); N. Kennedy (Toomevara); A. McDermott (Knockavilla); C. Hennessy (Drom-Inch); D. Hughes (Toomevara); N. Harkin (Drom-Inch).

Substitutes — L. Ryan (Holycross) for Dwan; C. Madden (Portroe) for Gaynor; P. Fogarty (Cashel) for Harkin.

Referee — A. Derham (Dublin).



Our Lady's, Templemore, senior camogie League champions, 1999. Back row (l. to r.) Teresa Brennan, Orlaith McDonnell, Geraldine McGrath, Siobhan Brennan, Laura Bourke, Dr Jim O'Shea, Norma Maher, Lorraine Bourke, Linda Grogan, Claire Grogan, Deirdre Delaney, Siobhan O'Sullivan. Front (l. to r.) Grace Fogarty, Jo Ryan, Catherine Scanlon, Niamh Harkin (capt.), Marie McGrath, Bridin Jones, Eimear Fitzgerald, Jean Timmons, Patricia McGrath. Photo: Seamus Bourke.



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## Bally girls take title with win over Glen

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

BALLYGARVAN took the 1998 Junior A league title, when in a close encounter they defeated Glen Rovers.

Having won the county Junior B title in 1997, the Ballygarvan girls' promotion to Junior A has seen them make steady progress and following a big win over county champions Watergrasshill they faced a Glen Rovers side who had had a comfortable victory over Douglas.

Ballygarvan, fielding the club's first string, went into the game as favourites by virtue of the fact that Glen Rovers, being a senior club, would be lining out their second string.

In a tough opening half the sides were evenly matched, with Cork minor panellist from Glen Rovers, Kelly Newman, keeping a tight rein on her county team-mate Catriona Kelly.

Ballygarvan led 0-4 to 0-1 at the interval.

The second half saw the Glen girls narrow the gap from the throw in and, throwing everything they had into the game, they pressed hard for scores.

However, a superb Ballygarvan backline, in which Noelle Bouse and Norma Brady excelled, kept the Glen girls at bay.

The Ballygarvan girls, with points from Catriona Kelly, Emer Dillon and captain Mary Hallahane, looked to have the game sewn up when 14-year-old Amy Cuthbert struck.

The Glen got a goal two minutes from full time and they pressed to the end to find an equaliser.

But the Ballygarvan defence held solid and took the club's first junior A league title.

Ballygarvan: M. O'Riordan, A. O'Neill, N. Bouse, J. Brown, N. Brady, E. Dillon, N. Hallahane, F. Butler, A. Hallahane, M. Hallahane, D. Daly, C. Kelly, K. Dineen, Z. Forrest, F. Murphy, P. Wynne, C. Murphy.

Glen Rovers: L. Donovan, K. Newman, A. Guiton, C. Buckley, E. Riordan, T. Kenny, A. Cuthbert, E. Murphy, L. Kelly, E. Horgan, G. McCarthy, S. McSweeney, S. Collins, S. Mongan, C. Shortt, D. Dwane.

Scyth na Scoil camogie has gone from strength since its inception.

Next week many months of hard work will come to fruition when the finals are staged at Paire Uí Rinn.

Among the many camogie stars to have emerged from the Scyth na Scoil competition are Cork senior captain Vivienne Harris, who lined out with St. Marys on the Hill, Knocknaheeny, and Ciara Healy, who last year won an All-Ireland minor medal.

## A look at Cork's inter-county progress so far this season



Fiona O'Driscoll of Cork and Una Dwyer, Tipperary, eye the ball during the National Senior Camogie League final at Thurles.

Picture: Maurice O'Mahony

# Rebel girls are making a mark

**W**ITH the date on the calendar quickly creeping around to the half-way stage in 1999, we take a look back at the progress of the Cork camogie teams in the various grades and monitor their progress with the 15-a-side game.

**MINORS:** Taking the All-Ireland title in 1998, Cork opened their campaign in April when they travelled to Kilmallock to meet a Limerick side who had knocked out last year's Munster finalists, Tipperary.

Fielding eight members of the All-Ireland winning panel, the Cork girls put in a superb display against a spirited Limerick side who on the night could not match the accuracy of the Leesiders as they notched up a 4-7 to 0-2 win.

In the second semi-final Clare easily accounted for Waterford to set up a Cork-Clare Munster final on May Monday at Paire Donal O'Ceallachain, Ballyanley.

Opening in tremendous fashion, the holders dictated matters to lead 4-8 to 1-2 at the interval, with Catriona Kelly, Emer Dillon and Emer Watson in scoring mood.

The Rebels retained their title with ease and in the process created their own piece of history, becoming the first Cork camogie team to take inter-county honours at 15-a-side.

With an August 1st semi-final

### MAGIC MOMENTS

No. 1: Monica Cotter (Cara Clíodhna) was the first All-Ireland camogie medal holder to win international recognition when she represented her country at golf.

In later years Mary Geaney (Eire Og) Sandra Fitzgibbon (Glen Rovers) and Vivien Harris (B'town) all represented their country in different sports. All have distinguished themselves in their other chosen sports — hockey, basketball and kick boxing respectively.

date with the Ulster champions, the side are continuing their preparations, which will be somewhat interrupted over the coming weeks by examinations.

However, with an All-Ireland title within sight, the minors from Leeside are determined to continue to be history makers and take what would be the county's first All-Ireland title in 15-a-side.

We wish them well and will monitor their progress with interest.

**SENIORS:** Following on a tremendous league campaign which saw victories over Tipperary,

Limerick, Wexford, Clare and Kilkenny, the senior squad faced up to Down in the National League semi-final, while in the second semi-final Tipperary emerged 3-14 to 3-7 victors and in the process set up an all-Munster clash with Cork, who recorded a 3-13 to 1-5 victory over a disappointing Down side.

Expectations were high for a classic final which took place as a curtain-raiser to the Munster hurling clash of Tipperary and Kerry in Semple Stadium.

On a ground where hurling teams have enjoyed numerous victories, it was the turn of the Cork camogie girls to shine when they collected their fifth National League title in a row and in the process gave the county its ninth title to go top of the honours list, one place ahead of arch rivals Kilkenny.

Backed by the strong breeze in the opening half, Cork took control from the throw-in and such was their dominance they led by 3-11 before Tipperary registered their opening score.

The Cork half-time lead of 5-13 to 0-3 saw Tipperary with a mountain to climb and try as they might, they could not get to grips with their game.

From a Cork point of view it was a tremendous display of all that's good in camogie.

### RESULTS & FIXTURES

#### RESULTS

**Junior A League:** Tracton 3-3, Douglas 1-0, Sarsfields 7-6, Killeagh 1-1, Junior B League: Bishopstown 3-4, Ballinora 0-0.

**Under 12 League:** Ballygarvan 4-2, Carrigaline 0-0, Courcy Rovers 4-0, Tracton 2-0, Glen Rovers 0-0, Barryroe 0-0, Carrigrohilly 0-0, Bishopstown 2-2, Ballincollig 1-0, Ballygarvan 4-1, Courcy Rovers 1-1, Buttevant 2-0, Charleville 0-0, Charleville 0-0, Newtownshandrum 0-0, Valley Rovers 0-0, Ballinora 0-0.

**Under 14 League:** Tracton 3-0, Ballinora 1-0, Bishopstown 2-0, Barryroe 0-0, Barryroe 0-0, Ballinascarty 0-0, Aghabullogue 4-4, Glen Rovers 0-0, Barryroe 0-0, Kilmartin 0-0, Valley Rovers 1-1, Tracton 0-0, Aghabullogue 5-2, St. Vincent's 1-0, Carrigaline 0-4, Tracton 0-0, Killeagh 4-3, Castlelyons 0-0, Aghabullogue 0-2, Fr. O'Neills 0-0, Courcy Rovers 4-2, Cloughduv 3-3.

**Bishopstown Tournament:** Grenagh-Ballinacorney, Limerick 0-0, Freshford, Kilkenny 0-0.

#### FIXTURES

**THIS EVENING:** SL: Barryroe v Iniscarra; Kilmartin v Brian Dillon; St. Finbar's v Eire Og; Bishopstown v Valley Rovers; Glen Rovers v Newtownshandrum; Aghabullogue v Watergrasshill; Newtownshandrum v Cloughduv.

**THURSDAY MAY 27:**

**U12L:** Fr. O'Neills v Youghal; Dungourney v Midleton; Cloughduv v Na Piaras; Barryroe v Aghabullogue; Iniscarra v Delany; Ballyhea v Charleville; Buttevant v Mallow; Newtownshandrum v Midleton; Ballinascarty v Kilmartin; Barryroe v Newtownshandrum; Bandon v Enniskeane; Rockdown v Watergrasshill; St. Finbar's v Castlelyons; St. Catherine's v Kildorney; Cobb v Brian Dillon; Sarsfields v Glen Rovers; Carrigrohilly v Eire Og; Ballinora v Ballincollig; Slieve Rua v Douglas; St. Finbar's v Bishopstown; Carrigaline v Courcy Rovers; Tracton v Ballinascarty.

**FRIDAY MAY 28:**

**U14B:** Newtownshandrum v Mallow; Charleville v St. Finbar's; Kildorney v Buttevant; Bandon v Clonsilla; Kilmartin v Ballinascarty; Enniskeane v Barryroe; Ballinora v Eire Og; Tracton v Ballincollig; Valley Rovers v Carrigaline; Castlelyons v Midleton; Dungourney v Cobb; Killeagh v Youghal; Watergrasshill v Carrigrohilly; Eire Og v Brian Dillon; Mayfield v Sarsfields; Delany v Barryroe; Douglas v Rockdown; Na Piaras v Bishopstown.

**U14AL:** Midford v St. Vincent's; Iniscarra v Aghabullogue; Fr. O'Neills v Glen Rovers; Courcy Rovers v Ballygarvan; Ballinascarty v Cloughduv.

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# An important milestone reached for camogie

LAST weekend camogie achieved a very important milestone in the history of the game - the National League Final between Cork and Tipperary acted as a curtain-raiser to the Munster Senior Hurling Championship tie involving Kerry and Tipperary in Semple Stadium.

A most welcome development and a major step forward in giving the game exposure to a greater audience.

Closer contact with the GAA must always be an item on the agenda, if alone to prevent the stupidity of big matches being played simultaneously at different venues.

Understandably, one would acknowledge why camogie wants to remain the mistress of its own destiny, but surely the ladies doing the curtain raising is equally as enjoyable as the junior hurling games that often precede the big game.

Publicity and sponsorship are indelibly intertwined and feed off each other.

Despite the numbers playing, the game in general has a low publicity base.

Therefore, given the present goodwill towards hurling, which currently abounds with the skill and speed elements highlighted as its greatest attractions, the female version should be endeavouring to piggyback as much as possible.

Therefore the more games played in conjunction with the men's game should help to raise its profile, increase its ratings accordingly, and thus make the sport a more attractive package for sponsorship.

Hopes had been high that this Tipperary side could topple the champions last Saturday evening, but instead the Premier County had a painful experience on home sod.

Was it the occasion, or simply are the Rebel brigade so unbeatable?

No doubting Cork are reigning supreme at the moment, fully committed and focused



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on the task on hand. Something tells me that the humiliation and hurt suffered by the Tipperary can only be converted to incentive come championship time.

We will find out next week when the sides meet again.

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## ● CAMOGIE ●

Saturday: Feile na Gael Blitz at Castlelyons beginning 11 a.m.; at Bishopscourt beginning 2.30 and at St. Finbarr's beginning 5 p.m.  
Sunday: Feile na Gael Blitz, Douglas at 9.30; Mayfield 2.30; Eire Og 5.00.  
Wednesday: Munster Senior Championship Cork v Tipperary Ballinlough 7 p.m.  
Thursday: Munster Intermediate Championship Cork v Limerick Caherlag 7 p.m.  
Fri-June 4: U-14A League Millford v St. Vincents; Inniscarra v Aghabullogue; Ballygarvan v Ballinlough; Coursey Rovers v St. Finbarrs; Barryroe v Bandon; Clonsilla v Enniskeane; Ballinascorthy v Newcestown; Buttevant v Newtownshandrum; Mallow v Kildorrery; St. Fannahans v Ballyhea; all matches start 7.30.

## Star of Cork camogie team dies

ONE of the star's of the first Cork team to win camogie's All-Ireland title has died at the age of 86.

Mary O'Connell nee Kenneally from Castle Close in Blarney was part of the Cork team to bring camogie's O'Duffy Cup back to the Leeside in 1934.

They defeated Louth by 4-3 to 1-1 to secure the county's first senior title.

Mary was a half forward in the 1934 team, and was a substitute on the team which retained the title the following year.

Mary was originally from the Lough and played her camogie with Lough Rovers.

# Cork girls make it five league titles in a row

Cork 9-19  
Tipperary 2-4

A DEVASTATING display of camogie in the opening 20 minutes saw Cork power their way to their fifth National League title in a row at Semple Stadium on Saturday night last.

Tipperary felt the full force of a Cork side that sparkled in every area of the park.

There was hardly a weak link in the Cork chain. This was the first time a national final was played with 15 players a side, and it mattered little to the champions as the newcomers slotted in perfectly as if they had been regular members of the team.

For midfielder Linda Mellerick this was a very special victory as she was winning her fifth national league medal in a row.

Thrilled at getting the opportunity to play on the lush green sward of Semple Stadium, Linda said she was surprised at the ease with which Cork won retained their title.

"There was a lot of talk about Tipperary being a team to watch, and with home advantage which we conceded, we expected a tough match.

"Tipp are not that bad, but there's not a team in Ireland would have lived with us, particularly in the first 20 minutes.



Eye on the ball, Una O'Donoghue head goalwards during the league final against Tipperary

By BRENDAN LARKIN

"It suited us to play with the wind in the first half - Tipp won the toss - and once we got a couple of goals their heads dropped.

"We had no problem with conceding home advantage as we tend to play better away from home. Camogie is on a high in Cork, but we won't get carried away with this victory.

"Retaining our All-Ireland championship title is our number one

priority but it is nice to win the league as it gives the younger players coming onto the team for the first time," she said.

A hat-trick of goals by Una O'Donoghue and two each by Fiona O'Driscoll, Sinead O'Callaghan, and Linda Mellerick all contributed to Cork massive tally of 9-19 to 2-7 for Tipperary, and on the evidence of this display, the Leesiders must be firm favourites to retain their championship title also.

## Roscrea Community College 1-4, Ennis 1-5

Roscrea needed to win by five points to qualify for the an Ireland semi-finals. By half-time they were ahead by 1-2 to 0-3 and facing a strong wind. They performed heroically in the second half against yet another of the stronger Munster teams and were again caught in the last minute by a point from a thirty-five.

These were much better performances than last year and with the majority of the panel under age next year hopes of a little success at this level are realistic.

Player of the tournament must be between goalie Rebecca Simmons and midfielder Sinead Feehan. Rebecca made many fine saves especially against Bandon. She is a real find. Sinead Feehan was excellent when moved to centre-field in the second game and ranged the length of the field in the last game. She gets the vote.

Next years Captains will be; Senior: Sharon Hynes and Junior: Catriona Hynes. Camogie player of the year trophy will be held this year by Bronwyn Keeshan.

## Munster Camogie Seven-a-Side. Roscrea Community

### College 0-4, Charleville 2-4

In the final game of the Blitz Roscrea raced into a four point lead against All Ireland Champions, Charleville.

Charleville goaled on either side of the break and added four points in the second half. Jeanette Feighery scored all Roscrea's points.

## Roscrea Community College 2-4, Bandon 2-4

Roscrea led from start to finish here but were overtaken in the very last minute Roscrea had changed formation for this match and the deadly combination of Jeanette Feighery and Catriona Hynes up front caused all sorts of problems.

Katriona Ryan and Valerie Meagher played with great understanding in the backs. Bronwyn Keeshan and in particular Sinead Feehan were in control at midfield. Scores; Jeanette Feighery 1-3, Catriona Hynes 1-



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# Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

**D**erry collected their first ever National Junior League Title when they defeated a gallant Wexford side at Gorey on a scoreline of 3-7 to 0-7. This was the first final of the two year/fifteen players aside/test series, played on the full size GAA pitch. It was the first appearance of both teams in a National League final. Not along that but it was their first meeting in a final at any level. For the third year in a row, a new name was inscribed on Corn De Burca. Antrim won its first Junior League title in 1997 and Down in 1998.

It was a thrilling final. The score does not do justice to Wexford who fought all the way. The first half was very closely contested. A goal by Aileen Tohill gave the 'Oakleaf County' a 1-3 to 0-5 lead at the break.

Derry got the better of the exchanges in the second half and showed their superiority when they opened up Wexford's defence to send home two great goals by Martina Mulholland and Claire McNicholl. This was a severe blow to Wexford who replied with points by Elaine Holohan and Noeleen Lambert. Good defensive work by the winners deprived The Model County of getting through for goals.

Scorers: Derry: Martina Mulholland 1-3, Claire McNicholl and Aileen Tohill 1-0 each, Mary O'Kane 0-3, Shauna McCaul 0-1.

Wexford: Noeleen Lambert 0-2, Elaine Holohan, Rosemary Breen, Ciara Scallon, Aoife O'Connor and Michelle O'Leary 0-1.

Derry team: Aileen Crilly, Claire Scullin, Grainne Maguire, Paula McKenna, Siobhan Convery, Claire Doherty, Cathy McDonald, Anna O'Loughlin, Martina Mulholland, Shauna McCaul, Mary Kane (Captain), Aileen O'Kane, Claire McNicholl, Aileen Tohill, Karen Rafferty. Subs: Bernie Agnew for A O'Loughlin, Catherine Pickering for M Mulholland.

Wexford team: Linda Byrne, Helena Jacob, Noelle Doran, Bernie Holohan, Ailish Atkinson, Claire O'Connor, Tina Bergin, Aoife O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary, Noeleen Lambert, Rosemary Breen, Elaine Holohan, Ita Kelly, Evelyn Quigley, Ciara Scallon. Subs: Ailish Kavanagh for E Quigley, Michelle Jordan (Capt) for N Doran.

Referee: Celene Doody, Limerick

Carlow won through to meet Kilkenny on Sunday next at Carlow Hurling Ground at 1pm in the Leinster Junior Championship semi-final when they disposed of Kildare at Carlow Hurling Ground recently. The first half was

evenly enough contested with Carlow leading by one point at the break 1-3 to 0-5.

The home side stepped up a pace in the second half to run out comfortable winners 2-11 to 0-5. Scorers: Carlow: Nuala Quirke 1-4, Valerie Crean 0-5, Margaret Dermody 1-0, Mary Coady and Olivia Maye 0-1 each.

Kildare: Aisling Treacy 0-5

Referee: Brendan Williams, Kilkenny

St. Mary's Charleville Secure Treble

This has been a great year for Munster Colleges. St Mary's Charleville secured the All-Ireland Senior and Junior titles, and completed the 'Treble' when they won their 7th All-Ireland Colleges 'Sevens'.

This 'Treble' has only been achieved once before: that was by the famed St. Raphaels, Loughrea in 1989.

Charleville defeated New Ross in the All-Ireland Sevens final 4-9 to 5-3.

Scorers: Charleville: Marie Watson 3-0, Niamh Bowles 0-7, Alison White 1-2.

New Ross: Geraldine Keating 2-1, Grace Hearne 1-2, Lizzie Ling and Angela Kenneally 1-0 each.

St Mary's Charleville Panel: Catherine Leslie (Capt), Niamh O'Riordan, Aine Kelleher, Niamh Bowles, Aoife Sheehan, Alison White, Marie Watson, Emer O'Friel, Ciara O'Sullivan, Deirdre Hayes.

Two new competitions were introduced this year!

Senior B and Junior B

They were also won by Munster.

Sacred Heart Clonakilty won the Senior 'B' and Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis, the Junior 'B'.



Cork supporters will have been delighted with their win over Tipperary in the National League final

## Dubs v Wexford tie to be replayed

**THE** abandoned Dublin v Wexford Leinster Junior Championship first-round will be replayed in Wexford next Sunday afternoon.

Leinster Council reached their decision last Saturday after the original tie was abandoned by referee, John Pender, at Pairc Naomh Uinsionn with 62 seconds remaining.

**CAMOGIE**

By NIAL SCULLY

In that game, Dublin led by two points when the sliotar struck an umpire in the Dublin goalmouth, halting a Wexford attack.

Dublin were fined £50 pounds, and both counties felt a replay was the most suitable outcome. The winners will meet Louth in the next round.

● Dublin's lost to Wexford, 4-4 to 0-3, in the U-14 Championship last Saturday. The Dubs travelled with much hope, but they were behind at the interval, 2-1 to 0-1.

Wexford were even sharper in the second period, and Dubs goalkeeper, Eimear Butler, made some fine saves. Niamh Taylor scored the three Dublin points.

Dublin are now depending on Wexford to beat Kilkenny on Saturday to bring them back into contention.

● St. Vincent's won their first U-11 Championship title, beating Ballyboden St. Enda's, 2-1 to 0-1 at Russell Park in a commanding show.

Catherine Maloney scored the two Vins goal, with Aisling Jordan striking the point, while Boden's highly-regarded skipper, Ann Griffen, recorded their lone score.

● In the U-15 Championship final, Naomh Mearnog overcame their old foes, Ballyboden St. Enda's, 4-3 to 1-1, also at Russell Park, having led at the break, 2-0 to 1-0.

Niamh Taylor collected a hat-trick of goals, with Cliona O'Connor registering the other, and Ciara Duffy adding three points. On the mark for Boden were Brona McArdle, with a goal, and Dearbhla Reilly, with a point.

## Quick-off-the-mark Dubs caught on the hop!

**DESPITE** a blistering opening, Dublin tasted defeat in their re-fixed Leinster Junior Championship tie at Oylgate on Sunday afternoon when the hosts, Wexford, advanced to meet Louth on the 2-8 to 2-5 scoreline.

In a tremendous match, Dublin led for most of the way. At half time, they were 2-3 to 0-2 ahead following goals from Paula Malcolmson and Eimear Ring.

Wexford, though, displayed much heart, and by the 15th minute of the second half, they had recovered to lead by 2-6 to 2-5, as their confidence expanded.

Dublin battled hard for equality

**CAMOGIE**

By NIAL SCULLY

against a solid home rearguard in an exciting close that thrilled the large attendance. Dublin's other scorers were Irene Kirwan with three points and Fiona Corcoran with two.

● Meanwhile, next Saturday, Dublin's U-14s travel to Wexford where victory would see them secure a Leinster Final place against Kilkenny on June 13th, Kilkenny having overcome Wexford last Saturday.

● Thursday sees the start of the Dublin Senior 'A' Championship

with a preliminary duel between Celtic and Na Fianna in the Phoenix Park (7:30).

Two years ago, Celtic, in a classical final against Marino at Parnell Park, were crowned Dublin champs. Life hasn't been as sweet since, but the Celts, celebrating their 70th anniversary, are anxious to mark the occasion.

The winners of this tie will meet Good Counsel on June 19. On the same date, Raheny tackle St. Vincent's, while on the following day, other Senior 'A' Championship pairings are Thomas Davis v Ballyboden St. Enda's and Crumlin v Erin's Isle.



# Granagh/Ballingarry are Wexford bound

THERE was a clean sweep for Granagh/Ballingarry in the Féile '99 qualifier which was held at Newcastlewest on Saturday last.

Seven teams faced the starter at the signing on (eight entered) and these were divided into two groups. Group one (on the main pitch) included Blackrock, Adare, Croagh/Kilfinny and Patrickswell and the Round Robin yielded the following results. Adare Blackrock, Croagh/Kilfinny 2-0 Patrickswell 0-0, Adare 0-0 Croagh/Kilfinny 3-2, Blackrock 4-4 Patrickswell 0-0, Adare 2-2 Patrickswell 0-0, Blackrock 2-0 Croagh/Kilfinny 0-0. Blackrock (winner) and Croagh/Kilfinny (runner up) qualified for the semi-finals.

Group 2: involving Granagh/Ballingarry, Killeedy and Newcastlewest was a nail biter and yielded the following results. Granagh/Ballingarry 2-0 Killeedy 1-0, Granagh/Ballingarry 1-0 Newcastlewest 0-0, Killeedy 0-1 Newcastlewest 0-0. Granagh/Ballingarry and Killeedy qualified for the semis.

Pretournament favouritism was realised when Blackrock and Granagh/Ballingarry advanced to the final 1-3 to 0-1, and 6-2 to 1-0 winners over Killeedy and Croagh/Kilfinny respectively. Granagh/Ballingarry were the more impressive winners, with Blackrock having to come with a late sprint to beat the determined girls from St Ita's parish.

The final was played on the main pitch. G.B. revelled in its wide open spaces and pinned Blackrock in their own half for most of the 30 minutes. They emphasised their superiority with a well taken 4-4 while keeping a clean sheet at the other end. They will represent the county well at Wexford in June. Well done to them. Hard luck to Blackrock, a fine skilful team, and congratulations to all who took part.

For one of G.B.'s players centre-back Joanne Clifford there was double success as she also came first in the skills competition. The long striding No. 6 (daughter of 70's hurling star, Davy) who hurls strongly off her left side, was a decisive winner and has the skill and temperament to do well on the national stage. We wish her the best.

Despite the smallish entry, Féile '99 was a great success. Newcastlewest with its two fields was a fine venue. Pat Condon and the local camogie had everything in order, the weather was almost ideal (not a drop of rain) and the spectators were treated to some very exciting camogie. Chairperson Kathleen Coffey, secretary Clare O'Herlihy, Madge Fleury, Rose Kelleher, kept the show running smoothly, while Mary Lonergan, Michelle Casey and Breda O'Brien were active and efficient knights of the whistle. Well done to all!

It could yet prove a very busy and expensive summer for the G.B. under 14's. Three days prior to Féile on Wednesday May 19, they won gold at the Limerick Community Games finals,

with a big win over Ballyagran. They now advance to the Munsters (at a Limerick venue in July) where a win will see them off to Mosney in September. Newcastlewest and Rathkeale faced each other in the bronze medals/certs final with the Magpies winning 3-0 to 0-0 at the Domesne on Friday May 21. (Great to see Rathkeale fielding in the Camogie and if they could find a Shane Hourigan to take them on they would be a match for the best! They have fine hurlers.)

While Féile held centre stage last week, the under-14 and under 12 county leagues advanced a round. Again results are scarcer than snow in the Sahara (results are just a phone call away) but Granagh/Ballingarry underlined their ambitions with a good win over Blackrock in U14A. At Ballyagran the home team beat Newcastlewest 2-0 to 0-0. The Magpies had better luck at U/12, drawing 3-0 with Croagh/Kilfinny in the Domesne on Thursday May 20. The bookies have made a slight adjustment in their forecasts with G.B. now favoured for the U/14A title, (moving ahead of Blackrock). Crecora still fancied at U/14B.

While Adare have come into the frame at U/12 G.B. (senior) and Galbally (junior) are to make a clean sweep in their grades. Their competitions are now into the exam break.

Under 14 and under 12 leagues advance a further round this week. The U/14 A's play round seven on Tuesday May 25 7pm as follows. Croagh/Kilfinny v Killeedy. Na Piarasigh v Granagh/Ballingarry. Galbally v Adare. Ballyagran v Blackrock. Newcastlewest a bye. First named team has home venue, games begin at 7pm. The under 14 B's are in action also on Tuesday round four, as follows. Section 1: Murroe/Boher v Abbey Sarsfields. Ahane v Milford. Patrickswell v Crecora. Section 2: Bruff v Abbey Gaels. Kilmallock v Knockaderry. Crotta O'Neills v Feenagh/Kilmeedy.

The under 12's are in action on Thursday May 27 with round nine down for decision as follows: Section 1: Kilmallock v Na Piarasigh. Desmond Gaels Adare v Feenagh/Kilmeedy. Blackrock v Ballyagran. Knockaderry v Bruff. Murroe/Boher a bye. Section 2: Abbey Sarsfields v Croagh/Kilfinny. St Patricks v Granagh/Ballingarry. Newcastlewest v Patrickswell. Killeedy v Crecora. Black Abbey Adare a bye. First named team has home venue. Games begin at 7pm.

while the U/14's and U/12 battle it out for semi-final places, and seniors and juniors interrupt for exams, the under 10's are learning their skills on the training ground. Their main day in the limelight is Sunday July 11 when the Co. Blitz takes place. This is always very exciting. Na Piarasigh were the 1998 winners.

On the inter-county scene our seniors are in action in the first round of the Munster Championship senior and intermediate in early June.

# Cork prove too strong for Tipperary

Cork 4-11  
Tipperary 2-10

TIPPERARY travelled to Ballinlough last evening anxious to restore pride and gain revenge on a Cork side who had handed out a drubbing to them a week earlier in the senior National Camogie League final.

Cork opened with a Lynn Dunlea point after three minutes, but two minutes later they found themselves in arrears, after Noelle Kennedy had converted two Tipperary frees. The same player had given her side the lead nine minutes into the game, when Una O'Donoghue sent a long range Cork free all the way to the net to give the home side the advantage.

Tip's response was instant, with a Kennedy pointed free, which cut the deficit to a point. Then came a Tipperary purple patch when first Emer McDonnell and then Deirdre Hughes beat the Cork defence with two well taken goals to put Tipp in the driving seat.

Back came Cork when Una O'Donoghue won a long clearance on the wing, rounded Clare Madden, and finished superbly to the net to relieve the Cork pressure.

Two further points from Lynn Dunlea and Sinead O'Callaghan had the sides level for the third time in the contest, but it was left to Deirdre Hughes to wind up the opening half with a well-taken Tipperary point to leave them leading 2-5 to 2-4 at the break.

With the confidence restored Tipperary continued to dictate the opening period of the second-half and held

their lead ten minutes into the half when they led 2-9 to 2-7. With the Cork defence, in particular Denise Cronin, Mags Finn and Vivienne Harris beginning to get on top, Cork came forward more. Two points from Fiona O'Driscoll and Lynn Dunlea had the sides level midway through, when Lynn Dunlea picking up on an excellent pass from Una O'Donoghue, following a long Stephanie Dunlea clearance, finished to the net and Cork were ahead.

With Tipperary beginning to crumble Cork kept on the pressure. Dunlea and Kennedy swooped points before Linda Mellerick, now operating at left corner forward, cleverly hand passed over the head of Tipperary goalie, Niamh Harkin, to kill off the Tipperary challenge. It was left to Lynn Dunlea to bring the contest to a close with a well struck Cork point.

Credit Tipperary, who though defeated in the end by seven points, played with determination and put the National League defeat behind them, and proved they will be a threat in the Championship in the months ahead.

Scorers for Cork: L. Dunlea 1-6 (0-3 free), F. O'Driscoll 0-4, S. Hayes, U. O'Donoghue and L. Mellerick 1-0 each, S. O'Callaghan 0-1. Tipperary: N. Kennedy 0-8 (0-3 free), D. Hughes 1-1, E. McDonnell 1-1.

CORK: C. Keohane, S. Dunlea, E. Duggan, M. Finn, V. Harris, D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, U. Troy, M. O'Connor, S. O'Callaghan, L. Mellerick, S. Hayes, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll, U. O'Donoghue.

TIPPERARY: N. Harkin, M. Harkin, C. Gaynor, C. Madden, S. Kelly, U. O'Donoghue, U. Dwyer, S. Nealon, A. McDermott, M. Stokes, N. Kennedy, T. Brophy, E. McDonnell, C. Hennessy, D. Hughes, H. Kieley. Sub. P. Fogarty for C. Hennessy. Referee: John Morrissey.

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Under 14 League: Enniskeane 3-2, Newcastlewest 0-1; Sillab Rua 0-0, Ballincollig 0-0; Milford 2-0, Inniscarra 0-1; Glen Rovers 4-0, St. Vincents 1-0; Douglas 4-4, Bishopstown 0-0; Sillab Rua 3-0, Valley Rovers 0-1; Mayfield 3-5, Brian Dillon 3-1; Erins Own 1-1, Carrigrohilly 1-0; Eire Og 7-2, Traction 1-0; Watergrasshill 6-1, Mayfield 4-2; Eire Og 6-1, Ballincollig 0-0; Watergrasshill 5-2, Erins Own 0-1; Na Piarasigh 8-1, Blarney 1-1; Rockbawn 1-7, Na Piarasigh 2-1; Charleville 3-12, Mallow 0-0; Eire Og 4-1, Ballinora 1-0; Charleville 6-5, St. Fanaghans 0-0; Killeagh 2-2, Dungourney 0-0; Bandon 1-0, Kilbrittain 0-2; Youghal 5-1, Dungourney 0-0; Ballyhea 8-3, Buttevant 0-0. Senior League: Kilbrittain 2-6, Inniscarra 3-1. Junior A League: Milford 4-6, St. Catherine's 0-1; St. Catherine's 2-2, St. Vincents 1-2. Junior B League: Bishopstown 5-2, Valley Rovers 0-0; Kilbrittain 2-2, Courcy Rovers 1-0. Under 12 league: Castlelyons 5-0, Rockbawn 3-0; Dungourney 2-0, Killeagh 2-0; Douglas 9-1, Bishopstown 0-0; Rockbawn 1-0, St. Catherine's 0-1; St. Finbarrs 7-0, Bishopstown 0-0; Youghal 4-0, Dungourney 0-0.

Féile na Gael, Quarter finals on Tuesday night: Barryroe v Aghabullogue at Ovens, 6.45pm; Milford v Fr. O'Neills at Ballyphehane, 7.30pm. Semi finals on Thursday night: Milford or Fr. O'Neills v Douglas at Caherlag, 8.15pm; Aghabullogue or Barryroe v Carrigrohilly, venue to be arranged.





DOMINIC McKINLEY : DERRY CAMOGIE MANAGER

**D**OMINIC McKINLEY stepped down from the Antrim Senior Hurling post in the summer of 1997. Seven months later, Derry announced that he was to take over the management of their camogie team which plays in the Junior League and Championship.

Another former Antrim Senior hurling manager, Jim Nelson, had just taken his native county's camogie team to the Junior National League and Junior Championship titles after almost two decades in the camogie wilderness. Armagh and Down had been monopolising Ulster camogie for most of the past decade, while Antrim and Derry had been taking most of the under-age titles. Derry in particular were seen as the great under-achievers.

Ulster Gaelic's Séamus Mac Giolla Fhinnéin talked to Dominic about his job after Derry had defeated Armagh in the Junior National League quarter-final replay on April 3rd.

*Dominic, explain how you got involved in managing the Derry camogie team?*

Before I was even approached, I had heard rumours that I was going to be asked. It gave me time to make up an excuse that would help get rid of them when they did come, but Emily Mullan made the approach and was persistent and got me to agree to meet the players.

Even when I was driving over to Bellaghy that first evening I was still not interested in the job. I had just left Antrim and just wanted a bit of peace for a while. But when I got to the meeting I found myself most welcome and the players really wanted me to help them. I am basically a shy person and these people were all strangers to me but they won me over.

*What were your first impressions of the panel which presented itself for training?*

## DOMINIC McKINLEY DERRY CAMOGIE MANAGER

One of my "get out" clauses was that if I didn't get the commitment of the players, I would be off. Their commitment from day one has been unreal. I saw a big panel with a lot of potential and my first challenge was to sort out those I considered good enough to be regulars and then decide on the rest. I knew little or nothing about the club scene and relied on people telling me who might make it. The first impression though had to be the commitment of the players.

*Did you have to modify your training methods in any way, after switching from inter-county hurling to inter-county camogie?*

Not really. The skills are basically similar, although I probably have changed the fitness programme, as the girls are somewhat different in their physical make-up. However training at inter-county level in any sport has to be very organised and progressive and I think that is what we are doing. Tactics and such like did not immediately come into our training, but it certainly figures now.

*There has been a good supply of under-age talent in Derry in recent years. Was it a bonus to inherit those players?*

People always seem to think that if a player is good at under-age level, then there is a guarantee that they will become good at adult level. Sometimes the expectation cripples them, but the player herself needs to work very hard and the structures need to be right at every level for her to make progress.

I would agree that the players I took on lacked a bit

in confidence. They were o.k. at their own level but tended to look in awe at the more successful sides. Armagh had been successful and I was happy enough to replay the quarter-final with them (the referee in the first game had awarded Derry a one-point victory when everyone else agreed that the teams had finished level). Second time around we knew they were no better than us, and I hope they can gain confidence from this.

We need more tough games to learn from, before we get into the latter stages of the competitions.

*Last year you lost an All-Ireland semi-final replay to the eventual winners Tipperary. When you look back on that, is there anything you would have done differently?*

Probably when you look back, I may have done some things differently, but ultimately I was still finding out about the players and for us it was a match to learn from. I prefer not to think of last year - only in the context of how it will help us this year.

*Camogie this season has switched to 15-a-side. Will this benefit Derry?*

Last year in the All-Ireland semi-final, 8 or 9 players got a chance in the forward line. We have a lot of players of a good standard and having 3 more players on the field will not adversely affect us. However, I think that every team manager so far has mentioned to me that they are having teething problems with 15-a-side. It is difficult for players so used to one system to change over. In the long run though it should be of benefit to Derry.



**As a newly appointed manager, what were your impressions on camogie as an organisation, and as a game?**

I don't want to appear critical, because I sympathise with referees and the difficulties that they have, but there is a problem there. The standard seems to vary from referee to referee, even more than in hurling or football. I also think the lack of an advantage rule is a problem that needs to be looked at. Also some referees seem to blow when more than two players are in the tackle. I think that this also needs to be refined. Players will naturally gather round the sliotar on the ground and as long as none commits a foul on their opponents we should not worry how many are tackling for the ball.

As an organisation I feel that it has a lot going for it. I have had no problems at all with the Derry County Board - quite the opposite. But I feel that some players at club/county level are let down by disorganisation.

**Apart from Derry players, which Ulster players have most impressed you?**

Well obviously I admire Máirín McAleenan. Like with all sports you admire anyone who can perform consistently above the level of team-mates or opponents. Then there is Edel Mason, also of Down, and Grace McMullan, Anne McKee, Denise O'Boyle and Cairiona Higgins from Antrim. When you play against these teams you have

to plan on how you are going to curb these players.

I think there is an abundance of talent in a number of Ulster counties. Some counties are not getting it right to get the best out of their players and some players are not prepared to commit themselves to giving their best.

**Are you behind the inter-provincial competitions?**

100%, because everyone must play at the highest level possible and learn from it. Derry has sent 11 players this year. It is very important to play for Ulster. The new sponsorship deal with Schwarzkopf is great for the players. Imagine the boost there would be if a Derry player performed well enough to earn £1,000 for their club or County Board. I think that camogie will gain a lot from sponsorship in the sense that it has to become better marketed.

**How long are you committed to the Derry job and would the Antrim job interest you?**

I am committed until the end of this year. I have been approached by other teams, both hurling and camogie, but the commitment of the Derry girls has been impressive and I am enjoying that. I am not prepared to look at other jobs at the moment.

Ciara, my daughter, is shaping up well at under-age level with her club and Antrim. If I thought anything would benefit her, then I would consider it.



Action from the recent Derry versus Cork game.

**You are still involved in coaching hurling at your club Loughgiel, and your children play for Dunloy. Surely this must lead to interesting discussions at dinner time?**

Yes it does. Ciara actually played hurling for Dunloy last year and played against the team I was coaching in the North Antrim Féile na nGael Final. Loughgiel were beaten and I had plenty to listen to. My son Conor also played against us in the Indoor Hurling League and they beat us so he really enjoyed that as well.

I still want to put something back into Loughgiel because they gave me so much enjoyment over the years. I live in Dunloy and really don't have a problem with Dunloy beating us. There is a bigger picture to it all. You have to encourage all youngsters to do their best and enjoy themselves.

**What is your aim for this season?**

We set our sights on the All-Ireland Junior title at the start of the year. But we want to win every game if we can. Victories breed confidence and confidence helps you through tough games. The league is providing us with good games and as I said earlier we hope to learn from every game.

### DID YOU KNOW???

- Derry has 22 camogie clubs. There are over 150 clubs in Ulster.
- Henry and Seamus Downey have two sisters Eileen and Orla in the current panel, while Anthony Tohill's sister Aileen is the regular full-forward.
- Kathleen O'Hagan captained the 1969 side and managed the 1978 side. Both teams won the All-Ireland Junior title.
- Derry won the All-Ireland senior title in 1954 captained by Patsy McCloskey.
- Anthony and Johnny McGurk won football All-stars. Their sister Aileen was on the 1969 Derry camogie team.



The Derry Camogie Team.



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## Cork college teams are making their mark on the All Ireland stage



St Mary's Charleville celebrate success in the after retaining the All Ireland U-16 sevens title.



Sheila Morgan presents the All Ireland Junior A championship trophy to Alison White, captain St Mary's Charleville.

### Did you know?

- THAT four Cork Schools, St. Aloysius, North Presentation, St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Charleville have won the All-Ireland College Senior Championships.
- That Geraldine Casey, who won an All-Ireland Colleges Senior B medal with Sacred Heart, Clonakilty, has also represented her country at hockey.
- THAT Sinead O'Callaghan and Caoimhe Harrington are the first players from St Mary's, Charleville to win All-Ireland Senior medals with Cork.
- THAT Maria Watson, who won All-Ireland Colleges medals with Charleville this season, is a daughter of former Limerick and Munster player, Anne Sheehy.
- THAT Sharon O'Loughlin, who won the All-Ireland Junior B medal with Colaiste Muire, Ennis, is a sister of Ger 'The Sparrow' O'Loughlin.
- THAT St Raphael's, Loughrea and St Mary's, Charleville are the only schools to win three All-Ireland Colleges titles in the same season.
- THAT Imelda Hobbins won five All-Ireland Colleges Senior medals with St. Raphael's Loughrea.
- She captained Galway to win the All-Ireland Senior Championship in 1996.
- THAT Betty Joyce of Killeagh has refereed five All-Ireland Colleges Senior Finals.
- THAT Sinead Millea, holder of All Ireland Senior medals with Kilkenny coached Presentation, Ballyphehane to lift a Munster title this season.

# Four trophies wend their way to Leeside

### WHAT a season it has been for Cork Colleges.

Four All-Ireland Colleges Championship trophies and eight Munster Colleges titles were claimed by Cork Schools in 1998-99.

This reflects the high standard of play and the tremendous work being done at this level of camogie within the county. Cork teams and clubs continue to benefit from the steady stream of talented players produced through the colleges systems.

Pride of place must go to St. Mary's Charleville, who enjoyed a historic season.

The North Cork school won three All Ireland titles.

In the past, St. Mary's have recorded doubles.

The All Ireland Senior Championship and Sevens have been lifted in the same season.

In other years, it was the All Ireland Junior Championship and Sevens that rested in Charleville.

But it all came together in 1999 when the school teams carried all before them.

The senior team defeated Colaiste Bride, Ennis-corthy to retain Corn Seelge.

The junior side accounted

### MAGIC MOMENTS

**NUMBER TWO:** Cally Riordan (Youghal & UCC) who became the first player to win two All-Ireland medals on the one day.

Back in 1973 she starred in the junior final with the Cork side, in their victory over Galway.

She later came on as a substitute for the senior team who beat Antrim and thereby wrote herself into the history books.

for a highly rated Seamount, Kinvara outfit in the final of the All Ireland Colleges Junior Championship.

St. Mary's who have proved to be masters of the seven-a-side game over the years, added yet another crown to their impressive collection at the end of an enthralling contest with Mercy, New Ross.

No Munster school has enjoyed anything like the success of St. Mary's, Charleville.

In 14 seasons of competitive camogie, they have an-



The Sacred Heart Clonakilty team celebrate their success after defeating Kilcormac VS in the All-Ireland Senior B Championship.

nexed 18 All Ireland Championships and 34 Munster titles.

What one may ask is the secret of their good fortune.

The catchment area from which St. Mary's draw their pupils covers North Cork and South East Limerick. It is rich camogie country.

Young players enrol at the schools already versed in the basics of the game.

Grangah-Ballingarry, the reigning All Ireland Club champions, Ballygran, Newtownshandrum

and Milford are excellent clubs in the region.

Tremendous work continues to be done in the primary schools.

The raw material arriving at the school has great potential.

The new entrants are afforded proper coaching. Skills are honed, faults ironed out, players tutored in positional play and nurtured in the sporting tradition of St. Mary's.

The coaching team of Vincent Harrington, Anne Marie O'Keeffe and Fr. Tim Hazelwood do a great job.

### RESULTS

**Under 14 League:** Ennis-skeane 3-2, Newcastle 0-1; Slieve Rua 6-0, Ballincollig 0-0; Milford 2-6, Inniscarra 0-1; Glen Rovers 4-6, St. Vincent's 1-0; Douglas 4-4, Bishops-town 0-0; Slieve Rua 3-0, Valley Rovers 0-1; Mayfield 3-5, Brian Dillon 3-1; Ennis Own 1-1, Carrigrohilly 1-0; Ennis O' 7-2, Tracton 1-0; Wexham 6-1, Mayfield 4-2; Ennis O' 6-1, Ballincollig 0-0; Wexham 5-2, Ennis Own 0-1; Na Piar-saigh 3-1, Slaney 1-1; Rock-bawn 1-7, Na Piar-saigh 3-1; Charleville 3-12, Malton 0-0; Ennis O' 4-1, Ballincollig 1-0; Charleville 6-5, St. Piar-saigh 0-0; Killeagh 2-2, Dungourney 0-0; Sandon 1-0, Kilbrann 0-2; Youghal 5-1, Dungourney 0-0; Ballynas 3-3, Buttevant 0-0.

**Senior League:** Kilbrann 2-6, Inniscarra 3-1; Junior A League: Milford 4-6, St. Cath-erines 0-1; St. Cathelines 2-2, St. Vincent's 1-2.

**Junior B League:** Bishops-town 5-2, Valley Rovers 0-0; Kilbrann 2-2, County Rovers 1-0.

**Under 12 League:** Castle-lyons 5-0, Rockbawn 3-0; Dungourney 2-0, Killeagh 1-0; Douglas 9-1, Bishops-town 0-0; Rockbawn 1-0, Sandon 0-1; St. Vincent's 1-0, Bishops-town 0-0; Youghal 4-0, Dungourney 0-0.

**FIXTURES TODAY**  
Munster Senior Club: Cork v Tipp, Ballincollig, Tyn.  
**TOMORROW**  
Munster C'ship: Cork v Limerick, Carrigrohilly, Tyn.



# Extra-time fails to separate the girls

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St Patricks  
Scoil Oibhéir

0-3  
1-0

**THIS premier camogie clash went right down to the wire, with St. Patricks marginally on top in the first-half to lead by two points to one at the interval.**

This trend continued in the second-half and indeed the Gardiners Hill School could have bagged another few scores when Scoil Oibhéir turned the game completely on its head with what looked like a last gasp winner when Gerlyn Nolan netted with time almost up.

Then as Scoil Oibhéir counted down the clock, Claire Healy was left unmarked and she coolly slotted over the equaliser to send the game into extra-time which remained scoreless to the end.

Scorers: St. Patricks: Leona Buckley 0-2, Claire Healy 0-1.  
Scoil Oibhéir: Gerlyn Nolan 1-0.

Cloughdun 0-0  
Berrings 7-2

Four goals from full-forward Margaret Cosgrave set Berrings on their way to take the DJ camogie title.

Opening the scoring two minutes into the game when Cosgrave goaled, Berrings were always in control.

## Supply

With Rena Buckley and Christine Cosgrave dominant at centre-field it ensured plenty of supply for the inside forwards and how they availed of it.

Leading by four goals at half-time Berrings con-

tinued to dominate the second-half and, despite the best efforts of Mary Madden and Niamh Cronin, Cloughdun could not contain a superb Berrings side. Mgt. Cosgrave 4-0, Claire Healy 2-0, Rena Buckley 1-2.

Ballygarvan 3-1  
Belgooly 0-1

The Ballygarvan girls gave a very polished performance in disposing of a gallant Belgooly team in this hugely entertaining DC3 final.

The first-half was very even and the teams were level at the interval after Amy Kelleher and Aisling O'Riordan traded points.

In the second-half Ballygarvan really began to

motor and their star player Aisling O'Riordan with two goals and Niamh Bouse with another really put them on the road to victory and they ran out comfortable winners.

Sciath na Scoil Chorcaí Hurling/Camogie Finals 1999, Pairc Ui Rinn, Tuesday June 1.

Camogie: St. Patrick's 0-3, Scoil Oibhéir 1-0 a.e.t.  
Hurling: Douglas 3-3, Farranree 3-3 a.e.t. Bishopstown 3-2, Scoil Barra, Ballincollig 3-1.

Camogie: Berrings 7-2, Cloughdun 0-0, Belgooly 0-1, Ballygarvan 3-1.

Hurling: Conna 1-0, Aghabullogue 5-4.

## READY TEDDY GO FOR MARIE

A jubilant captain of Watergrasshill NS Marie O'Neill after her side's victory at Sciath na Scoil at Pairc Ui Rinn Cork. The Watergrasshill girls had a very good 5-4 to 0-2 win over a gallant St Catherine's side. Day one of the finals provided great entertainment. The Echo will carry full reports and pictures on every day. Watergrasshill report see Page 39  
Picture: Des Barry



The Ballygarvan team who defeated Belgooly in the Roinn DC3 Sciath na Scol final, at Pairc Ui Rinn.

## Ballinaspittle

### IN FINALS

There will be great cheering in Pairc Ui Rinn this Thursday as Ballinaspittle Primary School travel in strength to play in the hurling and camogie finals. Both teams will play Coachford. The Ballinaspittle girls played in a very exciting play-off for the final against Barryroe which went to extra time in Kilbrittain last Thursday. Deadlock at two goals each. Ursula Quinn and Melanie Hunt scoring the

two goals. Ursula Quinn scored a goal and a point in extra time to go through to the final. Team: Niamh O'Reilly, Amy Murphy, Martina Hayes, Charlotte O'Donovan, Sarah Downing, Andrea Quinn, Sinead O'Donovan, Ursula Quinn, Anna Flanagan, Deirdre Lawton, Helena Daly, Leanne Pearson, Frances Lordan, Melanie Hunt, Emily O'Regan, Aoife Crowley, Valerie Dempsey, Yasmin Rohane.



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# A wonderful week at the Sciath na Scol finals

SPELLINGS and sums were put to the back of the classroom for many Cork youngsters this week; instead they tested their skills on a bigger stage.

In doing so they provided a feast of hurling and camogie at its very best, and four wonderful days filled with fun, laughter, passion and tears contributed to yet another marvellous Sciath na Scol finale.

Now an integral part of the end of year term for National Schools, these games are annual visitors to the Pairc Uí Rinn venue where face painting and glamour add to an already very colourful occasion.

Coiste Sciath Na Scol Chorcaí is a group of primary school teachers who are actively involved in the promotion of gaelic games within their own schools throughout the county.

Founded in 1903 it is the oldest primary schools board in the country and at present about two hundred plus schools take part in its various activities - football, hurling (indoor and outdoor), camogie, and INTO/GAA Mini-Sevens.

Sciath Na Scol derives its name from two wooden shields, which were presented to the committee by the Cork County Board of the GAA way back at the start of this competition, and these shields are still played for today.

Disappointment and joy are all part of an action packed week.

The atmosphere is electric, from once the teams emerge and are introduced to the crowd until the final whistle is blown.

The girls from Watergrasshill were delighted after winning the first competition on Monday morning, while the boys were not so lucky, losing out to a talented St. Anthony's of Ballinlough.

But youngsters quickly bounce back, and the realisation of



**THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**

having played where many of their idols so often heroically perform softens the blow.

Diarmuid O'Sullivan and Wayne Sherlock both played in Sciath Na Scol, and on Wednesday Diarmuid's younger brother Padraig kept the flag flying with his native Cloyne.

Imagine the excitement for Francis Xavier Edidiong Usangu who hurled for Watergrasshill, Tamar Jayawardene with Bunscoil Mhuire, Youghal, and Sophie Ho a member of the Middleton Convent team.



**Delight for Watergrasshill.**

All memories can be re-lived with copies of videos available at the Teacher's Centre, Crawford Art Gallery. Tradition is also hard to beat with many of the participants following in illustrious

footsteps.

Kevin Doyle, son of Tommy (coach to the Douglas senior team) lined out with Scoil Barra, Ballincollig, while Colm Liston, nephew of the Bomber wore the No. 5 jersey for Ballinlough.

Also on that victorious St. Anthony's team were Paul Reidy and Killian Murphy offsprings of Billy and Jim respectively, and Gavin McCurtain - yes with a dad called Dermot.

St. Columbas, Douglas paraded Stephen Moylan and Michael O'Donoghue sons of Pat Moylan and Eamonn O'Donoghue, while Liam Hedderman's boy Simon wore the colours of Watergrasshill.

A thoroughly enjoyable week.

Well done to all concerned.

Memories to be kept forever.

## Wexford put stop to Dubs' run

**DUBLIN'S** chance of a Leinster U-14 final place was ended by an extremely well-drilled Wexford side in Gorey, the score-line of 5-3 to 1-3 reflecting the hosts five-star show.

And helping Wexford reach the Final was Una Lacey, a daughter of Margaret O'Leary, who won an All-Ireland Club Championship medal with one of the great Dublin clubs, Eoghan Ruadh in 1967, now sadly defunct, Una notching the first Wexford goal.

Margaret also secured two All-Ireland wins with Wexford in 1968 and '69, and she had another daughter, Mary, on this fine young Wexford side, who began business in a very brisk fashion.

Dublin's best spell came just

### CAMOGIE

By NIAL SCULLY

before the interval when Ballyboden's Aoife Scallan scored a welcome goal with Niamh Taylor adding a free, to leave the teams level at the interval, 1-1 each.

Taylor had a wonderful second half. The Naomh Mearnóg star played with all her heart, but Wexford were clearly emerging as the better side, conceding just two further points, to Mearnóg's Andrea Fitzpatrick and Sinead Kinnane of Skerries Harps.

The Dubs toiled with conviction till the close and their overall performances and commitment this season is a credit to their devoted

management team of Peter Lucey, Marie Keating and Cathy Fay.

Wexford now progress to next Saturday's Leinster final against Kilkenny.

**Dublin scorers:** A Scallan 1-0, A Fitzpatrick, S Kinnane, N Taylor 0-1 each.  
**Dublin:** E Butler, A Lyons, A Kelly, G Fee, A Fitzpatrick, C Bolger, C Lucey, L Cahill, N Taylor, S Pope, S Kinnane, S Fraughan, J Seery, A O'Driscoll, A Scallan. Subs: A O'Brien for Pope, A Hancock for Seery, C Durkin for O'Driscoll.

### FIXTURES

**TONIGHT: (7.30):** Sen. A. St. Vincent's v Good Counsel, Raheny v Thomas Davis, Ballyboden St. Enda's v Na Fianna, Eri's Isle v Crumlin.

**SUNDAY: (11.0):** Inter: Naomh Bríd v Croagh Chiarain, Clonma Gael v Galas, Portabella v Clontarf.

## Exciting fare at

# Sciath na Scol finals in Cork



In April 95 teams in hurling and 46 teams in camogie began playing in Sciath na Scol leagues. The teams were divided into 15 sections in hurling and 8 sections in camogie. Five of the sections were called Double Sections in both codes, i.e. the schools hurling and camogie teams were in the same groupings.

This allowed these schools play hurling and camogie games on the same day. The 23 finals and a replay were played over 4 days in Pairc Uí Rinn and the fine weather helped create a wonderful festival of hurling and camogie.

In H1, St Columba's BNS, Douglas retained their title. However, they needed a replay to overcome a gallant Scoil Iosagain team from Farranree. The drawn game was one of the best hurling games seen in Pairc Uí Rinn for a long time. The game had more twists than a Hitchcock thriller as the pendulum of ascendancy swung from one side to the other. Both teams served up some fascinating performances but none brighter than Gordon Morrissey at centre half back for Farranree. On the Douglas side Stephen Moylan, son of former Cork hurler Pat, gave a superb display embellished by some great scores. In the replay, goals from David Hackett, Stephen Mylan and Alan Barry helped secure victory for Douglas, despite the best efforts of Alan McNab and Sean O'Reilly.

In H2, St Anthony's Ballinlough made up for last year's defeat when they accounted for Watergrasshill, last year's champions. Colin Liston, nephew of former Kerry star Eoin Bomber Liston, Peter O'Mahony and Eric O'Sullivan were the stars of Ballinlough while Niall Healy, Simon Hedderman and Patrick O'Donoghue tried hardest for the 'Hill.

In H3, Scoil an Spioraí Naoimh, Bishopstown led Scoil Barra, Ballincollig by 2-2 to 0-0 at half time with full forward Paul Moriarty scoring the two goals. However, Scoil Barra thundered back into the game and inspirational captain Peter McCarthy and John Paul Rath helped them level the game. But a last second point from Conor Dineen brought the honours to Bishopstown.

In H4, Cloghroe seemed to be in command thanks to goals from Paul Kavanagh and Aaron Forde. But Scoil Barra, Beaumont, hit back with two goals from Mark Horgan and a late equaliser from David O'Shea to set up extra time. Both sides had their chances of victory but James Murphy, the Cloghroe captain, snatched victory for his school with a late, late winner.

In H5, an outstanding display from a superbly drilled Dripsey outfit proved too much for a gallant Greenmount side. Captain Timothy O'Mahony led by example in the middle of the field for Dripsey while Daniel Flaherty tried hardest for Greenmount (the alma mater of Waterford coach and former Cork star, Gerald McCarthy).

In H6, Blarney completed the football/hurling double when they had a goal to spare over a spirited Cloyne side. Cloyne led at the interval thanks to some wonderful scoretaking from Thomas Ryan and Padraig O'Sullivan (brother of Cork hurling full back, Diarmuid). However, Blarney responded in the second half and a great goal from Killian Ryan ensured victory for Blarney.

In H7, Upper Glanmire, thanks to early scores from Kevin O'Brien and Billy Clarke, built a commanding lead over Blarney St. CBS, who are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year. Despite the best efforts of Roy Millar, Upper Glanmire ran out convincing winners.

In H8, Minane Bridge also completed the double when they secured a one point victory over Clogheen. Clogheen's stars were Graham Desmond and Cian McCarthy while Gearoid O'Shea and Michael Twohig shone for the winners.

In H9, Aghabulloge had a comprehensive victory over Conna, who are very near the Waterford border. Donal Twomey and Olan Healy starred for the winners while Maurice Dineen and Sean Barry never gave up the losers.

In H10, which was seven-a-side, Britway and Ballintotas crossed camans. James Sexton was the Britway star with outstanding touch and control to power his side to their first ever Sciath title. Barra O'Tuama starred for the losers.

In DH1, Carraig na bhFear retained their title when they had a narrow victory over Glounthane. William Spillane and Brian Sheehan inspired the winners while Killian Murphy and Sean Kelly were the stars for the losers.

For many observers, the DH2 final between Coachford and Ballinspittle was the game of the week. A point separated these teams at the end of a pulsating game which kept the spectators on the edges of their seats until the final whistle. Stout defence from Daniel Nyham kept Ballinspittle in touch but the performance of Patrick Finnegan in the Coachford attack was extraordinary. He accounted for all his team's total and he led his team to their fifth successive title in hurling and completed the double for good measure.

DH3 saw near-neighbours Clonpriest and Kilcredan in action. Kevin Aherne and Kieran Wall inspired Kilcredan to victory despite the best efforts of Brendan Ring and Eoghan Loughlin for Clonpriest.

In DH4, Ballyheeda had a narrow victory over Dungourney. Brendan Coleman was Ballyheeda's star while William O'Neill and Fergal Barry were best for Dungourney.

In DH5, Knockavilla overcame Berrings in a very close contest. Ronan Lehane led his school to their first ever title despite the best efforts of Stephen Olden for Berrings.

The premier camogie grade saw Scoil Oilibhear defending their title against St Patrick's GNS. A thrilling game ended in a draw. Leona Buckley and Claire Healy starred for St Patrick's while Gerlyn Healy scored the all-important goal for Scoil Oilibhear. Extra time could not separate the sides and two schools will share the trophy for the year.

Brooklodge had a fine victory over Middleton Convent in C2. Mary McCarthy scored a hat-trick of goals for the winners while Debbie Ni Luanaigh was best for a gallant Middleton side.

Watergrasshill made up for their boys defeat when they overcame St Catherine's in the C3 decider. Marie O'Neill and Claire O'Farrell starred for the 'Hill while Tara Coffey and Orla Crowley were best for the losers.

In DC1, Ovens had a narrow victory over Bunscoil Mhuire, Youghal. Margaret O'Herlihy and Avril Desmond led the scoring for Ovens while Bunscoil Mhuire never gave up trying.

In DC2, Coachford, where Cork camogie star Lynn Dunlea is a member of staff, captured their first camogie title when they had a comprehensive victory over Ballinspittle. Fiona Buckley was an inspirational leader for Coachford while Niamh O'Reilly and Deirdre Lawton tried hardest for Ballinspittle, who were losing their second final of the week to the same opposition.

Ballygarvan gave a very polished display in disposing of a gallant Belgooly side in an entertaining DC4 final. Aisling O'Riordan and Niamh Bouse were stars for the winners while Amy Kelleher and Sarah Allen tried hardest for the losers.

The best individual scoring performance of the week came from Margaret Cosgrove of Berrings in the DC5 final. She scored four goals in her side's victory over luckless Clodhduy. Mary Madden and Niamh Cronin played well for the losers.

P.S. Among the players who played in the finals were Kevin Doyle, son of former Kerry footballer Tommy, Michael O'Donoghue, son of Eamonn who hurled for Cork and Gavin McCurtain - yes with a dad called Dermot who won many honours with Cork hurlers. The international community was represented by Xavier Edidiong Usangu Watergrasshill; Tamar Jayawardene, Bunscoil Mhuire and Sophie Ho, Middleton Convent.



# Clare to face Cork in Munster final

Clare 3-7 Limerick 3-6

Clare qualified for the Munster senior camogie final when they defeated Limerick by the narrowest of margins on Wednesday evening last. As a result of this win, they will face Cork in the final, at a Clare venue and the match is to be played on Wednesday week next, June 23.

The early stages of this game were rather lacklustre with both sides finding it difficult to put scores on the board.

Eileen O'Brien opened the scoring for the winners with a goal after sixteen minutes. Vera Sheehan had a point before Michelle Casey had a second goal for the Shannonsiders who looked to be set for victory.

Deirdre Murphy opened Clare's account with a point but Limerick replied with two like scores to maintain a good lead. Clare finished the half strongly with a Pauline O'Brien goal to leave the half time score at 2-4 to 1-1.

Clare resumed with Amy

Colleran replacing Clodagh Lennon and they had the first score of the half when Noelle Comyns pointed. Limerick hit back with two points to maintain their lead at the end of the third quarter.

Clare continued to battle on and at the turn of the final quarter Sylvia O'Brien goaled. The Banner girls were now playing their best camogie and they followed with points from Myra McMahon, Deirdre Murphy and Sylvia O'Brien before McMahon had another with seven minutes remaining.

A Pauline McCarthy goal with three minutes to go looked to seal victory for the Limerick side. Clare replied immediately with a Myra McMahon point. In the last minute, Pauline O'Brien scored a fine goal to give Clare victory by the narrowest of margins and a place in the final against the defending champions.

Impressive for Clare were Sinead Daly, Sinead Doyle, Myra McMahon, Pauline O'Brien, Noelle Comyns and Sylvia O'Brien.

**CLARE:** Aine Ni Cormaic, Debbie McDonagh, Clodagh Lennon, Sylvia O'Brien (Wolfe Tones) Sinead Daly, Sinead McMahon, Carmel Duggan (St. Josephs) Ann Keane, Noelle Comyns (Kilnamona) Gillian Minogue (Whitegate) Deirdre Murphy (Clooney) Pauline O'Brien, Sinead Doyle (Bodyke) Myra McMahon (Newmarket) Emer Murphy (Sixmilebridge).

came the challenge of Kilnamona last week. The sides were level at half time on the score of 0-3 to 1-0.

Marie Moroney scored 2-3 for the winners while Lisa Clancy accounted for 0-3, Deirdre Hegarty and Fiona Lafferty scored for Kilnamona.

Best for the winners were Marian Moroney, Edel Keating, Niamh Shannon, Miriam Fitzpatrick and Michelle Hurley.

## Easy win for Cork over Limerick

Cork  
Limerick

6-12  
0-4

CORK qualified for the Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship final when they totally outplayed Limerick at Caherlag last evening.

Opening with a Marie Hurley point two minutes into the game Cork's superiority was evident as early as the fifth minute when goals from Ellen O'Herlihy and Trish Murphy (2) gave them a comfortable start and they led 4-10 to 0-1 at the break.

Turning to play against the strong wind Cork stretched their lead with a Ciara Healy point and goals from Sarah O'Donovan and Marie Healy had put the result beyond doubt before Deirdre Fitzpatrick and Michelle Casey (2) pointed for Limerick.

Cork now meet Tipperary in the Munster final on Thursday night.

Scorers, Cork: C. Healy 1-5 (0-1 free 0-1 45), E. O'Herlihy 1-5, T. Murphy 2-0, M. Hurley 1-2, A. O'Donovan 1-0. For Limerick: M. Casey 0-2 (0-1 free), C. Walsh and D. Fitzpatrick 0-1 each.

**CORK:** E. Clifford, A. Gilton, R. Holland, N. Riordan, L. Long, J. Duffy, N. Goulding, M. Ennequess, L. Bugler, E. O'Herlihy, C. Healy, A. O'Regan, T. Murphy, M. Hurley, M. Conlon. Subs: S. O'Donovan for M. Conlon, E. Riordan for M. Ennequess.

**LIMERICK:** D. O'Connor, M. Sheehan, B. Daveron, E. O'Brien, E. Cleary, M. Kelly, C. Hayes, A. O'Callaghan, M. Casey, D. McGrath, D. Fitzpatrick, M. Nash, A. Bennis, C. Walsh, S. Carroll. Sub S. Enright for E. O'Brien. Referee: Ms. B. McPhillips (Tipperary).

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## Camogie blitz in South East



Minane Bridge NS, who played in the recent South East camogie blitz in Carrigaline.



Summercove NS, who took part in the South East camogie blitz in Carrigaline recent

### ● CAMOGIE ●

Semi final Felle na Gaelt: Millford 6-8, Douglas 0-0; Carrigaline 2-2, Aghabullogue 1-1

### ● CAMOGIE ●

Senior Championship: Cork 4-11, Tipperary 2-10.  
Munster Intermediate Championship: Cork 6-12, Limerick 0-4.  
Cork U16 League: Kilshegan 2-3, Youghal 1-3; Youghal 5-6, Dungourney 0-0; Rockbawn 4-1, Douglas 2-0; Youghal 4-7, Castletyons 0-0; Clonakilty 4-0, Bandon 1-0; Barryroe 5-1, Inniskeen 0-0; Courcy Rovers 4-2, Cloughduv 3-3; Rockbawn 6-6, Blarney 0-0; Courcy Rovers 6-3, St. Finbar's 1-3; Inniskeen 2-3, Fr. O'Neill's 0-0; Kibbritan 4-2, Bandon 1-0. U12 League: St. Catherine's 3-0, Watergrasshill 1-0; St. Catherine's 0-0, Castletyons 0-0; Courcy Rovers 3-0, Carrigaline 2-0; Inniskeen 1-1, Barryroe 0-0; Mallow 5-0, Charleville 1-1; Youghal 4-0, Dungourney 0-0; St. Finbar's 5-1, Douglas 1-0; Buttevant 2-0, Charleville 0-0; Courcy Rovers 4-0.

Tracton 2-0; Barryroe 4-0, Newcestown 0-0; Millford 6-0, Newtownshandrum 0-0; Millford 3-1, Charleville 1-0; Millford 7-1, Mallow 2-0; Ballyhea 5-0, Millford 3-0; Barryroe 2-0, Ballinacorney 0-0; Millford 5-2, Buttevant 0-0; Youghal 4-0, Dungourney 0-0; Junior B League: Youghal 3-6, Mayfield 0-1.

Felle na N-Gael GF: Aghabullogue 2-1, Barryroe 0-1; Millford 10-4, Fr. O'Neill's 1-0; SF: Millford 8-8, Douglas 0-0; Carrigaline 2-2, Aghabullogue 1-1. Final: Millford 3-6 Carrigaline 2-2

Fixtures - Thursday: Munster Intermediate Championship Final: Cork v Tipperary at the Ragg, Co. Tipperary, 7.30. Qualifying Rounds for U12 Leagues venues and times later to be arranged. Friday: U14A League (all games at 7.30 p.m.): St. Vincent's v Inniskeen at St. Vincent's; St. Finbar's v Cloughduv at St. Finbar's; U14B League: Newcestown v Kibbritan at Newcestown; Bandon v Inniskeen at Bandon; Barryroe v Clonakilty at Clonakilty; Ballyhea v Charleville at Ballyhea; Newtownshandrum v Kildorrery at Newtownshandrum; Buttevant v Mallow at Buttevant.



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## Cork breeze into the intermediate final against Tipperary tomorrow night



Limerick's Michelle Casey and Cork's Ciara Healy in action during the Munster Championship match.



Limerick's Maeve Nash and Cork's Lelia Long in the Munster Championship match at Caherlag.

Picture: Mark Kelleher

### Tipperary can take pride in defeat

Cork  
Tipperary

4-11  
2-10

TIPPERARY restored confidence, even though defeated by seven points, when they met Cork in the Munster Senior championship at Ballinlough on Wednesday evening last.

Following on Cork's victory a week earlier in the National League final the omens were not good for Tipperary but in true form when the chips were down they produced the goods.

Lynn Dunlea's last minute point brought proceedings to a finish after what was an exciting contest, which in truth showed the true story of a Tipperary side who will be a force to be reckoned with in the months ahead.

#### Pleased

Whilst Cork will be pleased with the result they know the work that lies ahead.

**Cork:** C. Keohane, S. Dunlea, E. Duggan, M. Finn, D. Cronin, P. O'Connor, V. Harris (capt), U. Troy, L. Mellerick, S. O'Callaghan, M. O'Connor, S. Hayes, L. Dunlea, F. O'Driscoll, U. O'Donoghue.

**Tipperary:** N. Harkin, M. Harkin, C. Gaynor, C. Madden, S. Kelly, U. O'Dwyer, S. Nealon, A. McDermott, M. Stokes (capt), N. Kennedy, T. Brophy, E. McDonnell, C. Hennessy, D. Hughes, H. Kiely.

Sub. P. Fogarty for Catriona Hennessy.

Cork  
Limerick

6-12  
0-4

**C**ORK qualified to meet Tipperary in the Munster Intermediate Championship final tomorrow at the Ragg, 7.30pm, when they proved too strong for Limerick at Caherlag on Thursday evening last.

By virtue of winning last season's title Cork have to field a completely new side, such are the rules of the competition, a separate one to the All-Ireland series which is run on the open draw basis.

Opening with a Marie Hurley point two minutes into the contest the home side dominated and by the sixth minute led 3-3 to 0-1, the goals coming from Ellen O'Herlihy and Inniscarra's Trisha Murphy (2).

With senior panellist Ciara Healy in superb form Cork continued to dominate through the opening half and led 4-10 to 0-1 at the interval.

Turning to play with the aid of the strong wind Limerick played with more determination in the second half, but could not match the Cork girls whose accuracy in front of goal yielded two goals from

### MAGIC MOMENTS

3. NANCY O'Driscoll captained Cork juniors to All-Ireland victory in 1973.

She later went on to captain the senior camogie side to glory in 1978 and became the first player to captain Cork to All-Ireland victory in two different grades.

Marie Hurley and Sarah O'Donovan and points from Hurley and Ciara Healy.

Limerick did have points from Deirdre Fitzpatrick and Michelle Casey (2) but it mattered little as at this point in the game Cork were well on their way to meeting Tipperary.

**Cork:** E. Clifford, A. Gilton, R. Holland (capt), N. Riordan, J. Duffy, L. Long, N. Goulding, M. Ennequess, L. Bugler, E. O'Herlihy, C. Healy, A. O'Regan, T. Murphy, M. Hurley, M. Conlon, Subs. S. O'Donovan for M. Conlon, E. Riordan for M. Ennequess.

**Limerick:** D. O'Connor, M. Sheehan, B. Daven, E. O'Brien, S. Clarry, M. Kelly, C. Hayes, A. O'Callaghan, M. Casey (capt), D. McGrath, D. Fitzpatrick, M. Nash, A. Bennis, C. Walsh, S. Carroll, Sub. S. Enright for E. O'Brien.



Cork's Ellen O'Herlihy takes on the Limerick defence.

### Rovers win first trophy

Courcey Rovers 2-8  
St. Finbarrs 1-3

COURCEY Rovers recently took their first senior Camogie trophy when they recorded a fine victory in the Senior B section of Pan Celtic played in Tralee.

Coming through from their section the Courcey girls defeated Killeady from Limerick in the semi-final to go through to meet fellow Cork club St. Finbarr's in the final.

#### Wind

Playing against the strong wind in the opening half Courceys found themselves in arrears following an early Barr's goal.

However a Mary Murphy goal plus excellent points saw them lead 1-4 to 1-1 at the interval.

The second half got off to a flying start with Noelle Collins breaking for a goal that sealed their win.

Aine O'Regan Courcey Rovers was selected as Player of the Final.



Bord na Gaeilge

## Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Cork 9-19 Tipperary 2-7

Cork confirmed their superiority when they secured their fifth National Senior League title on the trot with a massive win over Tipperary in the final played at Semple Stadium, Thurles.

The home side proved no match for this rampant Cork team who gave an exhibition of speed, skill and determination.

It was a disappointing final that saw Cork notching the highest score ever recorded in any All-Ireland camogie final.

Cork had eight points on the scoreboard when they got their first goal by Una O'Donoghue. The game was over as a contest at the end of the first quarter when Cork led 1-10 to 0-0.

There were two further goals by Sinead O'Callaghan and Linda Mellerick before Tipperary got their first score a point from a free on the 23rd minute.

At the break the scoreline read Cork 5-13 Tipperary 0-3.

The 'Rebel County' continued their dominance in the second half. In fairness to Tipperary they tried very hard and were rewarded with two consolation goals by Noelle Kennedy and Angela McDermott.

Scorers: Cork: Una O'Donoghue 3-1, Sinead O'Callaghan and Fiona O'Driscoll 2-4 each, Linda Mellerick 2-0, Lynn Dunlea 0-7, Mary O'Connor 0-2, Sarah Hayes 0-1.

Tipperary: Noelle Kennedy 1-3, Angela McDermott 1-0, Deirdre Hughes 0-2, Emily Hayden and Caitriona Hennessy 0-1 each.

Cork team: Cora Keohane, Stephanie Dunlea, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Paula O'Connor, Denise Cronin, Vivienne Harris (capt), Linda Mellerick, Ursula Troy, Mary O'Connor, Sinead O'Callaghan, Una O'Donoghue, Sarah Hayes, Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll.

Tipperary: Nora Dwan, Marie Harkin, Una Dwyer, Ciara Gaynor, Therese Brophy, Suzanne Kelly, Sinead Nealon, Meadhbh Stokes (Capt), Emily Hayden, Eimear McDonnell, Noelle Kennedy, Angela McDermott, Caitriona Hennessy, Deirdre Hughes, Niamh Harkin. Subs: Louise Ryan for N Dwan, Helan Kiely for M Harkin.

Ref: Aine Derham, Dublin

After Cork's victory in the league final Cork star Linda Mellerick said: "I was delighted with the win but did not think the margin would be so great. Tipperary were capable of putting up a better display but when the scores started coming in quick succession they never raised their heads. We meet in the Munster Championship soon and it will be very interesting."

Mellerick is looking forward to the 'Bord na Gaeilge' All-Ireland Senior Championship and added "Cork have a very young team except for myself" she said jokingly.

Cork's midfielder, who is one of the best in the game recalls Kilkenny's seven senior championship titles in a row. "It was a heartbreak to be on the losing side of four of those finals. One of my greatest moments was when Cork defeated Kilkenny in the final of 1995. It was sweet revenge."

Vivienne Harris came on as a sub on that day and proved she was there to stay.

It was Cork that halted Kilkenny going for their eighth title on the trot when they met in the semi-final of 1992 and the

'Leesiders' emerged victorious 2-11 to 1-8 and went on to defeat Wexford in the final 1-20 to 2-6.

Kilkenny retain Leinster minor title;

Kilkenny 5-5 Wexford 2-4

Kilkenny retained the Leinster Minor Championship Cup when they defeated old rivals Wexford at Ferns. A good first half by Kilkenny put them on the path to victory leading 3-2 to 0-1 at the break. Wexford came more into the game in the second half which was a ding dong battle. However, the 'Slaneysiders' were not able to overcome the first half deficit as both sides scored 2-3 each. Scorers: Kilkenny: Lizzie Ling 3-3, Edel Maher 2-0, Sarah O'Gorman 0-2.

Wexford: Geraldine Keating 1-3, Aoife O'Connor 1-0, Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure) 0-1.

Kilkenny team: Bronagh Neary, Keira Kinahan, Jane Gibbons, Fiona Dowling, Eimear Phelan, Sarah O'Gorman, Aoife Treacy, Caitriona Cormack, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Edel Maher, Mairead Lawlor, Lizzie Ling, Marie O'Connor, Aoife Neary, Emilie Dermody (capt). Subs: Sinead Connery for M O'Connor, Asumpta O'Farrell for C Cormack, Noleen Butler for M Lawlor.

Wexford: Joy Keating, Caroline Murphy, Coleen Atkinson, Trish Quigley, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick, Niamh O'Connor (Capt), Marion Handrick, Lisa Kennedy, Shiela O'Sullivan, Gretta Heffernan, Brigid Curran, Diane Ryan, Geraldine Keating, Brigid Carley, Ciara Murphy. Subs: Niamh O'Connor for B Curran, Sarah Carley for T Quigley, Catherine O'Loughlin for L Kennedy.

Referee - Martina Kelly, Wicklow

Ulster Junior Championship Quarter-finals:

Derry 11-19 Donegal 1-0

Scorers: Derry - Claire McNicholl 4-4, Bernie Agnew 2-5, Karen Rafferty 3-0, Aileen O'Kane 2-2, Mary O'Kane 0-5, Claire Doherty, Roisin McCloskey and Shauna McCaul 0-1 each.

Tyrone 7-23 Monaghan 1-3

Scorers: Tyrone: Simone Forbes 3-2, Brenda Burke 1-8, Maryrose McGrady 1-7, Susan McCann 2-2, Dolores Hughes and Caroline Canavan 0-2 each.

Antrim 5-5 Armagh 0-2.



The Cork side that claimed their fifth successive National League

**Development Meeting:** The development committee which consists of Chairman John O'Connor, Secretary Rose Mannion and members Bernie O'Dowd, Liam Mannion, County Development Officer John Ryan met recently with County Board Chairman Noel Hennessy and Treasurer Biddy Phillips.

Several different aspects of the development were discussed at length and tenders are to be sought for the next stage of the building, which is one of the most expensive, that is the plumbing and heating. Plastering and electrical tenders are also to be available for the next meeting on June 10th.

The committee are hoping for a grand opening ceremony in time for the new millennium.

#### BONNAR IS CAMOGIE COACH



Former county hurler Colm Bonnar is to oversee the Tipperary Senior camogie team's preparation for the upcoming Munster championship.

It was reportedly decided to draft in Bonnar after Tipp's recent dismal performance against Cork in the league final.

Colm Bonnar is no stranger to coaching camogie teams, leading the Waterford Institute of Technology's senior camogie side to victory in the All-Ireland Colleges Ashbourne Cup this year.

## National Awards for St Mary's students

TWO students of St Mary's School transition year class have won national awards in the Young Enterprise Europe Examination 1999.

Niamh Bowles of Newtownshandrum took the National Overall Award for achieving the best overall marks in the examination while Charleville student Deirdre Flynn won the Communications Award for achieving the highest result in this category in the examination in Ireland.

Both students also excel at sport and Niamh was the captain of the St Mary's junior camogie team which won the All-Ireland schools final and was also a member of their

senior camogie team which brought off a remarkable schools double when they also took the senior All-Ireland trophy last month.

To put the icing on their cake for Niamh, who is a daughter of Liam and Slobhan Bowles, she was also a member of the St Mary's team which took this year's All-Ireland camogie Sevens title.

Deirdre Flynn, a daughter of John and Mary Flynn, Smith's Road, Charleville represented her school in this year's Munster Schools Golf Championship in Killarney.

Both students are members of the St Mary's Transition Year Enter

prise Companies, "Embark" and "Loose Threads" which participated in the Cork North Enterprise Company competitions at the Cork North Enterprise centre in Malinbeg recently.

The "Embark" team won the award for the Best Oral Presentation which was made by the student team of Emma Queally, Edwina Boyce, Caitriona McGrath, Ciara O'Gorman and Aisling Quail.

The Enterprise teachers at St Mary's are Lynda Connole from Blarney, Maighread Finn from Kildorrery while the Transition Year co-ordinator is Marina O'Driscoll from Buttevant.

## Tipp convincing winners

Tipperary  
Cork

6-14  
3-5

TIPPERARY were crowned Munster Intermediate Camogie champions when they had a resounding victory over a young Cork side at The Ragg, Co. Tipperary last night.

Opening the scoring four minutes into the game Tipperary settled quickly. They led 1-5 to 0-2 after 11 thanks to a Denise Ryan goal and turned over 1-7 to 0-3 at the interval.

Continuing to dominate Tipperary added a further goal eight minutes into the second half when Joanne Ryan beat the Cork defence to finish superbly.

Trisha Murphy did spark a Cork

revival with a well taken goal but this was quickly quenched by Grainne Shanahan and Sheena Howard with Tipperary goals in the 16th and 17th minutes which saw them run out convincing winners.

Scorers - Tipperary: S. Ryan (1-4, 0-2 free), J. Ryan (1-3), S. Howard (1-3), G. Shanahan (1-1), D. Ryan (1-0), A. Ryan (1-0), A. Deane (0-3).

Cork: C. Healy (2-2), P. Murphy (1-0), N. Nash (0-2), E. O'Herrity (0-1).

TIPPERARY: L. Ryan, D. McDonnell, P. Fogarty, J. Ryan, M. Corcoran, J. O'Connor, D. Quigley, J. Delaney, L. Burke, G. Shanahan, A. Deane, M. Maher, D. Ryan, J. Ryan, S. Ryan. Subs: S. Howard for L. Burke, S. Cusack for D. Ryan, D. Manton for J. Ryan.

CORK: E. Clifford, A. Gilton, R. Holland, L. O'Flanagan, J. Duffy, N. Goulding, N. Bowles, L. Bugler, E. O'Herrity, C. Healy, A. O'Regan, T. Murphy, N. Nash, S. O'Donovan. Subs: M. Ennequess for L. Bugler, S. Kelly for T. Murphy, A. White for N. Nash.

Ref: D. McPhillips (Tipperary).



## Noonan to represent Cork in Féile skills

ANOTHER very important part of Féile is the skills competition.

Cork representatives have taken many All-Ireland honours in the past.

Among them are Deirdre O'Shea, Jean Paula Kent, Nora O'Connell and current Cork senior captain Vivienne Harris.

After a very competitive competition, Laura Noonan from St Catherine's won through to represent Cork at the All-Ireland finals.

Laura, aged 14, gave a superb display to take the title ahead of last year's Cork representatives Gemma O'Connor and Jackie O'Keefe.

### Championship

Tipperary 6-14 Cork 3-5

Tipperary took the Munster Intermediate Camogie Championship title at The Rags on Thursday evening last, when they were too strong for a young Cork side.

Opening strongly, the home side had three points on the board before Ellen O'Herlihy opened the Cork account.

Struggling to match their opponents, Cork trailed 1-7 to 0-3 at the interval.

A goal from Trish Murphy, two minutes into the second half sparked a Cork revival, but Tipperary regained their composure with a Joanne Ryan goal.

From here on, it was Tipperary who dictated matters and ran out convincing winners to take the coveted title back to the Premier county.

Scorers for Cork were: C. Healy 2-2, T. Murphy 1-0, N. Nash 0-2, E. O'Herlihy 0-1.

Tipperary's scorers were: S. Ryan 1-4, J. Ryan 1-3, S. Howard 1-3, S. Shanahan 1-1, A. Ryan 1-0, A. Deane 0-3, D. Ryan 1-0.

## Ready for Gael Linn

ST Anne's GAA grounds, Dublin is the venue on Saturday next for the Gael-Linn interprovincial competition.

This year a major sponsor has come on board with Schwarzkopf sponsoring a Player Of The Match Award in both the junior and senior competition.

The Munster panels are as follows:  
Senior - C. Keohane, E. Duggan, M. Finn, M. O'Connor, V. Harris, J. U. Troy, L. Mellerick, F. O'Driscoll, S. O'Callaghan, L. Dunlea, P. O'Connor, S. Dunlea; (Cork) C. Madden, D. Hughes, M. Stokes, E. McDonnell, N. Kennedy, (Tipperary) M. McMahon, P. O'Brien, (Clare) V. Sheehan (Limerick).

Junior - G. Casey, M. Harrington, H. Walsh, S. Hayes, S. Cahillane, O. O'Sullivan, C. Harte, (Cork) S. Howard, P. Fogarty, M. Concoran, A. Deane, J. Ryan, A. McDermott, S. Ryan, J. Delaney, T. Burke, L. Ryan, (Tipperary) M. McMahon, O. Fitzgerald, N. McInerney, P. Rochford (Clare).

## Busy schedule as Under 12 leagues reach play-off stages



The Cork camogie team that beat Limerick in the Intermediate Championship semi-final, but lost to Tipperary in the final.

# Killeagh look set to rule at home

**T**HERE'S plenty to whet the appetite this weekend with 14 teams in action in the play-offs for quarter-final places in the Under 12 League.

In section A, Killeagh, who topped the group, play hosts to Glen Rovers, who finished Group F on equal points with Brian Dillons but emerged as runners-up after the toss of a coin.

Killeagh have been in sparkling form so far and, with home advantage, should prove a tough nut to crack.

Na Piarsaigh, who finished Section B in pole position, take on a strong Douglas outfit.

### Top

Ballyhea topped their group and play hosts to Ballinhassig who only suffered one reverse in finishing runner-up to Ballygarvan.

Incidentally, Ballygarvan bowed out of the competition last weekend, losing out to Milford.

Enniskeane, a club making marvellous strides, emerged as the top team in section D and go head-to-head with Castletelyons.

Meanwhile, Watergrasshill come faced to face with Barryroe, runners-up in section D.

St. Finbarrs will meet the winners of the Inniscarra v Aghbullogue clash at Toghier.



Sheila Golden, Camogie Board, presents Milford captain Sharon Linehan with the Féile na nGael trophy.

Prior to the commencement of the campaign in April, many clubs expressed reservations regarding the playing of 15-a-side at under 12 level.

The clubs expressed fear that the younger girls would not be able to cope with the big pitch.

### Debate

After much debate it was decided to shorten the playing pitch but to run the competition at 15-a-side as was decided by the

National Convention.

The younger girls appear to have taken the change in their stride and the campaign has witnessed some thrilling encounters to date.

Mallow recorded some notable victories to date.

Courcey Rovers, Blarney and Ballincollig, who have progressed well in the last couple of years under the guidance of Mairead O'Donovan, were others who have made a big impression.

## Amazing win for Milford

TWENTY-ONE teams started out on May 22/23 on a quest for the honour of representing Cork in the national Féile na nGael in Wexford.

The four semi-final teams were Milford, Douglas, Aghbullogue and Carrigaline.

Aghbullogue and Carrigaline fought out an exciting contest, which saw Carrigaline emerge victorious on a 2-2 to 1-1 scoreline.

In the second semi-final, Milford had a comfortable victory over Douglas.

Milford won the title, 3-5 to 2-2.

It's a marvellous win for the Milford club, who have gone from strength to strength since forming in 1997.

The Cork champions will be hosted by the Monager club.

## MAGIC MOMENTS

NUMBER FOUR: Linda Mellerick holds the honour of leading a Cork senior side to All-Ireland glory on two occasions.

She captained the victorious Cork camogie team in both 1993 and 1997.

### RESULTS

U14 League: Enniskeane 0-3, Ballincollig 0; Enniskeane 3-2, Newcastle 0-1; Rockham 0-4, Bishopscourt 0; Slough 3-0, Ballincollig 1; Slough 0-0, Slough 2; Enniskeane 0-3, Bandon 0; Ballyhea 7-3, Mallow 0; Ballyhea 3-0, Clontarf 1; St. Finbarr's 3-1, Clontarf 1-0; Slough 1-1, Ballinora 0; Fr. O'Neill's 2-4, Glas Rovers 0.  
U12 League: St. Finbarr's 0-1, Douglas 1.



## CAMOGIE

**Results**  
Milford Under 12 Camogie team qualified for the first round of the County when they defeated Newtown and Charleville on Wednesday and Friday of last week. Their next match is down for this Thursday. Venue and opponents not known when going to press.

## FÉILE NA nGAEL

It was a very busy week for our Under 14 Camogie team. On Tuesday we travelled to the city where we played Fr. O'Neill's in the quarter final. The score was Milford 10-2 for Fr. O'Neill's 1-0. The semi-final was played in Caherlag on Thursday evening last. The score was Milford 8-8 to Douglas no score. On Monday evening last we travelled to St. Finbarr's Grounds where we took on Carrigaline in the County Final of the Féile na nGael. It was a tough hard final with our girls coming out on top on a scoreline of Milford 3-5 to Carrigaline 2-2. The panel was Elaine O'Riordan, Michelle Roche, Selena O'Regan, Eileen Curtin, Aisling Dillon, Sharon Lenihan, Lisa Healy, Kathy Brosnan, Teresa McLoughlin, Julie Sheehy, Maria Watson, Carmel O'Reilly, Davida Hehir, Anna Geary, Emma Burke, Sinead Carroll, Maria Broderick, Sarah Sexton and Aine Watson. Sheila Golden Cathaoirleach of the Camogie Board presented Sharon Lenihan with the Cup amidst great scenes of excitement. The team now go forward to the All Ireland Finals in Wexford on June 25th, 26th and 27th June. As we have

only 2 weeks to prepare, we would like your support to raise funds and would appreciate any sponsorship.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Lelia Long and Noelle O'Riordan on being selected for the Cork Intermediate Camogie team. They beat Limerick last Thursday evening and they play Tipperary tonight at The Ragg in the Munster Final.

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Bord na Gaeilge

# Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

## Schwartzkopf to sponsor Gael Linn Player

Saturday is a big day for call camogie enthusiasts. It is an annual event when all four provinces come together in both senior and junior grades in the Gael Linn interprovincial series.

The cream of all 32 counties will be trying to secure an All-Ireland medal, which they might not be lucky enough to win with their respective counties. This year's event will be extra special in so far as Schwartzkopf is sponsoring the 'Player of the Competition' in both senior and junior. The lucky player will receive a replica of the Gael Linn Cup and £1,000 for her club. This is a major boost to Gael Linn which has marked milestones in the history of the association.

The idea of an interprovincial Championship was inspired by an exhibition game organised back in 1954 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the foundation of the association. The match was contested by selected teams from Ulster and Leinster and played at Páirc Tailteann, Navan, the same pitch as the first camogie game to be played in public at a Gaelic League Aeridheacht in 1904.

In 1956, Gael Linn provided a splendid cup for the championship and it has been flourishing ever since, with a junior grade coming into being in 1975.

Leinster has inscribed its name on the senior cup 24 times, Munster 13, Connacht twice and Ulster once.

Munster lead the roll of honour in junior with 13 titles, Ulster have five, Leinster four and Connacht two.

This year's competition will be played on the new series of 15 players aside on the full GAA pitch. St. Anne's Bohernabreena, Dublin will host this event. The games commence on Saturday morning at 11.30 am with the junior semi-finals: Leinster versus Munster and Ulster versus Connacht. The same pairings are in senior commencing at 12.45pm.

The junior final will be at 2.15 and the senior final at 3.45pm after which Schwartzkopf Awards will be presented at a function.

Clubs are asked to support their selected players as you may well benefit from this generous sponsorship for which we are very grateful to Schwartzkopf.

## Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship

Counties are now looking forward to the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship and the coveted O'Duffy Cup. This competition gets underway on the first weekend in July. The following counties take part: Dublin, Kilkenny, Clare, Cork, Down, Galway, Wexford, Limerick and Tipperary.

Cork and Galway, who met in the final for the past three years will not meet in Croke Park this year. If they are to meet it will be in the semi-final.

The 'Rebel County' are going for three titles in a row and four in five years.

Their first outing will be a first round tie away to Wexford, with the winners to play Limerick in the quarter-final.

There are some interesting encounters in the quarter-finals. Galway will be hoping to reach their fourth final in a row. They come up against Kilkenny which will be no easy task. Tipperary, who went out at the semi-final stage to Galway

last year, are pitted against near neighbours Clare.

The 'Premier County' suffered a severe defeat by Cork in the National League final.

Clare are hoping for a break though and could be dark horses. Newly crowned intermediate champions Down take on Dublin.

If Cork continue on the winning trail they will come up against Galway or Kilkenny in the semi-final.

The other half of the draw sees Tipperary, Clare, Down or Dublin reaching the final.

Laois retained the Leinster Under 14 Roinn B Championship when they defeated old rivals Kildare at Rathcoffey. Laois played with style skill and determination for which the home side had little answer.

Final score: Laois 7-11 Kildare 3-1

Laois team: Joanne Harrison, Caroline Birmingham, Lorraine Dunne, Karen O'Connor, Anne Campion, Miriam Harrison, Aine Lawlor, Mary Cleary, Cyrlene Duff, Emma McEvoy, Elaine Mahoney, Aileen O'Loughlin, Catherine Phelan, Deirdre Moore, Sinead Lanham. Subs: Nicolle Dunphy for L Dunne.

Kildare team: Leanne O'Neill, Michelle Gaynor, Sinead O'Carroll, Anna Stapleton, Rebecca Keown, Sarah Fahy, Onagh Mackey, Emma Hurley, Aoife Magee, Caroline Forde, Clodagh Flanagan, Aoife Muiribhin, Serena Donnelly, Sealeig O'Keefe, Niamh Breen. Subs: Lorna McNeamey for S Fahy, Emma Donegan for L O'Neill.

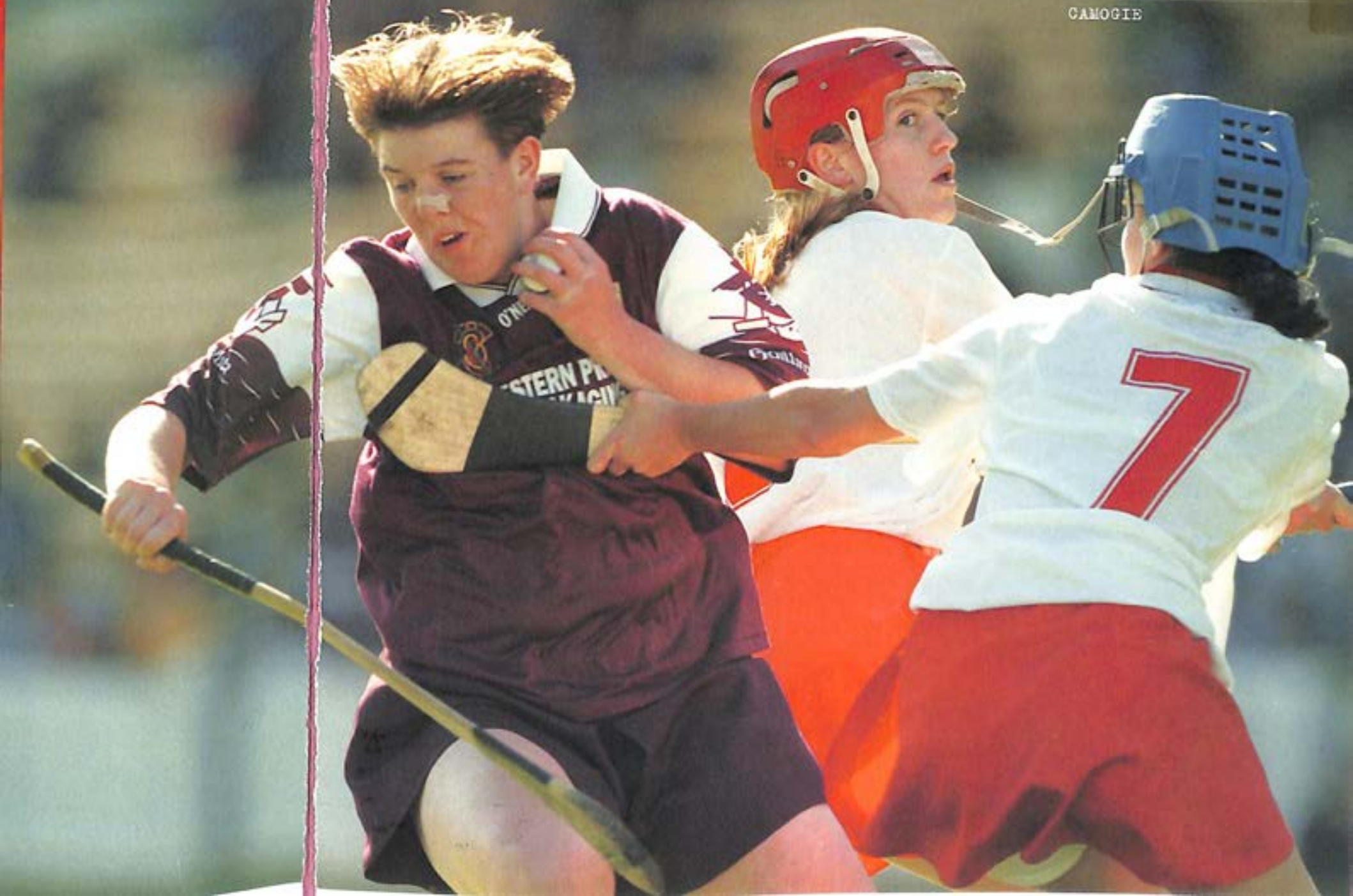
Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin



Cork will be geared up for this year's senior championship



CAMOGIE





# Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

**A**spirited Kilkenny side dethroned the reigning Leinster champions Carlow in the Leinster junior semi-final played at Carlow Hurling Ground. This was a good display by a skilful and determined Kilkenny side who took the game to their opponents from the start. Linda Cremin opened Kilkenny's account with a goal on the fifth minute. Carlow's Olivia Maye replied with a similar score almost immediately. The winners picked off some well taken points by Ann Marie Raftice and Martina Maher followed by a further goal by Linda Cremin.

Nuala Quirke scored Carlow's second goal to leave the half time score Kilkenny 3-5 Carlow 2-2. The 'Noresiders' continued to dominate the second half and Carlow had little answer to their play. Final score: Kilkenny 4-10 Carlow 2-6.

Scorers: Kilkenny: Linda Cremin 3-4, Ann Marie Raftice 1-2, Martina Maher 0-2, Cathy Gilmartin and Lizzie Lyng 0-1 each.

Carlow: Olivia Maye and Nuala Quirke 1-0 each, Valerie Crean 0-6.

Kilkenny Team: Caitriona Ryan, Nora Sutton, Bridget Barnaville, Sarah O'Gorman, Dolores Lanigan, Mary Ellen Butler, Emer Lyng, Kathryn Atkins, Lizzy Lyng, Laura Sweeney, Ann Marie Raftice, Martina Maher, Siobhan White, Linda Cremin, Maread Costelloe. Subs: Catherine Doherty for Ann Marie Raftice, Claire Tallis for S White.

Carlow Team: Helan Lawlor, Geraldine Maher, Sile Ryan, Joanne Lawlor, Cathleen Brennan, Olivia O'Neill, Eileen Huff, Maura Griffith, Marie Sheehan, Margaret Dermody, Nuala Quirke, Valerie Crean, Clodagh Ryan, Olivia Maye, Patricia Stacey.

Subs: Mary Coady for P Stacey, Ann Marie Ryan for M Dermody.

Referee: John Codd, Wexford

Wexford got the upperhand of Dublin in their Leinster Junior Championship re-play at Oylegate. The winners fielded a much depleted team from that of the drawn game. Dublin dominated the opening half and goals from Paula Malcolmson and Emer Ring gave them a cushion of 2-3 to 0-2 at the break.

In the second half Wexford stepped up the pace with the wind advantage. Two great goals by Noeleen Lambert and Joan Redmond and well taken points by Michelle O'Leary put them in the driving seat

to run out winners on a scoreline of 2-8 to 2-5.

Scorers: Wexford: Noeleen Lambert 1-3, Joan Redmond 1-1, Michelle O'Leary 0-3, Aoife O'Connor 0-1.

Dublin: Paula Malcolmson and Emer Ring 1-0 each, Irene Kirwan 0-3, Fiona Corcoran 0-2. Referee: John Pender, Kildare

Results:

Leinster Under 14 Championship			
Kilkenny	6-1	Wexford	4-5
Kildare	5-3	Westmeath	1-0
Laois	2-2	Wicklow	0-0

Ulster Minor League Final:  
Derry 2-7 Down 1-7

## SCHWARZKOPF TO SPONSOR THE 'PLAYER OF THE GAEILINN'

The Gael Linn Inter-Provincial series will be held in St. Anne's Park, Bohernabreena, Dublin on Saturday June 19th. The semi-finals and finals in senior and junior will be played on the same day.

This is a very prestigious event, which was inaugurated in 1956. Leinster's Angela Downey, holds the highest number of Gael Linn Medals (twelve).

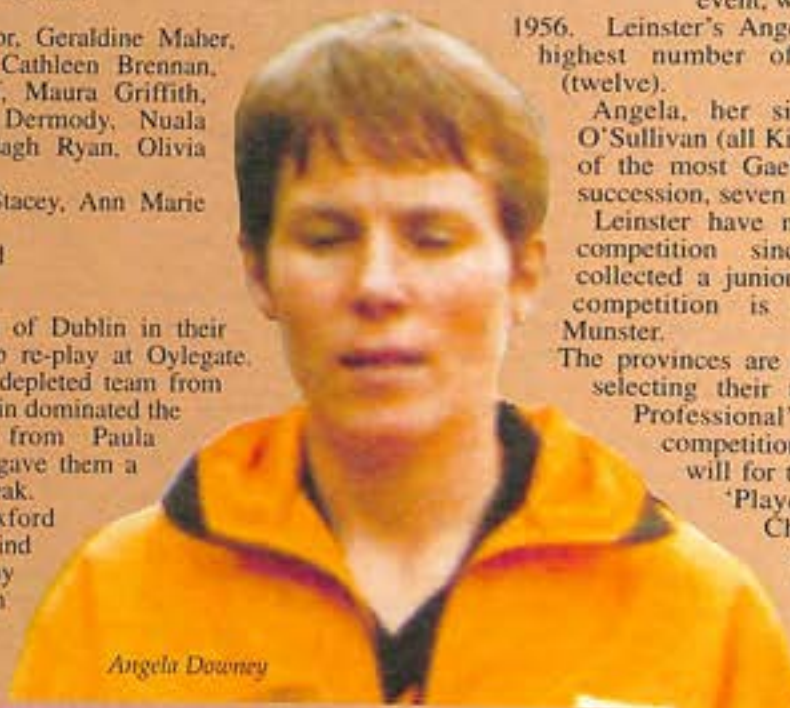
Angela, her sister Ann and Biddy O'Sullivan (all Kilkenny) hold the record of the most Gael Linn medals won in succession, seven from 1983 to 1989.

Leinster have not won in the senior competition since 1993 and have not collected a junior title since 1986. The competition is now dominated by Munster.

The provinces are now in the process of selecting their teams. 'Schwarzkopf Professional' have given the competition a major boost. They will for the first time sponsor a 'Player of the Championship' in both codes. The player will receive a replica of the Gael Linn Cup while her club will receive a £1,000 donation.



Ann Downey



Angela Downey

## Munster open defence of camogie

IT'S back to camogie action following the exams when the Gael Linn Interprovincial competitions take place at St. Anne's GAA grounds, Tallaght today.

In an effort to generate interest in the competitions it was decided three years ago to play them in mid-June rather than November and to stage the senior and junior semi-finals and final at the one venue on the same date.

This has proved a tremendous success, with Schwarzkopf coming on board to sponsor a Player of the Match Award in the senior and junior games.

The players selected will receive a replica of the Gael Linn Trophy whilst Schwarzkopf will also give £1,000 to the recipient's club.

Munster open the defence of their senior crown against Leinster and, having held the title since 1994, will be going all out to make it six in a row.

Back-boned by the All Ireland champions Cork, the side has strong representations from Clare, Limerick and Tipperary.

Having last won a Gael Linn title in 1991 the Leinster girls will be anxious to restore pride in the province and bring back the glory days,

when they took seven titles in a row from 1983 to 1989, but they will have to be at their best to dethrone a strong Munster 15.

In the second semi final, Ulster meet Connacht and with northern camogie on the up and up Ulster will be fancied to advance over a Connacht side back-boned by Galway.

Last season's junior winners Ulster defend their title in the opening game versus Connacht, while Munster meet Leinster in the second semi-final. Alice Dean, who captained Tipperary in last year's Junior All Ireland final, and Sarah Hayes who has made such an impact with the

## crown against Leinster

Cork Seniors in the recent National League success will line out with Munster. With the junior final down for 2.15 pm and the senior at 3.45 pm it promises to be an enjoyable day's camogie.

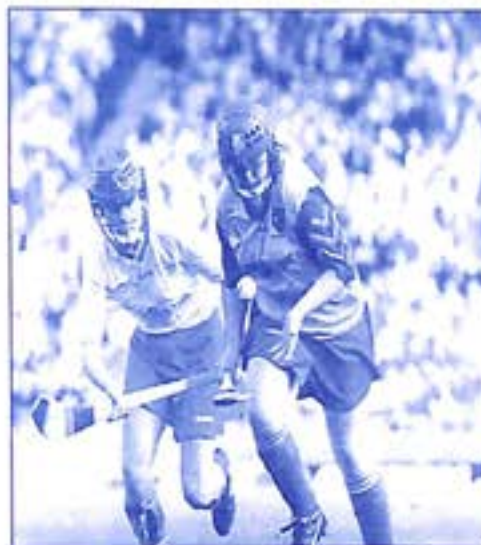
On Wednesday evening next Cork make the journey to Clare when they take on the home side in the Munster Senior Championship final and while the outcome does have a bearing on the All Ireland championship which is played on an open draw basis, the Cork side will be going all out to take their second title of 1999 as they continue their build-up to their July 3 Championship date with Wexford.

**MUNSTER (Senior):** Cora Keohane (Cork), Claire Madden (Tipperary), Eithne Duggan (Cork), Mags Finn (Cork), Mary O'Connor (Cork), Maura McMahon (Clare), Vivienne Harris (Cork), captain Ursula Troy (Cork), Linda Mellerick (Cork), Noelle Kennedy (Tipperary), Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork), Sinead O'Callaghan (Cork), Lynn Dunlea (Cork), Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary), Vera Sheehan (Limerick), Pauline O'Brien (Clare), Paula O'Connor (Cork), Marie Stokes (Tipperary), Emer McDonnell (Tipperary), Stephanie Dunne (Cork).  
**MUNSTER (Junior):** Ger Casey (Cork), Sheena Howland (Tipperary), Philomena Fogarty (Tipperary), Muihans Harrington (Cork), Maura Corcoran (Tipperary), Majella McMahon (Clare), Alice Dean (Tipperary), Helen Walsh (Cork), Joanne Ryan (Tipperary), Angela McDermott (Tipperary), Sarah Hayes (Cork), Orla Fitzgerald (Cork), Siobhan Ryan (Tipperary), Sinead Cahalane (Cork), Norma Mulvey (Clare), Orla O'Sullivan (Cork), Julie Delaney (Tipperary), Pauline Rochford (Clare), Tess Burke (Tipperary), Louise Finn (Tipperary), Criona Harris (Cork).



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6. Kelly Ni Longain (Kelly Long) Cill Chainnigh
7. Sandra Ni Ghliasaín (Sandra Gleeson) Cill Chainnigh
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9. Sinéad Ni Mhaolainidh (Sinéad Millea) Cill Chainnigh
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11. Miriam Ni Uallacháin (Miriam Holland) Cill Chainnigh
12. Mairead Ni Iai (Margaret Hickey) Cill Chainnigh
13. Sinéad Ni Choisteala (Sinéad Costelloe) Cill Chainnigh
14. Tracy Ni Mhaolainidh (Tracy Millea) Cill Chainnigh
15. Mairead Nic Cumascaigh (Margaret Comerford) Cill Chainnigh
16. Germaine Ni Nuanáin (Germaine Noonan) Áth Cliath

### Mumha

1. Cora Ni Cheocháin (Cora Keohane) Corcaigh
2. Clár Ni Mhadaín (Claire Madden) Tiobraid Árann
3. Eithne Ni Dhuagáin (Eithne Duggan) Corcaigh
4. Mairead Ni Fhinn (Mags Finn) Corcaigh
5. Máire Ni Chonchubhair (Mary O'Connor) Corcaigh
6. Máire Nic Mhathúna (Maura McMahon) An Clár
7. Beibhinn Ni Earchai (Vivienne Harris) Corcaigh **Captain**
8. Ursula Ni Throithigh (Ursula Troy) Corcaigh
9. Linda Ni Mhaoligheiric (Linda Mellerick) Corcaigh
10. Nollaig Ni Chinnéide (Noelle Kennedy) Tiobraid Árann
11. Fiona Ni Dhrisceoil (Fiona O'Driscoll) Corcaigh
12. Sinéad Ni Cheallacháin (Sinéad O'Callaghan) Corcaigh
13. Lynn Ni Dhoinnléibhe (Lynn Dunlea) Corcaigh
14. Deirdre Nic Aodha (Deirdre Hughes) Tiobraid Árann
15. Vera Ni Shiocháin (Vera Sheehan) Luimneach
16. Leonie Ni Nualláin (Leonie Nolan) Corcaigh
17. Paula Ni Chonchubhair (Paula O'Connor) Corcaigh
18. Mendhbh de Stóc (Maeve Stokes) Tiobraid Árann
19. Emer Nic Dhónaill (Emer Mc Donnell) Tiobraid Árann
20. Stiofáin Ni Dhoinnléibhe (Stephanie Dunlea) Corcaigh

### Connachta

1. Laoise Ni Chamhráil (Louise Curry) An Ghaillimh
2. Léan Ni Riain (Helen Ryan) An Ghaillimh
3. Fiona Ni Riain (Fiona Ryan) An Ghaillimh
4. Pamela Nic Cnáimhin (Pamela Nevin) An Ghaillimh **Captain**
5. Áine Ni Bhruadair (Ann Broderick) An Ghaillimh
6. Oibhe Ni Bhruadair (Olivia Broderick) An Ghaillimh
7. Martina Ni Ábhartaigh (Martina Haverly) An Ghaillimh
8. Rita Ni Bhruadair (Rita Broderick) An Ghaillimh
9. Áine Ni Argadáin (Ann Hardiman) An Ghaillimh
10. Aoife Ni Loinscigh (Aoife Lynskey) An Ghaillimh
11. Tracy Ni Laithin (Tracy Lahcen) An Ghaillimh
12. Áine Ni Irgihle (Aine Hillary) An Ghaillimh
13. Veronica Nic Cuirtin (Veronica Curtin) An Ghaillimh
14. Fiona Ni Éalaithe (Fiona Healy) An Ghaillimh
15. Colette Nic Cnáimhin (Colette Nevin) An Ghaillimh
16. Cearúilín Ni Mhuiri (Caroline Murray) An Ghaillimh
17. Sandra Ni Thanaidheáin (Sandra Tannan) An Ghaillimh
18. Breanda Ni Dhonnhaill (Brenda Daniels) An Ghaillimh
19. Denise Ni Ghiollagáin (Denise Gilligan) An Ghaillimh
20. Treasa Ni Mheachair (Therese Maher) An Ghaillimh

### Ulaídh

1. Karen Nic Giolla Chomhaill (Karen Coyle) Aontroim
2. Treasa Nic Gabhann (Teresa Magowan) An Dún
3. Breanda Nic Néill (Brenda McNeill) Aontroim
4. Gráinne Ni Chonghaile (Gráinne Connolly) Aontroim
5. Donna Nic Grioghaireáin (Donna McGreeran) An Dún **Captain**
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7. Eibhlín Ni Thuathail (Aileen Tohill) Doire
8. Bláithín Nic Iomhair (Bláithín McIvor) Tír Eoghain
9. Máire Ni Dhuibh (Mary Black) Ardmhacha
10. Valerie Ni Eidhin (Valerie Hynds) An Dún
11. Sinéad Nic Adaim (Jane Adams) Aontroim
12. Siobhán Mhic Éinri (Joan Henderson) An Dún
13. Deirdre Shabhais (Deirdre Savage) An Dún
14. Póilín Ni Uaithe (Pauline Green) An Dún
15. Caitríona Ni Uiginn (Caitríona Higgins) Aontroim
16. Nuala Mhic Áoidh (Nuala Magee) An Dún
17. Máirín Nic Giolla Fhinnéin (Máirín McAleenan) An Dún
18. Edel Ni Mháisín (Edel Mason) An Dún
19. Gráinne Nic Mhaoláin (Grace McMullan) Aontroim
20. Martina Ni Mhaolchalaínn (Martina Mulholland) Doire

Na Cluichi Leathcheannais  
Sinsear agus Sóisear

Laighin v Mumha  
Ulaídh v Connachta



# Na Foirne Na Sóisir



## Laighin

1. Linda Ni Bhroin (Linda Byrne) Loch Garman
2. Dolores Ni Langáin (Dolores Lanagan) Cill Chainnigh
3. Brid Bhearnaabháil (Bridgid Barnaville) Cill Chainnigh **Captain**
4. Eilis Ni Dhonnchú Uí Bhroinn (Liz O'Donoghue Byrne) Cill Dara
5. Clár Ni Chunchubhair (Claire O'Connor) Loch Garman
6. Eimhear Ni Lóinn (Emer Lyng) Cill Chainnigh
7. Máire Eibhlín de Buileir (Mary Ellen Butler) Cill Chainnigh
8. Caitlín Nic Aidicín (Kathleen Atkins) Cill Chainnigh
9. Louise Ni Eára (Louise O'Hara) Áth Cliath
10. Aoife Ni Chonchubhair (Aoife O'Connor) Loch Garman
11. Michelle Ni Laoire (Michelle O'Leary) Loch Garman
12. Níolín Laimheart (Noleen Lambert) Loch Garman
13. Oilbhe Nic Máighe (Olivia Maye) Ceatharlach
14. Martina Ni Mheachair (Martina Maher) Cill Chainnigh
15. Eilis Ni Lóinn (Lizzie Lyng) Cill Chainnigh
16. Lisa Ni Riain (Lisa Ryan) Áth Cliath
17. Aoife Thalbóid (Eve Talbot) Áth Cliath
18. Mairéad Ni Loinsigh (Maggie Lynch) Uíbh Fhúighle
19. Mairéad Nic Coisteala (Mairéad Costelloe) Cill Chainnigh
20. Majella Ni Bheirgin (Majella Bergin) Uíbh Fhúighle



## Mumha

1. Gearóidín Ni Chathasaigh (Geraldine Casey) Corcaigh
2. Criona Nic Airt (Criona Harte) Corcaigh
3. Filimin Ni Fhogartaigh (Philomena Fogarty) Tiobraid Árann
4. Muireann Ni Arrachtáin (Muireann Harrington) Corcaigh
5. Meadhbh Ni Chorcáin **Captain** (Meadhbh Corcoran) Tiobraid Árann
6. Grainne Ni Sheanacháin (Grainne Shanahan) Tiobraid Árann
7. Majella Ni Mhathúna (Majella McMahon) An Clár
8. Ailís Dheín (Alice Deane) Tiobraid Árann
9. Léan Bhreathnach (Helen Walsh) Corcaigh
10. Siobhán Ni Riain (Joanne Ryan) Tiobraid Árann
11. Aingeal Nic Diarmada (Angela McDermot) Tiobraid Árann
12. Sorcha Ni Aodha (Sarah Hayes) Corcaigh
13. Orla Nic Gearailt (Orla Fitzgerald) An Clár
14. Siobhán Ni Riain (Siobhán Ryan) Tiobraid Árann
15. Sinéad Ni Chathaláin (Sinéad Cahalane) Corcaigh
16. Niamh Nic an Airchinnigh (Niamh McInerney) An Clár
17. Orla Ni Shuilleabháin (Orla O'Sullivan) Corcaigh
18. Síle Ni Dhubhshtáine (Julie Delaney) Tiobraid Árann
19. Póilín de Rosfort (Pauline Rochford) An Clár
20. Laoise Ni Riain (Louise Ryan) Tiobraid Árann



## Connachta

1. Fiona Ni Ghothraidh (Fiona Goherty) An Ghaillimh
2. Sinéad Ni Chinnéide (Sinéad Kennedy) An Ghaillimh
3. Tara Ni Chaollai (Tara Keeley) An Ghaillimh
4. Paula Nic Concharrige (Paula Carrick) An Ghaillimh
5. Clár Ni Chonraoi (Claire Conroy) An Ghaillimh
6. Dóirín Ni Cheallaigh (Doreen Kelly) An Ghaillimh
7. Donna de Burca (Donna Burke) An Ghaillimh
8. Colleen Nic Conchra (Colleen Crowe) An Ghaillimh
9. Orla Nic Uait (Orla Watson) An Ghaillimh
10. Marguerite Nic Carlais (Marguerite Corless) An Ghaillimh
11. Karen Ni Riain (Karen Ryan) An Ghaillimh
12. Karen Ni Úbáin (Karen Huban) An Ghaillimh
13. Mairéad Ni Mhathúna (Mairéad Mahony) An Ghaillimh
14. Léan Ni Cheirín (Elaine Kearns) An Ghaillimh
15. Aoife Ni Loinscigh (Aoife Lynskey) An Ghaillimh
16. Sherry Ni Mhainnín (Sherry Mannion) An Ghaillimh
17. Ruth Ni Chuilleanáin (Ruth Cullinane) An Ghaillimh
18. Veronica Nic Suibhne (Veronica Sweeney) An Ghaillimh
19. Áine Ni Dhuláin (Anne Dolan) An Ghaillimh
20. Meadhbh Ni Ealaithe (Meave Healy) Roscomáin



## Ulaidh

1. Eibhlín Nic Raghallaigh (Aileen Crilly) Doire
2. Shauna Nic Camhaoil (Shauna McCaul) Doire
3. Clár Ni Scolláin (Claire Scullion) Doire
4. Clár Ni Dhochartaigh (Claire Doherty) Doire
5. Clár Nic Niocaill (Claire McNicholl) Doire
6. Áine Nic Lochlainn (Anna O'Loughlin) Doire
7. Eibhlín Ni Chatháin (Aileen O'Kane) Doire
8. Grainne Nig Uidhir (Grainne Maguire) Doire
9. Máire Ni Chatháin (Mary O'Kane) Doire **Captain**
10. Paula Ni Néill (Paula Neill) Tir Eoghain
11. Caitríona Ni Fhionnagáin (Catherine Finnegan) Tir Eoghain
12. Brenda de Burca (Brenda Burke) Tir Eoghain
13. Máire Róis Nig Bhrádaigh (Mary Rose McGrady) Tir Eoghain
14. Sinéad Ni Mhanacháin (Jayne Monaghan) Tir Eoghain
15. Síle Ni Leogáin (Julie Lagan) Tir Eoghain
16. Dolores Ni Aodha (Dolores Hughes) Tir Eoghain
17. Ciara Nig Fhionnaile (Ciara McGinley) Aontroim
18. Kerrie Ni Néill (Kerrie O'Neill) Aontroim
19. Máirín Ni Dhuifinn (Maureen Duffin) Aontroim
20. Róisín Ni Dhuifinn (Roisin Duffin) Aontroim

## Munster retain their interprovincial crown

by Mary Newman

MUNSTER took their sixth Gael Linn interprovincial title in a row when they overcame a strong Connacht side comprising totally of Galway players at St Anne's GAA grounds, Tallaght, Dublin on Saturday.

Earlier in the day the semi-finals saw Munster record a huge 7-38 to 0-4 victory over Leinster whilst Connacht had a 1-11 to 1-7 win over Ulster.

Backed by the strong wind, Connacht, with good play from Therese Maher, Veronica Cur-

ran and Aine Hillary, settled well but it was Munster who turned over the happier at half time, after a goal from Limerick's Mary Sheehan and fine points from Noelle Kennedy, Lynn Dunlea and Vera Sheehan had them level 1-5 to 0-8.

With the elements now in their favour, Munster dominated the second-half. Vera Sheehan edged her side ahead with a point and they never looked back. Therese Maher had a Connacht point to cut the deficit and event though Aoife Lynskey did have a goal, it came too late for a Connacht revival as by now Munster had

taken some excellent points and were well on their way to their 14th interprovincial title.

To cap a tremendous day, Cork's Fiona O'Driscoll was named the Schwarzkopf player of the match, thus securing a replica of the Gael Linn trophy and a £1,000 sponsorship for her club Fr. O'Neill's.

Scorers: Munster; V. Sheehan 1-6, L. Dunlea 0-4, D. Hughes, S. O'Callaghan, F. O'Driscoll 0-2 each, N. Kennedy, V. Harris 0-1. Connacht; T. Maher 0-4, A. Lynskey 1-0, C. Nevin, V. Curran 0-2, A. Hillary 0-1. Munster; C. Keohane, C. Madden, E. Duggan, M. Finn, M. O'Connor, M. McMahon, V. Harris (capt), U. Troy, L. McInerick, N. Kennedy, F. O'Driscoll, S. O'Callaghan, L. Dunlea, D. Hughes, V. Sheehan.

L. Nolan, P. O'Connor, M. Stokes, A. McDonald, S. Dunlea. CONNACHT: L. Curry, H. Ryan, F. Ryan, P. Nevin (capt), A. Broderick, O. Broderick, R. Broderick, M. Hevery, A. Hardiman, A. Lynskey, T. Lehan, A. Hillary, V. Curran, F. Healy, C. Nevin, C. Murray, S. Tennan, B. Daniels, D. Gilligan, T. Maher, M. Hevery.

Leinster 3-17  
Connacht 3-7

After a lapse of 13 years, Leinster took the Junior Interprovincial title by defeating Connacht. In the semi-final, they recorded a narrow 2-10 to 2-8 victory over Munster whilst Connacht defeated Ulster.

A very determined Leinster

side totally dominated the opening half, with goals from Noleen Lambert and Lizzie Lyng settling the side, they piled on the points and led 2-12 to 0-1 at the break.

Three goals from Doreen Kelly and points from Maeve Healy, Claire Conroy (2) and Elaine Curran (2) made Leinster fight all the way to earn a title that at the half time break looked secure.

Scorers for Leinster; L. Lyng 1-4, N. Lambert 1-1, M. O'Leary 0-4, M. Lynch 0-4, E. Talbot 0-3, A. O'Connor 1-1. Scorers for Connacht; D. Kelly 3-0, C. Conroy 0-2, E. Kerins 0-2, S. Mannion 0-1, M. Healy 0-1, M. Mahoney 0-1.

## Munster retain Gael Linn title

MUNSTER 1-18, CONNACHT 1-9  
CAMOGIE: Munster retained the Senior Gael Linn Camogie title when they fought off a strong challenge from Connacht who were solely represented by Galway in final played at Bohernabreena yesterday.

Veronica Curtin and Collette Nevin had some well taken points for Connacht while Vera Sheehan got the only goal in this half to put the sides level at the break Munster 1-5 Connacht 0-8.

LEINSTER 3-17, CONNACHT 4-6  
Leinster bridged a 13-year-gap when they collected the Junior Gael Linn Camogie title by defeating Connacht. Leinster playing with the wind in the first half led by 2-12 to 0-1 at the break.



MOIRA McMAHON

## Moira shines for Munster

Clare senior camogie captain Moira McMahon won her third inter Provincial medal at the week-end when she helped Munster to victory in the annual Gael Linn competition.

Munster overcame Leinster in the semi-final and then defeated Connacht in the decider and Moira played at centre back on the team.

Clare had four representatives on the Munster junior side which was narrowly beaten. They were Majella Molloy (Killaloe), Pauline Rochford (Feakle), Orla Fitzgerald and Niamh McInerney (Sixmilebridge).



# Loreto

## pipped for

Loreto College, Mullingar did Westmeath camogie proud when they contested their first All-Ireland Colleges Junior 'B' Camogie final last March. Team coach Emer Brennan reflects on a campaign which almost culminated in All-Ireland glory.

## All-Ireland glory

What a year for the Loreto College junior camogie team! Against all the odds, the Mullingar school reached their first ever All-Ireland Colleges Junior 'B' final where it took an exceptional effort from Coláiste Mhuire of Ennis to deprive them of the ultimate prize.

Loreto's campaign will live long in the memory. They played four games in Leinster before ousting St. Cuan's, Castleblakney after two epic encounters at the penultimate round stage. The All-Ireland dream died on a blustery day in March but even in defeat, Loreto's battling qualities were evident. Their challenge was a gallant one and has brought tremendous pride and honour to camogie in Westmeath.

While disappointed to have been denied at the final stage, Loreto team coach Emer Brennan reveals that the achievement of the Mullingar girls surpassed her wildest expectations.

"If somebody had told me before the Championship began that we would reach an All-Ireland final, I wouldn't have believed them," she says.

"Our expectations hadn't been all that high at the start of the year - none of us were looking past the first round to tell you the truth. However, after winning our first game, we built up a momentum which nearly won an All-Ireland for us. It was a fantastic year and all of the girls deserve to be complimented for the huge commitment they showed."

Loreto commenced their Leinster Championship as far

back as October when they met their namesakes, Loreto of Crumlin, at the St. Oliver Plunkett's Grounds in Robinstown. It proved to be an evenly-contested affair with the Westmeath girls shading the outcome by two points.

Loreto had a lengthy break before facing another Dublin side, Santa Maria of Ballyboden, in the second round. The Mullingar team made a dream start as Therese Russell and Elizabeth Hannon helped themselves to early goals. A pointed free from Niamh Barry gave Loreto a 2-1 to 0-2 lead at the interval.

In the second half, Loreto substitute Gemma Hynes scored two goals to effectively end the game as a contest. A fifth goal from Elizabeth Hannon and a point from Niamh Barry ensured Loreto of victory on a 5-2 to 1-4 scoreline.

Emer Brennan's charges recorded an equally impressive win in the provincial semi-final, disposing of the challenge of St. Wolstan's, Celbridge by 3-1 to 0-0. Played at St. Loman's, the game was dominated from start to finish by a better-balanced and physically stronger Loreto side and at no stage did they look like conceding defeat.

Loreto's opponents in the Leinster final were Callan of Kilkenny who proved themselves to be anything but pushovers. Played at Mountmellick, this was a wonderfully exciting contest which remained on a knife-edge up until the final whistle had sounded. In the end, Loreto won by the minimum margin, 2-0 to 1-2, and the post-match



Loreto College, Mullingar - All-Ireland Junior 'B' Camogie finalists 1999. Front row (from left): Fiona Reynolds, Dinah Loughlin, Aisling Conaty, Clodagh O'Neill, Eileen O'Driscoll (captain), Gemma Hynes, Niamh Barry, Doreen O'Driscoll. Back row: Elizabeth Hannon, Aileen Martin, Sinead Kilmurray, Patricia Smyth, Roberta Harris, Sinead Sullivan, Therese Russell, Grainne Noone, Maeve Orme



Raharney National School - runners-up in the Cumann na mBunscol Camogie final. Front row (from left): Amanda Shaw, Tracey Greville (captain), Melissa Goss, Caroline Mullen, Aine Weir, Michelle Glynn, Lorraine Glynn. Back row: Aisling Doyle, Sarah Toner, Jean Flanagan, Sandra Grogan, Joanne Mullen, Melissa Mulvaney, Aoife Doyle



A household name in Westmeath camogie... Brownstown native Mary Henry

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celebrations showed exactly what this victory meant to the history-making Mullingar side.

If the Leinster final had been close, then the All-Ireland semi-final against St. Cuan's, Castleblakney was even closer. Played on March 6, this game ebbed and flowed with neither team being able to take a firm grip on proceedings. In the end, the sides finished level, the scoreline reading Loreto College 2-5, Castleblakney 1-8. In truth, it was a fitting result.

The replay, which was played at the St. Loman's Grounds one week later, proved to be a totally different affair. Loreto evidently had their homework done and courtesy of a hugely determined display, emerged triumphant by 1-4 to 0-1.

Facing into the strong breeze in the opening half, Loreto got off to a flying start when Sinead Sullivan seemed to be the last player to force the sliothar over the Galway side's goal-line. Elizabeth Hannon tacked on a point in the 18th minute to give Loreto a 1-1 to 0-0 cushion at the break.

Loreto assumed dominance on the restart and it is something of a mystery that they didn't have more to show for than three points from Dinah Loughlin, Clodagh O'Neill and Patricia Smyth. When St. Cuan's came with a late rally, the Mullingar girls defended as if their lives depended on it to deservedly book their place in the showpiece game.

The All-Ireland final was staged at Woodmount, Co. Roscommon on Saturday, March 20 and Loreto's opponents were Coláiste Mhuire of Ennis. Although Loreto held the edge in a number of departments, a combination of wayward finishing and heroic Ennis defending scuppered their hopes. Indeed, had Loreto not hit 10 costly wides over the 50 minutes, the outcome may have been very different.

The Mullingar girls were chasing the game from an early stage and by half-time, found themselves 0-7 to 0-1 in arrears. Their prospects looked even bleaker within a minute of the restart when Coláiste Mhuire swooped for their opening goal. However, Aileen Martin replied with a Loreto goal two minutes later to keep Mullingar hopes alive.

Loreto stayed in contention until eight minutes from full-time when the Clare girls notched their second goal. This score came as a devastating blow to Loreto's prospects and thereafter, there could be no way back.

Reflecting on the final, Emer Brennan agrees that it was a game Loreto could have won but for a lack of composure. "We got a lot of possession but the difficulty was that we couldn't make it count on the scoreboard. Coláiste Mhuire seemed to be that bit more economical and no doubt, our

girls will have learned from the experience."

Cavan native Emer, who was assisted in the coaching duties by Sheila Carroll, Bernie O'Driscoll and Noelle Fox, points out that Loreto College have much to be optimistic about on the camogie front. Last season, the senior side went to the Leinster semi-final while over half of the junior team are eligible for the grade again next year.

"We have a lot going for us at the moment and there can be little doubt that the junior team's feat in reaching the All-Ireland final has given us an extra boost. Realistically, I think we have a great chance of going a step further in next year's Junior competition while we should also have the nucleus of a very formidable senior team," she concludes.

**The Loreto team which contested the All-Ireland Colleges Junior 'B' Camogie final was:** Doreen O'Driscoll, Aisling Conaty, Sinead Kilmurray, Eileen O'Driscoll, Patricia Smyth, Dinah Loughlin, Clodagh O'Neill, Niamh Barry, Elizabeth Hannon, Roberta Harris, Aileen Martin, Sinead Sullivan. **Rest of panel:** Grainne Noone, Maeve Orme, Therese Russell, Gemma Hynes and Fiona Reynolds.

## WESTMEATH EDGED OUT IN LEINSTER JUNIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP

Westmeath bowed out of the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship on May 23 last at the St. Anne's grounds in Bohernabreena when Dublin defeated them by 2-8 to 1-9 at the first round stage.

This was a game the visiting team should have won but such didn't materialise owing to a number of factors. Perhaps the biggest blow to the maroon and whites was the unavailability of star player Annette Glynn whose absence through injury was sorely felt.

Westmeath looked the stronger side in the opening moiety but a Dublin goal ensured them of parity at the break, the half-time score being Dublin 1-3, Westmeath 0-6.

The teams were still deadlocked with three minutes remaining and no one was ruling out the possibility of a Westmeath victory. However, Dublin finished on top by notching two late points, thus signalling the end of Westmeath's championship ambitions for 1998.

**The Westmeath team was:** Sheila Carroll, Aoife Davitt, Mary Glynn, Olive Weir, Alison McCormack, Catherine Glynn, Sarah Weir (0-1), Pauline Hogan, Gemma Weir, Mary Henry (0-7), Eileen Smyth, Celeste Dermody (1-1). **Subs:** Gemma Egan and Gemma Weir (re-introduced).



*The Westmeath Under 14 Camogie team. Front row (from left): Tracey Greville, Amanda Shiels, Maria Smyth, Melissa Goss, Denise Fulham, Charlene Raleigh, Samantha Mollay, Elizabeth Hannon, Joanne Walshe. Back row: Triona O'Shaughnessy, Ann Maguire, Orlaigh Farrelly, Tanya Kelly, Roberta Harris, Ann Goss (captain), Dinah Loughlin, Patricia Smyth, Aoife McCormack, Karen Farrell, Aisling Conaty, PJ Fulham (coach)*



*St. Munna's camogie players who attended the Crookedwood GAA Club's Dinner Dance at which GAA President Joe McDonagh was guest of honour. Seated (from left): Barbara Orme, Antoinette Savage, Grainne Brennan, Deirdre Keogh, Alison Keogh, Joe McDonagh, Susan Murray, Mary Savage, Catriona Brennan, Laura Murray. Back row: Avril Orme, Deirdre Orme, Anna Savage, Sarah Orme, Lorraine Boyhan, Jackie Connor, Noleen McCarthy, Joan Brennan, Carol Daly, Maria Austin, Eimear Duffy, Olive Gavigan, Rosaleen Smith*

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## MAGNIFICENT ST. MUNNA'S MAKE IT 11-IN-A-ROW

Magnificent St. Munna's captured their eleventh consecutive senior county camogie title at the St. Loman's GAA grounds last July when they overcame Raharney by 3-7 to 2-7 in a memorable decider between these great rivals.

Described by those who had the pleasure of witnessing it as one of the best games of camogie played in Westmeath for a number of years, the 1997 final had everything. Laced with some wonderful passages of play, this contest was of the highest standard with both sides producing plenty of determination, flair and skill over the hour.

Not for the first time, the indomitable spirit of St. Munna's was in evidence as they recovered from a seven-point deficit to clinch victory by three. Raharney, who had been playing with the breeze to their backs in the second half, must still be wondering how they let victory slip against opponents who simply refused to throw in the towel.

St. Munna's were first off the mark when Annette Heffernan pointed a free after three minutes. Four minutes later, Raharney took the lead when Yvonne Flanagan finished to the net after Sarah Weir's earlier shot had been half-parried. Annette Heffernan quickly replied with a point from a free before Gemma Weir restored Raharney's two-point advantage from a '30'.

In the 13rd minute, Annette Heffernan notched her third point - again from a free - to leave just the minimum in it. After some fine defensive work by both sides, Gemma Weir (free) and Aileen Lawlor exchanged points.

It was at this juncture, however, that Raharney took a decisive hold on the game when Theresa Lynch guided Jacqueline Weir's centre to the back of the St. Munna's net. The champions then suffered another blow in the 20th minute when prolific scoregetter Annette Heffernan was forced to retire and was replaced by Shirley McLoughlin.

The teams swapped points once again through Aileen Lawlor and Martina Callery. It was a buoyant Raharney, though, who had the final say of the half when Gemma Weir slotted over a point to leave her side 2-4 to 0-5 in front at the break.

Raharney turned over with a strong breeze in their favour and within three minutes had moved seven points clear with points from Yvonne Flanagan and Gemma Weir.

The true character of St. Munna's now faced its most searching examination as enthralled spectators waited to see if they could find a response. Some 60 seconds later, the St. Munna's fightback had begun in earnest.

Excellent link-up play between Jennifer Doyle and Aileen Lawlor opened the way for Kathleen Poynton who duly dispatched a powerful shot to the

Raharney net. In the ninth minute, the margin was reduced to the minimum when Aileen Lawlor was once again the provider for substitute Shirley McLoughlin who crashed home a second St. Munna's goal.

Gemma Weir momentarily steadied Raharney with a point but Doreen Egan replied with a similar score from a '30' in the 16th minute.

Trailing by a solitary point, St. Munna's took a giant step towards achieving the 11-in-a-row in the 20th minute when Catherine Glynn's delivery set Doreen Egan on her way to scoring a third goal.

A shell-shocked Raharney team tried desperately to find a way back but with three minutes left, St. Munna's effectively sealed victory when Aileen Lawlor landed a crucial point.

There was still time for further drama when, almost on the stroke of full time, Yvonne Flanagan was denied an equalising goal by a brilliant save from St. Munna's goalkeeper Brigid Tighe.

After the final there was great scenes of joy and celebration when victorious St. Munna's captain Mary Power received the Matrix Senior Camogie cup from Pat Sangster, General Manager of Matrix Ltd. The presentations didn't end there as Doreen Egan was presented with the Player of the Match award by Vincent Maguire, who also represented Matrix Essentials. Incidentally, both teams were presented with Matrix Hair Care Products.

The history-making St. Munna's team was: Brigid Tighe, Helen Kearney, Helena Finglas, Mary Power (captain), Mary Glynn, Doreen Egan, Jennifer Doyle, Lorraine Leavy, Catherine Glynn, Aileen Lawlor, Annette Heffernan, Katheline Poynton. Sub: Shirley McLoughlin.



St. Munna's captain Mary Power raises aloft the Senior Camogie Championship cup



St. Munna's - Senior Camogie Champions for the 11th consecutive year. Front row (from left): Vera Heffernan, Brigid Leavy, Sarah Fitzsimons, Brigid Tighe, Helena Finglas, Mary Glynn, Mary Power (captain), Lorraine Leavy, Doreen Egan, Catherine Glynn. Back row: Mick Heffernan (trainer), Kathleen Poynton, Noreen Bluett, Shirley McLoughlin, Marie Byrne, Michelle Scanlon, Annette Heffernan, Jennifer Doyle, Helen Kearney, Aileen Lawlor, Olivia Gowran

## Gardaí get the ball rolling for camogie club

A PARISH cup league at a camogie club, which was recently re-opened due to demand among the community, was sponsored by the Garda Síochána Community Initiative Drugs Awareness Scheme.

The league was run off over a two-week period at the Blarney Camogie Club, keeping members busy and drawing hundreds of visitors to the grounds.

At present there are 70 girls training at various levels, which is a good sign for the future

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growth.

The club took part in the under 12 and under 14 Cork City and County League last month with the under 12 taking on Cloughduv.

They were the first girls to wear the Blarney colours in over 20 years. Club teams have already performed well in competition even though serious

training is only just getting under way.

Blarney Camogie Club was founded in 1965 and trained in what is now the Boy's National School playing pitch. Players at the club began to reach a high standard and the club went on to win the County Junior A title in 1967 and the intermediate title in 1968.

A number of the players, including Angela Gaffey, Mary Heelan, Marie Mackey and Stephanie O'Connell, repre-

sented Cork at county level and won All-Ireland medals.

The club closed down in 1975 and was re-formed last March.

The club will use the GAA grounds for its games, and training. Marie Mackey is chairperson, Trish Mackey secretary, Ann Coleman Assistant Secretary, and Diane Horgan, treasurer.

Committee members include Bernice O'Brien, Una Murphy, Rachael Crowley, Dave O'Brien and John O'Neill.

## Obituaries

### MARY O'CONNELL (CORK)

Mary O'Connell (nee Kenneally) was a star camogie player in her young days and was wing-forward on Cork's All-Ireland winning team in 1934. It was the first occasion that the O'Duffy Cup found its way to the Rebel county after Louth were defeated in the final. Mary was a substitute on the team that retained the title in 1935 but missed out on the last of the three-in-a-row in '36. She played at club level with Lough Rovers.



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## Dublin backs Enda's

**BALLYBODEN** St. Enda's will carry the hopes of Dublin in the National Feile na nGael event, which commences in Wexford on Friday.

Boden's first assignment is against their host club, St. Martin's on Friday (9.30am), and the Dubliners include Ciara Lucey, who also played in last year's Feile.

**MEANWHILE** Leinster won their first Junior Gael-Linn Interprovincial title in 13 years at St. Anne's, Bohernabreena on Saturday.

Eve Talbot, the first ever Counsel girl to be selected on a Gael Linn team, scored three points in the final against Connacht.

Dublin's other representative was Lisa Ryan, who was also marking a historic first for her Raheny club, a fine compliment to all the wonderful toil of Jimmy Keogh over the years.

Leinster also had the distinction of winning the Schwarzkopf Junior Player-of-the-Tournament award — Kilkenny's Lizzie Lyng.

In the Senior Gael Linn, Leinster were overwhelmed by Munster in the semi-final before Munster progressed to collect their sixth title in succession.

**In the Dublin Senior A Championship**, the holders, St. Vincent's will now meet Good Counsel in the semi-final, while Ballyboden St. Enda's will play Erin's Isle in the other semi-final.

**Dublin Senior A Cup Results:** Good Counsel 1-7, Na Fianna 0-9, St. Vincent's 7-17, Raheny 0-5, Ballyboden St. Enda's 6-12, Thomas Davis 1-0, Erin's Isle 3-3, Crumlin 0-3. **Fixtures:** Tonight (7.00) Jen. B. Lucan Cornfields v Erin's Isle, Na Fianna v Commercial, Raheny v St. Vincent's, O'Dwyer's v St. Mark's, Thursday (7.30) Sen. B. Ballyboden St. Enda's v O'Toole's, Good Counsel v Naomh Padraig, Kilmacud Crokes v Naomh Meamóg, St. Mark's v Skerries Harp, St. Anne's v St. Jude's, Sunday (11.00) Sen. A: Raheny v Good Counsel, Na Fianna v St. Vincent's, Erin's Isle v Ballyboden St. Enda's, Crumlin v Celtic, (1.00) Jen. A: Liffey Goats v Parketts/Roads, Ballyboden St. Enda's v Margaret's/Aolla, Crumlin v Naomh Meamóg, St. Jude's v St. Peregrine's.

# Counsel do it the hard way



**NIALL  
SCULLY**

**GOOD COUNSEL..... 1-7  
NA FIANNA..... 0-9**

**MAGICAL** Marie Byrne played a central role in Good Counsel's dramatic one-point victory in the Dublin Senior Camogie Championship 1st Round tie at Scoil Ui Chonaill last Friday night.

The brilliant midfielder converted the winning 65, created the only goal and overall enjoyed a splendid outing in a memorable contest.

### TWICE LEVEL

Among the attendance at Clontarf was new Dublin manager, Tom Monaghan, who saw the sides level on two occasions.

Yet Na Fianna were to spend the night at Heartbreak Hotel. They had recovered well from a sluggish opening to dictate matters, only for Counsel to pip them on the line.

Unfortunately for the Mobhi Road club, the game ended under a cloud for Veronica Trehy who was taken to hospital after sustaining a cut to the head.

Happily, the excellent midfielder was released later following treatment and she was able to join her crest-fallen team-mates back at HQ.

### EXCELLED

Both defences excelled, with the respective full-backs, Sandra Martin and Colette Murphy "Queens of the Manor". Marie Byrne's midfield style was matched by the skill and industry of Na Fianna's Ann-Marie Gray, whose sister, Carmel, summed up the spirit of the tie.

Late in the game, Carmel's hurley broke in two. Yet she still managed to control the sliotar with half a stick before kicking a clearance.



**CONCENTRATION:** Good Counsel's Marie Byrne and Na Fianna's Veronica Trehy during the Dublin Senior Camogie Championship.

Mary Nevin's pace and the free-taking of Mary McKeon were other Fianna aces, while Counsel's Shauna Keogh and Deirdre Byrne looked highly dangerous in possession.

Two majestic strikes from Keogh had Counsel 0-4 to 0-1 ahead after 13 minutes. Points from Trehy, Marie Byrne and Carmel Gray brought equality on 19 minutes before two McKeon frees granted the Northsiders the interval advantage, 0-6 to 0-4.

Two further McKeon frees inside the first three minutes of the resumption had Na Fianna four points clear, the biggest lead the fifty minutes witnessed.

Counsel were still able to construct a revival, helped by two Marie Byrne frees.

But when Nevin, fed by Rachel Kelly, darted away to score a lovely point for Na Fianna, it was looking bleak enough for the Galtymore Road crew.

Then, five minutes from time, Marie Byrne's 65 was blocked out by the Na Fianna rearguard, only for Eve Talbot to return a real thunderbolt to the net.

The teams were level again, and two minutes from the end, Marie Byrne had a chance to edge Counsel ahead, but her free fell short.

Yet, a minute into injury time, she rose to a more demanding challenge converting a 65 with all the confidence of a supreme crafts-woman.

### MATCHFILE

● **Scorers:** Good Counsel: M Byrne 0-5 (4f, 1 65), E Talbot 1-0, S Keogh 0-2.

● **Na Fianna:** M McKeon 0-4 (4f), M Nevin 0-3, V Trehy (f), C Gray 0-1 each.

● **Good Counsel:** Elizabeth McGuinness 7; Deirdre Conway 7; Sandra Martin 8; Miriam Murphy 7; Aisling Kennedy 7; Miriam Carthy 8; Elaine Quinn 7; Marie Byrne 9; Eve Talbot 8; Edel Reid 7; Shauna Mooney 7; Shauna Impey 7; Shauna Keogh 7; Deirdre Byrne 8; Karen Blood 7.

● **Na Fianna:** Denise Fox 7; Deirdre Quinn 7; Colette Murphy 8; Ann Byrne 7; Sadhbh Caverly 8; Karen Fox 7; Carmel Ryan 8; Ann-Marie Gray 9; Veronica Trehy 8; Mary Nevin 8; Carmel Gray 8; Joanne Boyle 7; Rachel Kelly 7; Mary McKeon 8; Geraldine Daignen 7. Sub: Cliona Uí Dhalaiigh for Trehy (inj).

● **Referee:** Aine Derham (Celtic).

● **Rating:** Match: Riveting - 8. Good Counsel: Talented side — 8. Good Counsel: Played their hearts out — 8. Conditions: Cloudy and breezy but dry.

● **Wides:** Good Counsel: 5 (2 in 1st half). Na Fianna: 8 (5 in 1st half).

● **Player-of-the-Match:** Marie Byrne (Good Counsel).

● **Mentors:** Good Counsel: Liz Baker, Ronnie Murphy. Na Fianna: Robert Sheehy, John Leen.



**TOUGH WORK:** Good Counsel's Edal Reid grabs possession under pressure in the Dublin Senior Camogie Championship match against Na Fianna at Clontarf.

Picture: Ray Cullen



# Double date for Leaside camogie

A BUSY week is in store for the Cork junior and senior inter-county teams who both meet in the coming week.

This evening at Bodyke, the senior side contest the Munster senior final. A win would be a boost to the side as preparations continue for the meeting with Wexford in the open draw on for July third.

With Clare having lost to Cork in the National League in early April, they will be anxious to put up a good show bearing in mind their senior date with Tipperary on July 10th.

While the Cork team has as yet to be announced, it will be expected to be along the same lines as the National League winning team.

## Panel

Caoimhe Harrington will be expected to rejoin the panel.

For the junior side it's do or die as at this grade the provincial champions are the ones that go through to the all Ireland semi-finals.

Following on a good league campaign the junior squad lost out to Derry in the National League semi-final and are now determined to make amends in the championship.

The side have prepared well and will include Sarah Hayes and Una O'Donoghue who made tremendous impact when introduced to the senior team during the National League campaign.

Jill Hannon, Muireann Harrington and Rachel Maloney are all experienced performers who will be expected to perform well against a Clare side who are anxious to make the breakthrough.

The last time a Munster junior title came to the county was in 1986 while Cork's last title came in 1997. The game is scheduled for Sunday next at a Clare venue to be confirmed.

## Milford carry Cork hopes

CORK hopes of Feile glory rests with Milford who will represent the county over the coming weekend in Wexford.

Based on form to date, the Milford girls are strong contenders for honours. They will meet their hosts Monageer in the opening game on Friday at 9.30am and they then go on to play Templemore at 12.30 and at 5pm play reigning Feile champions, Oulart, who are coached by inter-county hurler, Martin Storey.

Laura Noonan from the St. Catherine's club is the skills representative.

## Four teams enter the fray in the senior county championship



The 1999 Milford Feile Na nGael team. Back row: Aisling Dillon, Aine Watson, Elaine O'Riordan, Cathy Brosnan, Anna Geary, Selena O'Regan, Marie Broderick, Michelle Roche, Sinead Carroll, Teresa McLoughlin, Julie Sheehy. Front: Emma Burke, Carmel O'Reilly, Eibhlin Curtin, Lisa Healy, Emma Watson, Maria Watson, Sharon Lenihan, Patricia O'Riordan, Davida Hehir and Sarah Sexton.

# Quest begins for the holy grail of camogie

**T**HE most prestigious competition in Cork camogie and the most coveted title is without doubt the Cork senior county championship.

For four teams next Monday and Tuesday marks the opening games in the last senior county championship of the century.

Newtownshandrum take on Carbery on Monday at Redmonds, while Inniscarra and Glen Rovers go head-to-head on Tuesday at a venue to be announced.

## Favourites

Newtownshandrum go in as favourites. Last season they knocked out Glen Rovers in the quarter-final, only to fall to Bishopstown in the semi-final.

Though a young side, they are not lacking in experience with Ursula Troy, Aine Kelleher, the Harrington sisters, Muireann and Caoimhe, all inter-county players.

However, they must plan without the injured Emer O'Sullivan, from Kilbrittan, who is an experienced inter-county intermediate player.

The meeting of Inniscarra and Glen Rovers will be an

## MAGIC MOMENTS

**NUMBER FIVE:** Clare have made three appearances in Junior All-Ireland finals and have emerged victorious on each of those three occasions in 1974, 1981 and 1986.

took the senior B title and have performed well in the higher grade. They are captained by Tracy Ryan, who won an All Ireland medal in 1997 with Cork.

Also in the side is Irene O'Keeffe who had such a marvellous season with the Cork senior side in 1998.

Their prospects have been boosted by the transfer of former Na Piarsaigh and Cork inter county star Paula Goggins.

Having won county titles from 90-96, Glen Rovers are team building at present with younger players coming through to join the

Cronin, Linda Mellerick and Sandie Fitzgibbon.

The side is captained by Mary Burke, a member of the senior inter county panel who has made a welcome return following a hand injury.

## Meet the Captains

● Inniscarra are led by Tracy Ryan.

Tracy was a member of the Cork junior team that took the All-Ireland in 1997.

● The Glen are led by Cork senior inter county player Mary Burke.

Mary joined Glen Rovers in 1994 and won senior county medals in 1995 and '96.

She also holds All-Ireland medals at junior, intermediate and senior.

● The Newtown girls are led by junior inter-county player Muireann Harrington, holder of All-Ireland colleges medals with St. Mary's Charleville and also the holder of a national senior league medal.

● Valerie O'Keeffe, from Kilbrittan, leads Carbery. Has won junior and intermediate championship medals with her club.

## Munster are the masters

MUNSTER took the province's sixth Gael Linn Senior Interprovincial title in a row when they beat Connacht 1-18 to 1-9 at the St Annes GAA grounds in Tallaght on Saturday last.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Munster recorded a record 7-38 to 0-4 victory over Leinster whilst Connacht came through a tough encounter with Ulster 1-11 to 1-7 scoreline.

Playing against the driving rain and wind, Munster worked hard in the opening half. A Vera Sheehan goal plus excellent points from Noelle Kennedy, Lynn Dunlea (2) and Vera Sheehan (2) saw them stay with their opponents whose scores

came from Therese Maher, Aoife Lynskey, Veronica Curtin and Colette Nevin, to leave the sides level 1-5 to 0-8 at the break.

With the elements in their favour for the second half, Munster dominated and with Vivien Harris, Fiona O'Driscoll and Dunlea in scoring form the Connacht girls were in trouble.

## Goal

Therese Maher did have a point and with time running out Aoife Lynskey goaled but it came too late to spark a revival.

To round off a tremendous day, Fiona O'Driscoll was named Schwarzkopf player of the match.



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11 sides enter the fray in quest for Cork's most prestigious camogie prize

# Newtown have good reason for optimism



**Therese O'Callaghan**

**S**INCE its inception in the early 90's only Glen Rovers and Bishopstown have succeeded in winning the Cork Camogie Senior A Championship.

The championship was introduced initially as a grading system, consisting of the then County and All-Ireland Club champions Glen Rovers, plus the participating divisional sides and subsequent victors in the Senior B section who automatically move up each year to compete in the higher ranks.

The new format, now in its sixth season, will see 11 teams do battle for Cork's most prestigious camogie title.

Proceedings get underway at Ballincollig next Monday with the pairing of Newtownshandrum and Carbery.

## Strange

Strange as it might seem, this is only the third time the North Cork side have participated in the Cork County Championship, as they previously played under Limerick's jurisdiction.

Strangers to Leaside, yes, but no strangers to success.

In their first year in the southern capital, they engraved their names on the Senior B County Cup.

Last year the club was defeated at the penultimate stage by the eventual winners Bishopstown.

Much of their success can be attributed to trainer Seamus Kelleher, whose three daughters, Helen, Fiona and Aine will be involved in the action next week.

Seamus' other daughter, Lisa, is presently out of the country.

Ursula Troy (niece of Fr. Bertie Troy), Paula O'Connor (sister of Ben and Gerry), and Caoimhe Harrington all helped to bring the ODuffy Cup back



**Above:** Cork's Fiona O'Driscoll who won the Inter Pro Player of the Tournament award in Dublin. **Right:** Caoimhe Harrington lines out for Bishopstown. **Far right:** Ursula Troy.



to the Rebel County last September.

Caoimhe's sister, Muireann, who was also a senior panellist until injury ruled her out, has won an Ashbourne Medal with UCC, along with Ursula Troy.

Caroline Giltinan played corner back in the All-Ireland intermediate final defeat at the hands of

Down. Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher were involved in the 1998 All-Ireland minor victory over Derry.

## Honours

And both girls won another set of Munster minor medals after last month's victory over Clare.

In addition, Caragh Manton, Caroline Giltinan,

Sarah Reidy, Caoimhe Harrington, Niamh Bowles, Aine Kelleher and Claire Browne were all members of the St. Marys of Charleville All-Ireland senior winning side a few short weeks ago.

As recent as last weekend, Paula O'Connor and Ursula Troy helped Munster retain their senior inter-provincial

championship.

Can the Avondhu side go a step (or even two) further over the coming few months?

## Optimism

With the belief that comes from winning, there is reasonable ground for optimism.

Congratulations this week must go to Fiona

O'Driscoll, who last Saturday won the Player of the Tournament in the inter-provincial series in Dublin.

At the post match function Peter Munton, Business Development Manager of Schwarzkopf (Irl.) Ltd. presented a delighted Fiona with a cheque for £1,000 to honour her club Fr. O'Neills.



# Rebels Clare the way

CORK remain on track to retain their All-Ireland senior camogie crown following a comfortable Munster final win over Clare at the Bodyke last night.

The Rebels ran out easy winners by 3-11 to 0-9, taking full advantage of a dream start compliments of a second-minute Miriam Deasy goal.

A second goal followed from Una O'Donoghue and by the

end of the first quarter, Cork led by 2-1 to 0-2.

Full credit to Clare, though, whose battling qualities saw them stay in touch and they trailed at the interval by just five points (2-5 to 0-6).

## Rampant

But the game was over within five minutes of the restart when the rampant Rebels struck five points in as many

minutes, while Clare could manage only a solitary point in reply.

Confirming their superiority, Cork hammered home a third goal, Lynn Dunlea finishing off an elaborate move.

Next on the agenda for the All-Ireland champions is a tricky assignment in Wexford on July 3, when they take on the home county in the All-Ireland semi-final.

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## Deasy's early goal puts Cork on track

Cork 3-11  
Clare 0-9

BOOSTED by a second minute goal from Miriam Deasy, champions Cork retained their Munster Senior Camogie Championship crown despite a determined Clare effort at Bodyke last evening.

Two points by the tenth minute from Maura McMahon brought Clare within a point of the champions but in the space of four short minutes Cork struck back with a Miriam Deasy point and an Una O'Donoghue goal to lead 2-1 to 0-2 after 15 minutes.

The remainder of the half was closely fought and with the sides exchanging points on several occasions Cork held an interval lead of 2-5 to 0-6.

Within five minutes of the restart Cork effectively killed off the Clare challenge scoring five points from Sarah Hayes (0-2), Lynn Dunlea, Linda Mellerick, and Sinead O'Callaghan to Clare's only reply which came from Erica Minogue.

With Cork now well in control their dominance was further reflected on the scoreboard when after good ap-

proach play Lynn Dunlea finished beautifully to the net. Maura McMahon did have two Clare points but it was left to Sinead O'Callaghan to close the scoring with a point to leave Cork worthy winners.

With good performances from Lynn Dunlea, Una O'Donoghue, Sarah Hayes and Sinead O'Callaghan, Cork have retained two of the three titles which they won last season.

Their attention now will be focused on retaining their All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship crown - which they begin their defence of on July 3 when they travel to meet Wexford.

Scorers, Cork: L. Dunlea 1-4 (0-4 frees), M. Deasy 1-1, U. O'Donoghue 1-0, S. Hayes 0-2 (0-1 free), S. O'Callaghan 0-2, L. Mellerick, V. Harris 0-1 each, Subs: U. Troy for L. O'Sullivan and P. O'Connor for S. Dunlea.

Clare: M. McMahon 0-7 (0-4 frees), P. O'Brien and E. Minogue 0-1 each.

CORK: C. Keoghane, S. Dunlea, E. Duggan, M. Finn, M. Burke, D. Cronin, V. Harris, L. Mellerick, M. O'Connor, S. O'Callaghan, S. Hayes, M. Deasy, L. Dunlea, U. O'Donoghue, L. O'Sullivan.

CLARE: A. McCormick, S. McMahon, S. Daly, B. McDonagh, S. O'Brien, M. Collins, C. Halley, M. McMahon, M. Cummins, E. Arthur, T. Murphy, E. Minogue, C. O'Loughlin, P. O'Brien, Sylvia O'Brien, Subs: U. Coillan for M. Cummins, M. Twomey for C. O'Loughlin.

Referee: Mr. John Morrissey (Tipperary).

## Cork overpower Clare to qualify for place in final

Cork 4-17  
Clare 0-0

by Mary Newman

DOMINANT in all sections of the game, the Cork Juniors managed to qualify with ease for the Munster Junior Camogie Championship Final when they totally overpowered a disappointing Clare side at Whitegate, Co. Clare yesterday afternoon.

From the throw-in, Cork dictated terms and, putting the Clare defence under constant pressure they led by five points after only 12 minutes into the opening half with scores coming from Valerie O'Sullivan, Una O'Donoghue, Criona Harte, Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes.

With their centre field pairing of Helen Walsh and Sarah

Hayes winning maximum possession, the supply was constant to the inside forwards. Fourteen minutes into the half, Valerie O'Sullivan rounded her marker and finished to the net.

Adding five further points, Cork led 1-10 to 0-0 at the interval. Continuing where they left off, Cork opened the second half in sparkling form, a goal and a point inside two minutes from Una O'Donoghue gave them a 2-11 lead and left Clare with a mountain to climb.

To their credit, they did battle on and at a number of times during the second half, they played some good camogie but they could not find a way past the Cork half back line of Ruth Callanan, Gill Hannon and Linda O'Connell, who were in total

control. With the forwards continuing to pick off the scores at ease, Cork ran out convincing winners.

Scorers, Cork: U. O'Donoghue 2-4, C. Harte 0-4, R. Moloney 0-4 (1 from free), V. O'Sullivan 1-1, G. Collins 1-1, C. Healy, R. Callanan, S. Hayes 0-1 each. CLARE: G. Casey, M. Harrington, R. Holland, S. Buckley, R. Callanan, J. Hannon, L. O'Connell, H. Walsh (capt.), S. Hayes, O. O'Sullivan, M. Corkery, V. O'Sullivan, U. O'Donoghue, C. Harte, R. Moloney, Subs: C. Healy for C. Harte, G. Collins for V. O'Sullivan, E. O'Halloran for S. Hayes.

CLARE: J. Flynn, P. Mollahan, E. O'Regan, M. McNamara, B. Liddy, C. Duggan, P. Rochford, M. Monahan, A. O'Regan, M. Leoney, C. McGrath, M. McNamara, O. Fitzgerald, K. Walsh, A. O'Brien.

Referee: J. Morrissey, Tipperary.

● The County Senior Championship game, Newtownshandrum v Carberry takes place tonight at Ballincollig at 7.30pm. The venue for tomorrow night's Glen Rovers v Iniscarra clash is Rathpeacon at 8.00pm.

# Féile na nGael '99

## WHO'S PLAYING WHO IN THE COCA-COLA FEILE NA nGAEL CAMOGIE COMPETITIONS

MUCH ON the interest in the Coca-Cola Féile na nGael camogie competition will focus on Oulart-The Ballagh as they bid to pick up a marvellous second successive Division 1 title.

### DIVISION 1

Section A: Rathnure v. Kinvara (Galway), in Rathnure, 9.30 a.m. (Marie Pollard); Buffers Alley v. Wolfe Tones (Clare), in Monamolin, 9.30 a.m. (Larry Cullen).

In Rathnure: Kinvara v. Wolfe Tones, 12 noon; Rathnure v. Buffers Alley, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Marie Pollard).

In Monamolin: Buffers Alley v. Kinvara, 5.30 p.m.; Rathnure v. Wolfe Tones, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: John Furlong).

Section B: Oulart-The Ballagh v. Templemore (Tipperary), in Oulart, 9.30 a.m. (John Pender); Monageer-Boalavogue v. Milford (Cork), in Monageer, 9.30 p.m. (Dorothy Kenny).

In Monageer: Milford v. Templemore, 12 noon; Oulart-The Ballagh v. Monageer-Boalavogue, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: John Pender).

In Oulart: Oulart-The Ballagh v. Milford, 5.30 p.m.; Monageer-Boalavogue v. Templemore, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: John Pender).

Semi-finals (Sat., June 26, in Gorey): winners A v. runners-up B, 11 a.m. (Jack O'Brien); winners B v. runners-up A, 11.30 a.m. (Biddy Phillips).

Final (Sun., June 27, 2.30 p.m.): in Bellefield (Biddy Phillips).

### DIVISION 2

Section A: Shamrocks v. Kinnitty (Offaly), in Fr. Murphy Park, 9.30 a.m. (Biddy Phillips); St. Martin's v. Ballyboden St. Enda's (Dublin), in Piercestown, 9.30 a.m. (James Flood).

In Fr. Murphy Park: Kinnitty v. Ballyboden St. Enda's, 12 noon; Shamrocks v. St. Martin's, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Biddy Phillips).

In Piercestown: St. Martin's v. Kinnitty, 5.30 p.m.; Shamrocks v. Ballyboden St. Enda's, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Biddy Phillips).

Section B: Duffry Rovers v. St. Lachtain's (Kilkenny), in Coolree, 9.30 a.m. (John Morrissey); St. Ibar's v. Harps (Laois), in Hollymount, 9.30 a.m. (John Murphy).

In Coolree: St. Lachtain's v. Harps, 12 noon; Duffry Rovers v. St. Ibar's, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: John Morrissey).

In Hollymount: St. Ibar's v. St. Lachtain's, 5.30 p.m.; Duffry Rovers v. Harps, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: John Morrissey).

Semi-finals (Sat., June 26, in Hollymount): winners A v. runners-up B, 11 a.m. (Marie Pollard); winners B v. runners-up A, 11.30 a.m. (Ray Quigley).

Final (Sun., June 27, 1.30 p.m.): in Bellefield (Jack O'Brien).

### DIVISION 3

Section A: Glynn-Barntown v. Delvin (Westmeath), in Killurin, 9.30 a.m. (John Furlong); Faythe Harriers v. St. Malachy's (Antrim), in Pairc Charman, 9.30 a.m. (Aine Derham).

In Pairc Charman: St. Malachy's v. Delvin, 12 noon; Faythe Harriers v. Glynn-Barntown, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Aine Derham).

In Killurin: Glynn-Barntown v. St. Malachy's, 5.30 p.m.; Faythe Harriers v. Delvin, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Aine Derham).

Section B: Oylegate v. Johnstownbridge (Kildare), in Oylegate, 9.30 a.m. (Tommy Roche); Ferns St. Aidan's v. Oran (Roscommon), in Ferns, 9.30 a.m. (Walter Byrne).

In Ferns: Oran v. Johnstownbridge, 12 noon;

Ferns St. Aidan's v. Oylegate, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Walter Byrne).

In Oylegate: Oylegate v. Oran, 5.30 p.m.; Ferns St. Aidan's v. Johnstownbridge, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Walter Byrne).

Section C: Blackwater v. Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick), in Blackwater, 9.30 a.m. (Martina Kelly); Rapparees v. St. Patrick's (Armagh), in Bellefield, 9.30 a.m. (Jack French).

In Blackwater: Granagh-Ballingarry v. St. Patrick's, 12 noon; Blackwater v. Rapparees, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Martina Kelly).

In Bellefield: Blackwater v. St. Patrick's, 5.30 p.m.; Rapparees v. Granagh-Ballingarry, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Martina Kelly).

Section D: Bunclogh v. Gaultier (Waterford), in Bunclogh, 9.30 a.m. (Eugene Carley); Cloughbawn v. Clonduff (Down), in Castleboro, 9.30 a.m. (Michael Gannon).

In Bunclogh: Gaultier v. Clonduff, 12 noon; Bunclogh v. Cloughbawn, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Eugene Carley).

In Castleboro: Cloughbawn v. Gaultier, 5.30 p.m.; Bunclogh v. Clonduff, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Eugene Carley).

Semi-finals (Sat., June 26, in Monamolin): winners A v. winners B, 11 a.m. (John Furlong); winners C v. winners D, 11.30 a.m. (Aine Derham).

Final (Sat., June 26, 7.15 p.m.): in Bellefield (John Furlong).

### DIVISION 4

Section A: Geraldine O'Hanrahans v. Kildavin (Carlow), in O'Kennedy Park, 9.30 a.m. (Betty Joyce); St. James v. Kiltegan (Wicklow), in Mersheen, 9.30 a.m. (Jim Morrissey).

In O'Kennedy Park: Kildavin v. Kiltegan, 12 noon; Geraldine O'Hanrahans v. St. James, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Betty Joyce).

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In Mersheen: St. James v. Kildavin, 5.30 p.m.; Geraldine O'Hanrahans v. Kiltegan, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Betty Joyce).

Section B: Bannow-Ballymitty v. Kilcolman (Kerry), in Grantstown, 9.30 a.m. (Jack O'Brien); Our Lady's Island v. Castleblayney (Monaghan), in Carne, 9.30 a.m. (John Denton).

In Grantstown: Kilcolman v. Castleblayney, 12 noon; Bannow-Ballymitty v. Our Lady's Island, 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: Jack O'Brien).

In Carne: Our Lady's Island v. Kilcolman, 5.30 p.m.; Bannow-Ballymitty v. Castleblayney, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: Jack O'Brien).

Section C: Taghmon-Camross v. Aodh Ruadh (Donegal), in Taghmon, 9.30 a.m. (John Codd); St. Mary's (Rosslare) v. Robert Emmets, Slaughtneil (Derry), in Rosslare Harbour, 9.30 a.m. (Ornagh Darcy).

In Taghmon: Aodh Ruadh v. Robert Emmets, 12 noon; Taghmon-Camross v. St. Mary's (Rosslare), 12.45 p.m. (Referee for both: John Codd).

In Rosslare Harbour: Taghmon-Camross v. Robert Emmets, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (Rosslare) v. Aodh Ruadh, 6.15 p.m. (Referee for both: John Codd).

Section D: Kilrush v. Marshalstown, in Ballyroe-buck, 9.30 a.m. (Claire Swaine).

Marshalstown v. Clonard, in Enniscorthy V.C., 12 noon (Claire Swaine).

Clonard v. Kilrush, in Coolcotts, 5.30 p.m. (Claire Swaine).

Semi-finals (Sat., June 26, in Coolree): winners A v. winners B, 11 a.m. (Walter Byrne); winners C v. winners D, 11.30 a.m. (John Pender).

Final (Sat., June 26, 8.15 p.m.): in Bellefield (Walter Byrne).



# Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

## Munster secure 14th Senior Gael Linn Title

The Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Championship took place on Saturday last at St. Anne's GAA Grounds, Bohernabreena. The four Provinces took part in both junior and senior.

Senior semi-finals: Connacht 1-13 Ulster 1-8

Scorers: Connacht: Collette Nevin and Aine Hillary 0-4 each, Veronica Curtin 1-0, Therese Maher 0-2, Fiona Ryan, Fiona Healy and Fiona Ryan 0-1.

Ulster: Mairin McAleenan 1-2, Mary Black 0-4, Joan Henderson and Jane Adams 0-1 each.

Munster 7-38 Leinster 0-4

Munster 1-18 Connacht 1-9

Munster retained the senior Cup for the sixth year in succession when they fought off a strong challenge from Connacht who were solely represented by Galway in the final.

Munster had many stars on show from the All-Ireland senior champions Cork. The first half was a ding dong battle with little separating the sides at any time. Veronica Curtin and Collette Nevin had some well taken points for Connacht while Vera Sheehan got the only goal of the half to put the sides level at the break: Munster 1-5 Connacht 0-8.

Munster got the upperhand in the early stages of the second half and dominated throughout with Connacht's goal coming ten minutes from time from Aoife Lynskey.

Scorers: Munster: Vera Sheehan 1-4, Lynn Dunlea 0-6, Deirdre Hughes and Sinead O'Callaghan 0-3 each, Noelle Kennedy and Linda Mellerick 0-1 each.

Connacht: Aoife Lynskey 1-0, Veronica Curtin and Collette Nevin 0-3 each, Therese Maher 0-2, Aine Hillary 0-1.

Munster Team: Cora Keohane, Claire Madden, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Mary O'Connor, Moira McMahon, Vivienne Harris, Yrsula Troy, Linda Mellerick, Noelle Kennedy, Fiona O'Driscoll, Sinead O'Callaghan, Lynn Dunlea, Deirdre Hughes, Vera Sheehan, Leonie Nolan, Paula O'Connor, Meadhbh Stokes, Emer McDonnell.

Connacht Team: Louise Curry, Fiona Ryan, Helan Ryan, Pamela Nevin (Capt), Ann Broderick, Olivia Broderick, Rita Broderick, Ann Hardiman, Aoife Lynskey, Tracey Laheen, Aine Hillary, Veronica Curtin, Fiona Healy, Collette Nevin, Caroline Murray, Sandra Tannian, Therese Maher, Michelle Fahy.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin

Fiona O'Driscoll, Munster was selected Schwarzkopf senior player of the Championship. Fiona received a replica of the Gael Linn Cup and a cheque for £1,000 also sponsored by Schwarzkopf for her club Fr. O'Neills, Cork.

Feile na nGael Division 1 Camogie

Wexford 1998

## 1998 was some year for Oulart/The Ballagh camogie club.

Winning the Coca-Cola Feile na nGael Division 1 camogie title was a tremendous achievement for the club. It was Wexford's first win in the top grade since Rathnure captured the inaugural camogie title in Limerick 24 years ago.

And the general consensus at the completion of the Feile was that this was the best of the nine finals without a shadow of doubt. It had everything that one could wish for, with the excitement at fever pitch as the lead changed hands on several occasions in a high-scoring encounter.

The final whistle was greeted with unconfined delight as Oulart/The Ballagh became the 16th Division 1 champions in the 25 year history of the competition. Joyous scenes were witnessed on the Bellefield pavilion in Enniscorthy as Oulart/The Ballagh captain Caroline Murphy was presented with the trophy by Phyllis Breslin, National Camogie President.

The club gained a lot of achievements during 1998, winning: U12 Championship, U14 league, U14 County A Championship, U16 league, U16 County A championship, Rachard league.

Great praise goes out to underage mentors/selectors Margaret Leacy, Anne Kirivan, Dave Sinnott, Pat Ryan and Aidan Moran. 1999 has also got off to a good start and hopefully Lady Luck will shine on the club in the upcoming Feile in June where we will have pleasure in hosting a team from Tipperary.

Compiled by Catherine Atkinson, PRO



Oulart/The Ballagh, All-Ireland feile champions. Front (L/R): Karen Atkinson, Claire Sinnott, Sharon Kehoe, Una Leacy, Emma Moran, Tracey McCormack, Tanya Stamp, Elaine Dempsey. Back (L/R): Dave Sinnott, Carena O'Dowd, Becky Parle, Sheena Atkinson, Ursula Jacob, Ciara Nolan, Mary Leacy, Ciara O'Connor, Caroline Murphy, Marie Mythen, Anita Doyle, Elaine Doyle, Mary Doyle, Aidan Moran and Margaret Leacy



Coachford NS Seilath Na Scol Camogie Champions, following their brave win over Ballinspittle in the final, with teachers Mary Buckley (left) and Lynn Dunlea.

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# Ballyboden celebrate National Feile glory

**A BONFIRE** blazed on the Firhouse Road to welcome home Ballyboden St. Enda's, complete with a Garda escort, and the Division 2 National Feile na nGael trophy last Sunday night.

In the clubhouse, it was standing room only as the Boden girls were suitably feted. Not since 1983, when Crumlin won it, has the Feile Division 2 crown stayed in Dublin.

## CAMOGIE By NIAL SCULLY

And the achievement marked the first ever National camogie prize captured by the club, who, through hard work and dedication, have been setting remarkably high standards in Dublin in all codes.

Boden were backboned by five players from this year's Dublin U-14 team, Jill Seery, Aoife Scallan, Sarah Pope, Grace Fee and Boden's only survivor from

last season's Feile, Ciara Lucey.

Reaching the Final in Wexford, Boden emerged from four matches to meet Harps of Laois. Boden were quietly confident approaching the Final as, in the earlier stages, Harps had been defeated by Wexford's St. Martin's, who Boden overcame.

Under the management of Jim Cremin, Mona O'Sullivan and Anne Scallan, two Lucey points, one from a free, had the Dubliners ahead at the break,

0-2 to no reply in the Final, Boden having struck eight wides.

Lucey scored another free before Mary Cleere registered a Harps point. It was all pretty tense, but five minutes from time, Jill Seery scored the golden goal that granted Ballyboden the 1-3 to 0-1 result.

There was no prouder Dub in Bellefield than Camogie President, Phyllis Breslin, as Boden became only the second Dublin club to secure the Division 2 award.

● July 16 is the date for the Dublin Senior Championship semi-finals: Ballyboden v Erin's Isle, St. Vincent's v Good Counsel.

## FIXTURES

**TONIGHT (7.30):** Inter Naomh Bhrí v Portobello, Clontarf v Kilmacud Crokes, Craobh Chloirín v Clonsilla Gael.

**THURSDAY (7.30):** Sen B: Naomh Padraig v Ballyboden St. Enda's, Naomh Meamrog v Good Counsel, O'Toole's v St. Mark's, Skerries Harps v St. Anne's, St. Jude's v St. Vincent's.

**SUNDAY (11.0):** Jun B: Na Fionna v Lilley Gaels, Lucan Sarsfield v Raheny, Naomh Fionbarra v O'Dwyer's, Erin's Isle v St. Mark's, St. Vincent's v Commercial.

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## Millford sadly lose out to Oulart in Division 1 Camogie



Feile finalists: The Millford team at the Feile Na nGael in Enniscorthy, Co Wexford on Sunday. Millford were unlucky to lose to Oulart in the final of the Division 1 Camogie. Picture: PJ Browne



Blackwater won the 'Best Wexford camogie banner' award, and Mick Gray collected the prize from national Camogie President, Phyllis Breslin. Looking on were Senan Lillis, national camogie Secretary Sile Wallace and county camogie Secretary Anne O'Brien.

## FEILE

### 29th Coca-Cola Feile na nGael

Results: Div 1 Hurling - Eire Og, Clara 3-11, Glen Rovers, Cork 0-3; Div 2: De La Salle, Waterford 5-9, Our Lady's Island, Wexford 4-4; Div 3: St. Patrick's, Wexford 2-4, Keady, Armagh 2-3 (aet); Div 4: Loch Forbes Gaels, Longford 3-6, Clongeen, Wexford 3-0; Div 5: Bannow-Ballymitty, Wexford 4-2, Ballygarrett, Wexford 0-3.  
Div 1 Camogie: Oulart-the-Ballagh, Wexford 2-3, Millford, Cork 0-0; Div 2: Ballyboden St. Enda's, Dublin 1-3, Harps, Laois 0-1; Div 3: Granagh, Longford 6-1, Oran, Roscommon 1-0; Div 4: Killeegan, Wicklow 6-0, Robert Emmetts, Derry 2-1.



□ **BALLYBODEN ST. ENDA'S:** winners of the National Feile na nGael Div 2 title: (back, from left): Jim Cremin (mentor), Carmel Cremin, Ciara Lucey, Roisin Barrett, Aisling Hayes, Avril Brady, Aoife Scallan, Ciara McDermott, Ellis Smith, Grace Fee, Julie Hogan, Joanne Cummins, Siobhan Moriarty, Mona O'Sullivan, Anne Scallan (mentors). (Front, from left): Sinead Treacy, Kathryn Corrigan, Sarah Pope, Fiona O'Sullivan, Mary Hyland, Jennifer Sinnott, Aoife Tobin, Zoe Feenan, Ciara Dolan, Emma Seery, Sinead Clarke, Jill Seery. See story below.



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## Trip to Slaneyside for the All Ireland camogie champions



Laura Noonan of St Catherine's Camogie Club, Conna, Co. Cork, was the winner of the U14 Feile Skills 99 competition held recently.

## Rebel girls are league champs

CORK came out best after a tough, hard fought Munster Senior championship final at Bodyke on Wednesday evening last.

A Linda Mellerick goal two minutes into the game gave the holders a dream start and by the tenth minute Moira McMahon had cut the deficit to just one point.

But in the space of four minutes Cork struck with a Miriam Deasy point and a classy Una O'Donoghue goal to lead 2-1 to 0-2 half way through the opening half.

In the second-half, with Cork's Linda Mellerick dominating at centrefield, the Leesiders pressed forward from the throw-in. Five points on the trot gave them a comfortable 2-10 to 0-6 lead before Erica Minogue had Clare's opening score of the half.

But any chance of a revival was quickly squashed by a Cork defence who kept a tight rein on their opponents.

Lynn Dunlea's eight minute goal finished the Banner county's challenge when she struck for Cork's third goal.

Moira McMahon did have two Clare points but it was left to Sinead O'Callaghan to bring proceedings to a close with a Cork point to give the Leesiders their 48th Munster senior championship title.

With relative ease, Cork qualified for the Munster Junior camogie championship final when they totally outclassed a poor Clare side at Whitegate, Co. Clare on Sunday evening last.

A Valerie O'Sullivan point two minutes into the game set the trend for what was to follow. With Cork dominating they led 1-10 to no score at the interval. It was game, set and match.



The Belgooly team which defeated Ballygarvan in the Sciath na Scol finals recently.

# Cork prepare for a Wexford battle

**I**T'S full steam ahead on the inter-county scene over the weekend and all eyes will be on the senior team who open the defence of their All Ireland crown with a trip to Wexford on Saturday next July 3rd.

Cork will go into the game as raging favourites following the retention of their National League and Munster championship crowns.

When the sides met in the National League on Easter Sunday at the same venue, Cork ran out convincing winners on a 7-15 to 1-3 scoreline. However, championship is another matter and Wexford will be going into the game with nothing to lose.

The county last won a senior title in 1975 and last contested an All Ireland senior final in 1994 losing out to Kilkenny, but the following year took the minor title when a side captained by Aine Codd defeated Galway.

The Cork side has adjusted well to the 15-a-side game as it suits the Cork style of play with the wide open spaces giving the players plenty of space with the fitter and more skilful benefiting enormously.

Cork are led by northside girl Vivienne Harris who plays her club camogie with the Bishopstown club.

## MAGIC MOMENTS

SINEAD Nealon captained Tipperary to take their first All-Ireland title in 1990.

She is a daughter of Donie Nealon, former Tipperary great and Secretary of the Munster Council of the GAA.

Sinead played a starring role on the day.

A winner of the All Ireland Feile Na nGael skills title in 1991 she has already led Cork to National league and Munster titles this year.

The holder of two senior county championship medals with her club Bishopstown, Viv is also an accomplished kick-boxer and has represented her country on the international stage in the sport.

### Voted

She is the holder of three All Ireland senior medals and she was voted player of the All Ireland senior final in 1998 when Cork defeated Galway.

**CORK SENIOR PANEL:** Cora Keohane (Barryroe), Eithne Duggan (Bishop-



Vivienne Harris leads Cork.

town), Mag Finn (Fr. O'Neills), Denise Cronin (Glen Rovers), Mary Burke (Glen Rovers), Paula O'Connor (Newtownshandrum), Stephanie Dunlea (Cloughduv), Vivienne Harris (Bishopstown C), Mary O'Connor (Glenagh-Ballingarry), Sinead O'Callaghan (Bishopstown), Linda Mellerick (Glen Rovers), Lynn Dunlea (Cloughduv), Sarah Hayes (Coursey Rovers), Ursula Troy (Newtownshandrum), Una O'Donoghue (Cloughduv), Miriam Deasy (Kilbrittan), Linda O'Sullivan

(Ballinhassig), Trisha Doyle (Bishopstown), Rachel Maloney (Coursey Rovers), Ciara Healy (Bishopstown), Helen Walsh (Eire Og), Caoimhe Harrington (Newtownshandrum), Leonie Nolan (Inniscarra).

With all sections in the under-14 B league having reached their conclusion, we now look forward to the final stages which will take place over the next fortnight with good games anticipated.

Section E finished with three teams, Brian Dillons, Mayfield and Watergrass-hill on level points, therefore a three way play-off is necessary to determine who qualifies.

In Section B Newcestown go forward as runners up in the group.

The draws were made as follows: play-offs for quarter-final places: Killeagh v Youghal, Section E runners-up v Douglas, Newcestown v Kildorrey, Eire Og v Ballyhea, quarter-finals: Barryroe v Eire Og or Ballyhea, Winners Section E v Newcestown or Kildorrey, Carrigaline v Killeagh or Youghal, Rockbawn v Section E runners up or Douglas.

The senior county championship continues next week when Seandun and Fr. O'Neill's meet on Tuesday evening at Caherlag.

## Pat's the main man

**HISTORY** was made recently with the election of Cork Camogie Board's first male county secretary.

Pat Murray from the Bishopstown club stepped into the breach when Shirley Maloney had to relinquish the post, having taken up new employment abroad.

For many years, male delegates were not permitted to attend at county board meetings but following a motion to convention from Mr Murray's club the rule was rescinded.

Pat Murray is no stranger to camogie followers.

Last season he was a selector with the victorious Cork senior team who took All Ireland honours.

This season as well as being a selector, Pat is also the coach to the junior team.

An active member of the Bishopstown club, Pat is very involved with the underage section and has also officiated as a referee.



# Coca-Cola Féile na nGael '99



## ALL THE RESULTS FROM A WONDERFUL WEEKEND OF SPORTING ACTION

### DIVISION 1 HURLING

**Section A:** Glen Rovers (Cork) 4-11, Rathnure 0-1; James Stephens (Kilkenny) 4-16, HWH Buncloody 1-2; Rathnure 3-6, HWH Buncloody 1-8; Glen Rovers 1-7, James Stephens 1-6; Glen Rovers 4-14, HWH Buncloody 2-6; James Stephens 3-4, Rathnure 2-3.

**Section B:** Valley Rovers (Cork) 3-4, St. Martin's 1-2; Tommy Larkins (Galway) 5-4, Geraldine O'Hanrahans 1-3; St. Martin's 4-11, Geraldine O'Hanrahans 0-0; Tommy Larkins 5-5, Valley Rovers 0-2; Valley Rovers 3-4, Geraldine O'Hanrahans 1-2; Tommy Larkins 3-10, St. Martin's 3-2.

**Section C:** Eire Og (Clare) 5-4, Duffry Rovers 1-3; Ferns St. Aidan's 4-7, Carrick Swans (Tipperary) 2-1; Ferns St. Aidan's 1-8, Duffry Rovers 0-5; Eire Og 7-10, Carrick Swans 0-5; Carrick Swans 4-6, Duffry Rovers 2-1; Eire Og 7-11, Ferns St. Aidan's 0-2.

**Section D:** Doon (Limerick) 3-10, Oulart-The Ballagh 1-7; St. Brigid's (Dublin) 4-1, Naomh Anna 0-2; Naomh Anna 2-6, Oulart-The Ballagh 2-3; St. Brigid's 3-0, Doon 1-5; Doon 5-3, Naomh Anna 1-4; St. Brigid's 1-7, Oulart-The Ballagh 0-5.

**Semi-finals:** Glen Rovers 1-6, Tommy Larkins 5 (after extra-time); Eire Og 2-11, St. Brigid's 1.

**Final:** Eire Og 3-11, Glen Rovers 0-3.

### DIVISION 2 HURLING

**Section A:** Shamrocks 3-5, Ballycran (Down) 3; Birr (Offaly) 3-8, Rapparees 2-8; Rapparees 1, Shamrocks 1-0; Birr 5-4, Ballycran 0-2; Rapparees 11-11, Ballycran 1-2; Birr 4-9, Shamrocks 3.

**Section B:** De La Salle (Waterford) 2-10, Horeswood 0-3; Ballyduff (Kerry) 1-9, Faythe Harriers 1-3; Faythe Harriers 5-5, Horeswood 4-1; De La Salle 2-7, Ballyduff 2-6; De La Salle 7-14, Faythe Harriers 0-3; Ballyduff 3-4, Horeswood 3.

**Section C:** Castletown-Geoghegan (Westmeath) 5, Kilmore 2-2; Harps (Laois) 1-3, Shelmaliers 2; Kilmore 1-8, Shelmaliers 0-3; Harps 2-6, Castletown-Geoghegan 1-8; Shelmaliers 2-3, Castletown-Geoghegan 2-1; Kilmore 2-9, Harps 2-6.

**Section D:** St. John's (Antrim) 12-12, St. Mary's (Rosslare) 0-0; Our Lady's Island 5-3, St. Patrick's (Wicklow) 4-5; Our Lady's Island 4-9, St. Patrick's (Rosslare) 0-1; St. John's 4-2, St. Patrick's 0-3; Our Lady's Island 3-6, St. John's 1-1; Patrick's 5-8, St. Mary's (Rosslare) 1-0.

**Semi-finals:** De La Salle 4-4, Birr 3-3; Our Lady's Island 0-6, Kilmore 0-4 (after extra-time).

**Final:** De La Salle 5-9, Our Lady's Island 4-4.

### DIVISION 3 HURLING

**Section A:** St. Mary's (Derry) 4-7, Monageer-Boalavogue 1-0; Muinebhag (Carlow) 3-3, Marshalstown-Castledockrell 2-3; Marshalstown-Castledockrell 4-8, Monageer-Boalavogue 0-2; Muinebhag 3-2, St. Mary's 2-4; St. Mary's 0-9, Marshalstown-Castledockrell 1-5; Muinebhag 5, Monageer-Boalavogue 0-1.

**Section B:** Pearse Og (Louth) 0-5, Craanford 3; St. Patrick's 2-3, Navan O'Mahonys (Meath) 4; St. Patrick's 1-4, Craanford 1-3; Navan O'Mahonys 5-2, Pearse Og 1-1; St. Patrick's 7-9, Pearse Og 0-3; Navan O'Mahonys 5-9, Craanford 1.

**Section C:** Four Roads (Roscommon) 2-9, Damastown 1-3; Cloughbawn 5-3, Burt (Donegal) 0-3; Cloughbawn 4-3, Adamstown 1-1; Four Roads 1-10, Burt 1-4; Four Roads 4-4, Cloughbawn 2-1; Burt 2-1, Adamstown 0-6.

**Section D:** Keady Lamh Dearg (Armagh) 2-6, Athard 1-2; St. Anne's 4-3, Confey (Kildare) 1-4; Anne's 7-3, Fethard 2-1; Keady Lamh Dearg 7, Confey 1-3; Keady Lamh Dearg 2-5, St. Anne's 0-2; Confey 4-7, Fethard 1-3.

**Semi-finals:** St. Patrick's 0-5, Muinebhag 0-0; Keady Lamh Dearg 2-3, Four Roads 0-4.

**Final:** St. Patrick's 2-4, Keady Lamh Dearg 2-3 (after extra-time).

### DIVISION 4 HURLING

**Section A:** Oylegate-Glenbrien 2-1, Carrickmore (Tyrone) 0-7; Loughforbes Gaels (Longford) 4-12, Crossabeg-Ballymurn 1-1; Oylegate-Glenbrien 2-3, Crossabeg-Ballymurn 1-6; Loughforbes Gaels 4-2, Carrickmore 1-8; Carrickmore 1-8, Loughforbes Gaels 4-2.



■ Ferns St. Aidan's, winners of the 'best Wexford camogie banner', pictured before the commencement of the Coca-Cola Féile na nGael parade from Blackstoops.

rickmore 1-9, Crossabeg-Ballymurn 1-6; Oylegate-Glenbrien 4-8, Loughforbes Gaels 2-4.

**Section B:** Askamore 6-8, Ballyhaunis (Mayo) 2-2; Buffers Alley 2-9, London 0-1; Buffers Alley 4-2, Askamore 1-3; London 1-5, Ballyhaunis 1-3; Buffers Alley 3-7, Ballyhaunis 0-4; Askamore 4-7, London 3-3.

**Section C:** Glynn-Barntown 4-14, Ballinamore (Leitrim) 0-1; Castleblayney Faughs (Monaghan) 1-5, Rathgarogue-Cushinstown 1-2; Glynn-Barntown 4-8, Rathgarogue-Cushinstown 3-0; Castleblayney Faughs 8-3, Ballinamore 0-0; Rathgarogue-Cushinstown 8-3, Ballinamore 1-1; Glynn-Barntown 5-3, Castleblayney Faughs 2-3.

**Section D:** Gusserane 3-11, Setanta (Donegal) 3-0; Clongeen 3-5, Erne Gaels (Fermanagh) 1-0; Clongeen 5-6, Gusserane 1-3; Setanta 0-14, Erne Gaels 0-9; Clongeen 6-7, Setanta 1-2; Gusserane 5-10, Erne Gaels 0-0.

**Semi-finals:** Loughforbes Gaels 1-4, Buffers Alley 0-5; Clongeen 0-6, Glynn-Barntown 0-2.

### DIVISION 5 HURLING

**Section A:** Clonard 3-5, St. Mullins (Carlow) 0-1; Blackwater 7-5, Mullahoran (Cavan) 1-1; Clonard 3-10, Blackwater 0-1; St. Mullins 3-6, Mullahoran 1-1; Blackwater 5-4, St. Mullins 4-3; Clonard 1-7, Mullahoran 2-2.

**Section B:** St. James 6-5, Warwickshire 0-2; Bannow-Ballymitty 1-11, Ballyhogue 0-1; Ballyhogue 3-4, St. James 3-2; Bannow-Ballymitty 7-10, Warwickshire 2-2; Ballyhogue 4-4, Warwickshire 2-1; Bannow-Ballymitty 6-6, St. James 2-0.

**Section C:** Taghmon-Camross 3-2, St. Kevin's (Wicklow) 1-1; Davidstown-Courtmacuddy 1-4, Tubbercurry (Sligo) 0-1; Davidstown-Courtmacuddy 0-3, Taghmon-Camross 0-0; Tubbercurry 4-3, St. Kevin's 3-3; Davidstown-Courtmacuddy 6-8, St. Kevin's 3-1; Taghmon-Camross 2-4, Tubbercurry 1-1.

**Section D:** Ballygarrett 1-5, Tramore (Waterford) 1-3; Ballyfad 2-2, Liam Mellows 1-5; Ballygarrett 3-5, Ballyfad 1-2; Tramore 2-6, Liam Mellows 2-5; Ballyfad 2-3, Tramore 1-2; Liam Mellows 2-3, Ballygarrett 0-1.

**Semi-finals:** Bannow-Ballymitty 4-8, Clonard 0-1; Ballygarrett 4-3, Davidstown-Courtmacuddy 3-1.

**Final:** Bannow-Ballymitty 4-2, Ballygarrett 0-3.

### DIVISION 1 CAMOGIE

**Section A:** Kinvara (Galway) 2-1, Rathnure 0-1;

Buffers Alley 4-2, Wolfe Tones (Clare) 2-0; Kinvara 4-1, Wolfe Tones 0-0; Rathnure 2-6, Buffers Alley 0-0; Kinvara 3-1, Buffers Alley 1-1; Rathnure 4-6, Wolfe Tones 1-0.

**Section B:** Oulart-The Ballagh 6-6, Templemore (Tipperary) 1-0; Milford (Cork) 6-5, Monageer-Boalavogue 0-0; Milford 4-5, Templemore 2-1; Oulart-The Ballagh 7-7, Monageer-Boalavogue 0-0; Oulart-The Ballagh 3-3, Milford 2-2; Templemore 8-8, Monageer-Boalavogue 0-1.

**Semi-finals:** Milford 5-2, Kinvara 1-2; Oulart-The Ballagh 3-3, Rathnure 1-1.

**Final:** Oulart-The Ballagh 2-3, Milford 0-0.

### DIVISION 2 CAMOGIE

**Section A:** Kinnitty (Offaly) 1-0, Shamrocks 0-0; Ballyboden St. Enda's (Dublin) 2-1, St. Martin's 0-0; Ballyboden St. Enda's 5-0, Kinnitty 0-0; St. Martin's 2-0, Shamrocks 0-0; St. Martin's 4-0, Kinnitty 0-0; Ballyboden St. Enda's w.o., Shamrocks scr.

**Section B:** Duffry Rovers 2-2, St. Lachtain's (Kilkenny) 1-2; Harps 1-4 (Laois), St. Ibar's 0-0; Harps 2-0, St. Lachtain's 1-0; Duffry Rovers 2-1, St. Ibar's 0-0; St. Lachtain's 4-3, St. Ibar's 1-0; Harps 2-2, Duffry Rovers 1-2.

**Semi-finals:** Ballyboden St. Enda's 1-4, Duffry Rovers 1-0; Harps 3-1, St. Martin's 1-0.

**Final:** Ballyboden St. Enda's 1-3, Harps 0-1.

### DIVISION 3 CAMOGIE

**Section A:** Glynn-Barntown 1-0, Delvin (Westmeath) 0-1; St. Malachy's (Antrim) 2-2, Faythe Harriers 2-1; St. Malachy's 1-3, Delvin 1-0; Glynn-Barntown 1-0, Faythe Harriers 0-1; St. Malachy's 3-3, Glynn-Barntown 0-1; Faythe Harriers 5-1, Delvin 1-0.

**Section B:** Johnstownbridge (Kildare) 3-0, Oylegate 0-1; Oran (Roscommon) 2-3, Ferns St. Aidan's 0-0; Oran 4-0, Johnstownbridge 0-0; Ferns St. Aidan's 4-0, Oylegate 2-1; Oran 2-2, Oylegate 1-1; Ferns St. Aidan's 1-2, Johnstownbridge 0-2.

**Section C:** Granagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) 8-0, Blackwater 0-0; St. Patrick's (Armagh) 5-2, Rapparees 1-0; Granagh-Ballingarry 2-3, St. Patrick's 1-2; Rapparees 1-2, Blackwater 1-1; St. Patrick's 9-4, Blackwater 0-1; Granagh-Ballingarry 3-0, Rapparees 0-0.

**Section D:** Gaultier (Waterford) 4-6, Buncloody 0-0; Clonduff (Down) 8-2, Cloughbawn 0-0; Gaultier 1-4, Clonduff 1-1; Cloughbawn 3-1, Buncloody 2-0; Gaultier 5-7, Cloughbawn 0-1; Clonduff 7-6, Buncloody 0-0.

**Semi-finals:** Oran 2-5, St. Malachy's 2-3; Granagh-Ballingarry 3-1, Gaultier 2-0.

**Final:** Granagh-Ballingarry 6-1, Oran 1-0.

### DIVISION 4 CAMOGIE

**Section A:** Kildavin (Carlow) 1-2, Geraldine O'Hanrahans 1-0; Kiltegan (Wicklow) 12-2, St. James 0-0; Kiltegan 9-2, Kildavin 0-0; Geraldine O'Hanrahans 4-3, St. James 0-0; Kildavin 3-3, St. James 0-0; Kiltegan 12-3, Geraldine O'Hanrahans 0-0.

**Section B:** Bannow-Ballymitty 2-0, Kilcolman (Kerry) 1-0; Castleblayney (Monaghan) 8-1, Our Lady's Island 0-0; Castleblayney 6-2, Kilcolman 1-0; Bannow-Ballymitty 3-2, Our Lady's Island 1-0; Kilcolman 3-1, Our Lady's Island 0-0; Castleblayney 2-2, Bannow-Ballymitty 0-0.

**Section C:** Taghmon-Camross 1-0, Aodh Ruadh (Donegal) 1-0; Robert Emmets (Derry) 9-0, St. Mary's (Rosslare) 0-0; Robert Emmets 3-1, Aodh Ruadh 0-0; St. Mary's (Rosslare) 4-2, Taghmon-Camross 0-0; Robert Emmets 9-5, Taghmon-Camross 0-0; St. Mary's (Rosslare) 2-3, Aodh Ruadh 1-1.

**Section D:** Marshalstown 2-0, Kilrush 1-0; Clonard 2-6, Marshalstown 0-0; Clonard 2-6, Kilrush 0-0.

**Semi-finals:** Kiltegan 1-1, Castleblayney 1-0; Robert Emmets 2-1, Clonard 0-0.

**Final:** Kiltegan 6-0, Robert Emmets 2-1.

### HANDBALL

**Boys 40 x 20 Division 1:** Coolboy (Wicklow) beat Kilworth (Cork) 42-14; skills winner, Jason Doyle (Coolboy); runner-up, Gary McCrory (Carrickmore, Tyrone).

**Boys 40 x 20 Division 2:** Kells (Meath) beat Touraneena (Waterford) 21-5, 21-3; skills winner, Paul Moran (Leixlip, Kildare); runner-up, Brian Mulhall (Motheil, Kilkenny).

**Boys 40 x 20 Division 3:** Garryhill (Carlow) beat Castlebridge 42-25; skills winner, Gerry Kane (Garryhill); runner-up, Diarmuid Smyth (Castlebridge).

**Girls 40 x 20 Division 1:** Ballymacelligott (Kerry) beat Coolboy (Wicklow) 11-6 in tie-break; skills winner, Maria Daly (Ballymore, Kildare); runner-up, Patricia Doyle (Coolboy).

**Girls 40 x 20 Division 2:** Naomh Mhuire (Kildare) beat Garryhill (Carlow) 29-22; skills winner, Eimear Fallon (Naomh Mhuire); runner-up, Ciara Mullins (Garryhill).

**Boys 60 x 30 Division 1:** Ballymacelligott (Kerry) beat Clogh (Kilkenny); skills winner, Ger Coonan (Ballina, Tipperary); runner-up, Garry O'Connor (Ballymacelligott).

**Boys 60 x 30 Division 2:** Templeudigan beat Hospital (Limerick) 42-13; skills winner, Dermot Flynn (Templeudigan); runner-up, Liam O'Toole (Hospital).

### SPECIAL AWARDS

**All-Ireland hurling skills final:** 1, James Fitzpatrick (Shamrocks, Kilkenny), 52 points from a possible 56; 2, Conor O'Brien (Eire Og, Annacarty, Tipperary), 44 points; 3, Damien Bergin (Clough-Ballacolla, Laois), 38 points. Wexford rep. Padraig Cullen of St. James finished an impressive seventh with a total of 34 points.

**All-Ireland camogie skills final:** 1, Cathy Bowes (Cappataggle, Galway); 2, Aoife Neary (James Stephens, Kilkenny); 3, Elaine Fox (Myshall, Carlow). Roisin Donohoe of Naomh Anna was in ninth position.

**Tomás Ó Murchú Memorial Trophy (for the most skilful hurler in the Féile):** James Gallagher (Eire Og, Clare).

**Best Wexford hurling banner:** Marshalstown-Castledockrell.

**Best visiting hurling banner:** Harps (Laois).

**Best Wexford camogie banner:** Ferns St. Aidan's.

**Best visiting camogie banner:** Kilcolman (Kerry).

**Best dressed hurling team:** St. Mary's (Rosslare).

**Best dressed camogie team:** St. Ibar's.

**Primary schools quiz final:** 1, Monaseed N.S. (Stevie Greene, Michael O'Loughlin, Lee Howard, James Breen); 2, Galbally N.S. (Callum Thomas, Patrick O'Leary, Nigel Dunne, Niall Maher); 3, Rathgarogue N.S. (Una and Therese Grace, Thomas and Dominic Murphy).



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■ The Oulart-The Ballagh squad pictured before they retained their All-Ireland Féile na nGael Division 1 camogie title on Sunday last.



■ Oulart-The Ballagh captain, Mary Leacy, receives the Division 1 camogie trophy from national President Phyllis Breslin and Allie Lydon, General Manager of Coca-Cola. Looking on is Damien Wallace, Lord Mayor of Cork, who attended Sunday's finals in Bellefield.



■ St. Ibar's were winners of the 'best Wexford camogie banner' award. Club official John Furlong receives the prize from Allie Lydon of Coca-Cola, watched by Sile Wallace, national Camogie Secretary, Peggy Kelly of St. Ibar's, and Phyllis Breslin, national Camogie President.

#### Division 1 camogie

Oulart-The Ballagh 2-3, Milford (Cork) 0-0. Ursula Jacob was the scoring heroine for Oulart-The Ballagh as they retained their Division 1 camogie crown with a clearcut win over Cork champions, Milford, in Bellefield on Sunday last.

The game never reached the heights of last year's epic against Templemore (Tipperary), but that was no fault of the Oulart-The Ballagh girls who dominated from the early stages.

Jacob, daughter of Wexford's first All-Star, Mick, opened their account from a fourth minute free, and she added a further brace of points before the break (0-3 to

nil).

On the rare occasions when Milford threatened, they were repelled by a rock-solid defence marshalled by Mary Leacy. And a sweet success was crowned in the second-half when Una Leacy and Ursula Jacob grabbed well-taken goals.

Oulart-The Ballagh: Carina O'Dowd; Rebecca Parle, Mary Doyle, Tracy McCormack; Elaine Dempsey, Mary Leacy (capt.), Karen Atkinson; Emma Moran, Sharon Kehoe; Sarah Jo Sinnott, Ursula Jacob (1-3, 0-2 frees), Una Leacy (1-0); Nicola Sinnott, Tanya Stamp, Clare Sinnott. Subs. - Sheena Atkinson, Stacey Redmond, Christine Fortune, Kerrie Dunne, Grace Walsh, Marguerite Harris, Ashleigh O'Dowd, Gemma Moore, Catriona Kehoe.

#### CAMOGIE

Cork scored a great victory over Clare in the semi-final of the Munster junior camogie championship at Whategate, Co. Clare, on Sunday last. Playing brilliantly at full-back, Rosalie Holland ensured a clean sheet for the Cork rear-guard and her fellow Barryroe player Geraldine Collins scored a goal and a point. Behind Rosalie in goal was her Clonakilty College team mate Geraldine Casey of Inniscarra. Also on the team were two Courcey girls, Rachel Moloney, whose family has many connections in Barryroe, and Sarah Hayes, both of whose grandparents are from Barryroe and incidentally her late grandmother, Hannie Hayes (nee Whelton), who died recently, was a prominent member of the old Barryroe camogie team of the 'Thirties.



CLARE'S VINCENT (ST WILLIAM'S NS): Stared for Dublin camogie team against Belfast. Her dad, Mick, coaches in James's St CBS and was a distinguished player with St. Mark's.

My name is Pauline Cunningham, I played mid-field in the INTO mini-sevens Eastern camogie league in Tramore. I go to school in Dunhill NS.

When the teacher told me that the league was starting, I was delighted.

We won our first game against Passage by a few points in the end. The sun was blazing down so I had a hard job to keep running. I knew the next match against the "Mercy" was going to be hard. At half time the scores were even but we finally won in the end.

After a tough game against St Saviour's we were into the eastern final. We won the match against Butterstown by a narrow margin. I was delighted that we were in the county final. Our teacher Mrs Flynn was also delighted.

Up against Lismore who had beaten us last year, we had another chance to be county champions. At full time the scores were level. I knew I really had to up my game. In the end we won by a goal and a point. I was overjoyed that we had won.

As the regional finals were on in Clonmel, cars were lined up outside the school waiting to bring us. I knew this was not a league but trials for people to play on All Ireland day. I had to play me best to impress the selectors.

We won two of our four games against Cork, Kerry, Limerick and Tipperary. Mrs Flynn and our parents were very proud. It was a memorable day.



Dunhill NS, who defeated Lismore in the county final of the INTO mini-sevens camogie. Front row (from left): Ms Nora Flynn, NT, Charlotte Ralen, Stephanna Power, Sadhbh Dunphy. Middle Row: Maura Comerford, April O'Meara, Pauline Cunningham. Back Row: Linda Murphy, Margaret Cunningham (chairperson of Cumann na mBunscol, Co Phortlárige) and Nicola Kellher.



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Peter Munton of Schwarzkopf presents Fiona O'Driscoll with the inter-provincial senior player of the tournament. Also included is Mary Connor vice president Cumann Camogiechta na Gael.

# Rebel juggernaut on the road again

**T**OMORROW afternoon the Cork juggernaut pulls out yet again.

The reigning All-Ireland champions set out on what can be another triumphant march.

And it's an experience, which is likely to prove painful for Wexford.

In truth the Slaneysiders are unlikely to prove a match for the Rebel County.

The rampant Reds have already retained two of last years silverware collection and appear firmly on course to retain the third, the O'Duffy Cup, next September.

Cork's Fiona O'Driscoll has no intention of taking anything for granted, though.

## Cautious

The recently appointed secondary teacher in Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig, said: "We beat them comfortably in the league and the neutral would obviously expect Cork to win."

"However, every obstacle has to be overcome, therefore you have to take all teams seriously."

For aeons of time up to the end of the 80's, Kilkenny were the dominant force in camogie.

Now they are like the vast majority - merely outsiders looking in.

There's no doubt, however, the Cats would love to loosen Cork's stranglehold on the O'Duffy Cup.

## Champions should carry too much firepower for Wexford



Glen Rovers' Linda Mellerick is vital to Cork hopes as they take on Wexford tomorrow.



Therese O'Callaghan

Earlier in the year, they engaged the services of Dave Mahedy (former fitness instructor to the Limerick senior hurling team) to help prepare for their head-to-head with Galway in two weeks time.

Fiona too remembers the new Kilkenny trainer from her days in college.

However, even allowing for Mahedy's influence, she fancies Galway to win this contest.

"I was very impressed with Galway when they represented Connacht in the recent inter-provincial series."

The westerners also weeded out their management earlier in the season, and now have Tommy Coen at the helm.

Another mouth watering pairing is that of Tipperary and Clare, who meet on Saturday week.

## Assistance

Best forgotten for their league final display, Colm Bonnar has come on board in an attempt to steer the blue and gold to greater heights.

Fiona recalls how Cork were pushed all the way when the sides met in the Munster

semi-final. The same could be said of last weeks Munster final when the Leesiders met Clare.

The Banner county are a very tough, physical outfit, but lack scoring ability in their higher numbers.

Nobody remembers a loser, not even a good loser.

A few weeks ago Cork full forward Fiona cashed in on her ability in a big way, winning £1,000 for her club, Fr. O'Neill's, after being voted the player of the tournament at the inter-pros.

Quizzed about the award, Fiona's chuffed appearance said it all.

## Special

"The money will be used to do something special - as in a promotional day for underage and adult camogie."

She was warm in her praise of the local community, but added: "It is very hard on a small parish, even though they are always very supportive."

"Last year's appearance in the county final cost a lot of money and I'm sure with similar notions for the 99 championship it could prove to be another expensive time."

I wonder though, if a little will be stashed away for a possible homecoming with O'Duffy because, in the words of Fiona: "Cork's objective is simply to retain their All-Ireland crown."



# Wexford juniors overwhelm Louth

DAVID MEDCALF

in Oylegate

**Wexford 6-19, Louth 0-3:** the Wexford camogie juniors cantered through to a date with Offaly after a hopelessly one-sided Leinster championship match against Louth at Oylegate on Sunday.

## CAMOGIE

With just five minutes played, the winners already had 1-5 on the board - five points more than the visitors managed all afternoon. At that stage, centre forward Michelle O'Leary had already managed three scores on her own account.

The Wexford camogie board have high hopes of this team winning honours but it would be a mistake to read too much into this result. The women from the Wee County presented a poor challenge for Noel Ryan's side who were first to practically every ball.

The manager even had the luxury of being able to rest some of his better known players, with the Rathnure trio of Claire O'Connor and the Holohan twins (Elaine and Bernie) all starting on the sideline. From there, they had the luxury of admiring a riot of scoring.

The wind slightly favoured the winners in the first half and they used it to clock up a 3-14 to 0-2 interval lead. Two of the goals came from full forward Evelyn Quigley - one with a hand-pass, one with a sweet left hand strike - while the influential O'Leary soloed through for the third.

Louth switched their 'keeper at half time but the new net-minder had no more luck than her predecessor, beaten twice by Wexford substitutes who finished the game with a flourish. Elaine Quigley bagged one and Aoife O'Connor of Duffry Rovers struck twice in as many minutes, the last two scores of the day.

On a day when the result was clear from an early stage, it was nice to see the likes of

Buffer's Alley duo, wing back Marie Butler and corner forward Eilish Kavanagh, competing so enthusiastically.

The only worrying statistic, on a day when everything else added up so neatly for Wexford, was the tally of 12 wides.

**Wexford:** Linda Byrne; Michelle Jordan, Helena Jacob, Ailish Atkinson; Marie Butler, Rose Mary Breen, Clara Scallan; Aoife O'Connor (Rathnure), Tina Bergin; Joan Redmond (0-2), Michelle O'Leary (1-4), Noeleen Lambert (0-7, 2 frees, 4 45s); Eilish Kavanagh (0-2), Evelyn Quigley (2-1), Ita Kelly (0-3). Subs: Claire O'Connor for Bergin, 30 mins.; Elaine Holohan (1-0) for Kelly 39 mins.; Aoife O'Connor (2-0, Rathnure) 45 mins.

● The Wexford senior camogie team will be attempting to topple mighty All-Ireland champions Cork in their first round tie next Saturday, July 3. The Wexford side has home advantage, with throw-in at Oylegate due at 3 p.m.

## Camogie Update

### NEWTOWNSHANDRUM

**CARBERRY 0-1**  
NEWTOWNSHANDRUM had a good win over Carbery in the opening round Co senior camogie championship at Ballincollig on Monday evening last. The opening half was very close. Both defences did well.

The first score of the game came to Newtown when Paula O'Connor pointed in the 10th minute. Carbery had some near misses before Eleanor Kenneally set up Valerie O'Keefe who pointed after 14 minutes to draw level.

Caoimhe Harrington pointed for Newtown from a free and the North Cork side had a goal following a solo run by Paula O'Connor. It gave the Avonchu girls an interval lead 1-2 to 0-1.

The second half saw Newtown well on top with Claire Browne very effective in the full-back line and the entire half-back trio of Fiona Kelleher, Helen Kelleher and Caroline Giltinane doing very well.

They ensured a constant supply to the forwards. Ursula Troy and Paula O'Connor shading the issue at midfield. Scores were very scarce in this half.

Caoimhe Harrington pointed a '30' after eight minutes. Paula O'Connor made it 1-4 to 0-1 after 14 minutes play. Carbery had some attacks but were repulsed by a solid Newtown defence.

Niamh Bowles pointed in the 19th minute and an Ursula Troy sideline cut was finished to the net by Muireann Harrington three minutes before full-time to give the North Cork girls a comfortable 10 point winning margin. They will now meet Fr O'Callaghans in the next round.

**Scorers — Newtown:** Paula O'Connor 1-2, Muireann Harrington 1-0, Caoimhe Harrington 0-2, Niamh Bowles 0-1.  
**Carbery:** Valerie O'Keefe 0-1.

**Teams — Newtownshandrum:** Geraldine Coleman, Claire Browne, Kim Hickey, Geraldine Cotter, Fiona Kelleher, Helen Kelleher, Caroline Giltinane, Paula O'Connor, Ursula Troy, Niamh Bowles, Aine Kelleher, Aisling O'Connor, Muireann Harrington, Karina Carroll, Caoimhe Harrington.

**Carbery:** Elaine Twohig (Newcestown), Emer Holland (do), Sinéad O'Donovan (Kilbrittain), Niamh O'Mahony (do), Susan Deasy (Newcestown), Yvonne O'Connell (do), Edel O'Brien (Kilbrittain), Hilda Kenneally (Newcestown), Mary Sexton (Kilbrittain), Muireann Deasy (do), Valerie O'Keefe (do), Una Crowley (Newcestown), Eilish O'Regan (Kilbrittain), Theresa O'Donovan (Newcestown), Elaine Kenneally (do). Sub: Siobhán Sexton (Kilbrittain) for Theresa O'Donovan.

Referee: Tracey Sheehan (Mayfield).

## Cronin is Glen star

**Glen Rovers 0-11**  
**Inniscarra 1-5**

A TREMENDOUS display by Denise Cronin at centre-back was the highlight of Glen Rovers' win in this first round Cork Senior Camogie Championship tie at Rathpeacon last night.

Her long deliveries to her forwards had a big bearing on the game as Glen came from 1-4 to 0-2 down after 20 minutes to be a point behind at the break, 1-4 to 0-6.

Glen levelled a minute into the second half with a Karen Riordan 45 but five minutes later Criona Harte put Inniscarra back in front with a point from a free. But Linda Mellerick took control in midfield and Glen ran out worthy winners.

**Scorers:** Glen: K. Riordan 0-5 (0-2 frees, 0-1 45), L. Mellerick, E. Harte 0-2 each, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Cronin (free) 0-1 each, Inniscarra: C. Harte 1-4 (1-3 frees, 0-1 45), I. O'Keefe 0-1.

**GLEN ROVERS:** L. Donovan, T. Murphy, K. Newman, M. Burke, A. Gilton, D. Cronin, J. Hannon, L. Mellerick, E. Riordan, K. Riordan, E. Harte, N. Goulding, S. Fitzgibbon, M. Kenneally (F. Twomey 37 mins), O. Murphy.

**INNISCARRA:** L. Nolan, N. Buckley, T. Ryan, M. O'Sullivan, A. Murphy, E. Dineen, C. Meaney, G. Casey, P. Goggins, T. Murphy, C. Harte, L. Hayes, A. Golden, I. O'Keefe, N. O'Brien.

Referee: B. Joyce (Killeshgl).

## ● CAMOGIE ●

**Newtownshandrum 2-5 Carbery 0-1:** Pre-match favourites Newtownshandrum were made to fight hard against the determined Carbery side in the opening game of the Cork senior camogie championship at Ballincollig last night.

Paula O'Connor and Eilish O'Regan had exchanged points in the opening eight minutes before Caoimhe Harrington gave Newtownshandrum the lead with a point two minutes later.

Paula O'Connor extended their lead when she waltzed past four Carbery defenders and finished to the net. With Valerie O'Keefe and Hilda Kenneally dominating at midfield, Carbery enjoyed maximum possession. But wasted chances saw them shoot nine wides and go in trailing at the interval 1-2 to 0-1.

Three points in the 6th, 14th and 15th minute from Caoimhe Harrington, Paula O'Connor and Niamh Bowles helped to steady Newtownshandrum's nervousness and with Ursula Troy now beginning to gain the upper hand at centrefield, they came forward with

more confidence. A goalmouth scramble saw Muireann Harrington have the second goal and Newtown were safely through but not before they had to withstand a determined fight from a dogged Carbery side. **Scorers:** Newtownshandrum: P. O'Connor 1-2, C. Harrington 0-2 (1-1, 1-45), N. Bowles 0-1, M. Harrington 1-0, Carbery: E. O'Regan 0-1.

**Newtownshandrum:** G. Coleman, C. Browne, K. Hickey, G. Cotter, F. Kelleher, H. Kelleher, C. Giltinane, P. O'Connor, U. Troy, N. Bowles, A. Kelleher, A. O'Connor, M. Harrington (capt), C. O'Connor, C. Harrington.

**Carbery:** E. Twohig, E. Holland, S. O'Donovan, N. O'Mahoney, S. Deasy, Y. O'Callaghan, E. O'Brien, L. Kenneally, M. Sexton, V. O'Keefe (capt), E. O'Regan, T. O'Donovan, E. Kenneally, M. Deasy, U. Crowley. Sub: S. Sexton for O'Donovan. Referee: T. Sheehan (Mayfield).

## Breaking on through



Pictured at Feile na nGael in Enniscorthy, Co Wexford. Final of the Div 1 Camogie between Owliart (Wexford) and Milford (Cork). Owliart's Ursula Jacob breaks out with the ball.

**CAMOGIE**  
All-Ireland Bord na Gaeltige Senior Championship: Wexford 0-2 Cork 7-24  
Ulster Junior Championship Final: Derry 6-15 Tyrone 1-7  
Leinster Junior Championship semi-final: Offaly 2-7 Wexford 2-5  
Down Senior Championship Final: Liatróim Fontenoys 5-10 Ballycran 0-2  
Antrim Senior Championship semi-final: Loughglad 2-9 Rossa 3-5

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# Brave play by l'carra

Glen Rovers 1-11  
Inniscarra 1-5

DESPITE the fact that they bowed out of this year's Senior (A) camogie championship, Inniscarra gave a creditable performance against Glen Rovers.

The game was played last week at Rathpeacon and Inniscarra forced their more illustrious opponents to pull out all the stops to secure victory.

Boosted by the outstanding goalkeeping of Leona Nolan in the opening minutes, the entire Inniscarra defensive unit rallied to the cause and, with intelligent play, restricted scoring opportunities.

The strong play of Paula Goggins, and Ger Casey at midfield provided the forwards with a plentiful supply of ball and following an opening point by Irene O'Keefe, Criona Harte registered a few points from three. When the same player cracked home a goal also from a free, Inniscarra were in a favourable position as they led 1-4 to 0-2.

Glen finished the first half strongly, and using their experience and guile, won valuable frees, which were duly pointed to leave the minimum margin between the sides.

Glen Rovers applied pressure from the restart and quickly drew level but Inniscarra refused to panic and they regained the initiative. The contest swung to the Glen's favour in the closing stages. They eventually recorded a three point victory despite a tremendous second half display from Inniscarra defence.

Each Inniscarra team member could feel proud. Credit must go to the debutants who were in no way over-awed by the occasion.

# Carbery lose by 10 points

Newtownshandrum 2-5  
Carbery 0-1

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM had a good win over Carbery in the opening round Co. Senior Camogie Championship, Ballincollig last Monday evening.

The first score of the game came to Newtown when Paula O'Connor pointed in the 10th minute. Carbery had some near misses before Eleanor Kenneally set up Valerie O'Keefe to point after 14 minutes to draw level.

Caoimhe Harrington pointed for Newtown from a free and the North Cork side had a goal following a solo run by Paula O'Connor. It gave the Avondhu girls an interval lead 1-2 to 0-1.

The second half saw Newtown well on top with Claire Browne very effective in the full back line and the entire half back trio of Fiona Kelleher, Helen Kelleher and Caroline Giltinane doing very well.

Ursula Troy and Paula O'Connor shading the issue at mid field. Scores were very scarce in this half. Caoimhe Harrington pointed a 30 after 8 minutes. Paula O'Connor made it 1-4 to 0-1 after 14 minutes play. Carbery were kept at bay by a solid Newtown defence. Naoimh Bowles pointed in the 19th minute and an Ursula Troy sideline cut was finished to the net by Muireann Harrington 3 minutes before full time to give the North Cork girls a 10 point winning margin.

**Scorers** - Newtownshandrum: Paula O'Connor 1-2, Muireann Harrington 1-0, Caoimhe Harrington 0-2, Naoimh Bowles 0-1. Carbery: Valerie O'Keefe 0-1.

**NEWTOWNSHANDRUM:** Geraldine Coleman, Claire Browne, Kim Hickey, Geraldine Cotter, Fiona Kelleher, Helen Kelleher, Caroline Giltinane, Paula O'Connor, Ursula Troy, Naoimh Bowles, Aine Kelleher, Aisling O'Connor, Muireann Harrington, Karina Carroll, Caoimhe Harrington.

**CARBERY:** Elaine Twohig (Newcestown) Emer Holland (Idol) Sinead O'Donovan (Kilbrittain) Niamh O'Mahony (Idol) Susan Deasy (Newcestown) Yvonne O'Connell (Idol) Edel O'Brien (Kilbrittain) Hilda Kenneally (Newcestown) Mary Sexton (Kilbrittain) Muireann Deasy (Kilbrittain) Valerie O'Keefe (Idol) Una Crowley (Newcestown) Elish O'Regan (Kilbrittain) Theresa O'Donovan (Newcestown) Elaine Kenneally (Newcestown) Sub Siobhan Sexton (Kilbrittain) for Theresa O'Donovan. **Referee:** Tracey Sheehan (Mayfield).

Bord na Gaeilge  
All-Ireland SCC  
quarter-final  
tomorrow  
Ballycran 3pm

## Down v Dublin

THE shenanigans last weekend over Dublin's and Ard Chomhaile's attempt to change the venue from Ballycran have only served to fuel the determination of the Down camogie players to see off the challenge of the girls from the capital and become the first Ulster team in two decades to contest the All-Ireland semi-final.

Yes, not since Antrim won their sixth and final O'Duffy Cup in 1979 has an Ulster team featured in a semi-final. For most of that time Down have been languishing in Junior and then Intermediate but they have fought their way into the top competition and then, this week, fought to host the game at their chosen venue.

The Down Board on Tuesday night noted the request from Ardchomhaile but restated that the game would go ahead at Ballycran.

They go into the game with a fair chance of victory after several wins in league games over Dublin - including back in April when the scoreline read 3-8 to 1-4.

## Tyrone camogie final

## Ardboe revenge

Ardboe..... 3-5  
Clonoe..... 1-6

ALTHOUGH in the semi-final Clonoe ended the 26-year dominance of the Tyrone Championship by Eglis, they could not reproduce that form in Wednesday night's final against Ardboe, who gave a five star performance to lift the title.

Outstanding for the winners was Bláithín McIvor and she got good support from the Scullion sisters. Kathleen Scullion and Mairead McGuckin shot first half goals to give Ardboe a 2-3 to 0-3 interval lead.

**Ardboe scorers:** Bláithín McIvor 1-3, Kathleen Scullion 1-1, Mairead McGuckin 1-0, Margaret Rose Scullion 0-1.

**Clonoe scorers:** Mary O'Neill 1-0, Dolores Hughes 0-3, Meabh McGurk 0-2, Julie Lagan 0-1.

# Derry destroy the Red Hands

## Ulster Junior final: Derry 6-15 Tyrone 1-7

IT was difficult to believe 25 minutes into yesterday's Ulster Junior camogie final that there would be 23 points between the sides at the end.

At that stage Tyrone were 1-3 to 1-2 in the lead and putting in strong challenges in every position on the field, while Derry were panicky in possession.

However, a point from Aileen Tohill and four frees in as many minutes from Martina Mulholland steadied the ship for Derry to lead 1-7 to 1-3 half-time.

The free-taking accuracy of Mulholland continued at the start of the second half and the Oak Leaf callini led by 1-11 to 1-5 when Claire McNicholl opened the flood gates with a goal in the 42nd minute.

Although Brenda Burke responded with a Tyrone point, Derry were in full flight and rushed through four goals - one each for Aileen Tohill and Karen Rafferty and two for captain Mary O'Kane, completing her hat-trick.

The points blast from Martina Mulholland just before the break was crucial and the Lavey midfielder went on to dominate the game with 11 points - all frees - reminiscent of last year when she shot all of Derry's 1-11 from frees to lift the title.

# Liatroim bag another title

## Down Club C'ship final Liatroim Fontenoys 5-10 Ballycran 0-2

LIATROIM FONTENOYS' dominance of the Down Senior camogie championship continues. Yesterday in Downpatrick, they collected a ninth successive title, their 17th in total.

Ballycran's hopes of a breakthrough after running the Fontenoys to a point in a league game last week were deflated as early as the third minute when corner-forward Lisa Quinn hit the net.

Mairín McAleenan fired home the second - direct from a free - in the 18th minute and two minutes before the break, Caltriona McCrickard's three pointer had Liatroim finishing the half with a commanding 3-6 to 0-1 interval lead, Ballycran's single score coming from an Imelda Gilmore free.

It was more of the same during the second half, with Sinead McGovern and Caltriona McCrickard scoring goals in the 12th and 15th minutes, divided by the other Ballycran point from Jennifer Braniff.

The experience of championship victories made this title defence easier than it looked pre-match and, while the Fontenoys should see off the Fermanagh champions in the Ulster preliminary on Sunday week, they still have a lot of work to do, if they are to retain their other title - the provincial one.

**Liatroim Fontenoys:** J Brown, E McCrickard, D Greeran (capt), E O'Higgins, B Kelly, A Morgan, B Gallagher, S McGovern (1-0), M Murray, L McCrickard (0-1), M McAleenan (1-5), R Cunningham, R O'Higgins, C McCrickard (2-2), L Quinn (1-2). **Subs:** A Murray for C McCrickard (inj), C McGovern for R O'Higgins.

**Ballycran:** C McCarthy, M Doherty, B Woods, G O'Prey, F Savage, L Smyth (capt), C McGrattan, I Gilmore (0-1), J Braniff (0-1), S Mallon, N Mallon, C Atkinson, M Gilmore, S Dorian, D Caldwell. **Subs:** A Hamilton for M Doherty, C Fitzsimmons for R Mallon, B Lavery for D Caldwell. **Ref:** Brenda Beattie (Ballyholland).



□ DUBLIN. Back, from left: Eve Talbot, Cathy Walsh, Veronica Trehy, Ann McCluskey, Carmel Gray, Sonya Byrne, Emaor Brannigan, Lorraine Halligan, Manager Tom Monaghan. Front: Rachel Kelly, Catherine Boyle, Ruth Lyons, Irene Kirwan, Ann-Marie Gray, Sarah Crosbie, Karen Fox capt, Germaine Noonan, Collette Murphy.

# Dawn training to fire up Dubs

NEW Dublin boss, Tom Monaghan, has made a solid promise to his players ahead of Saturday's Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Championship tie against down at Ballycran (2.0).

"If the girls get me past the first round, I will take them to the All-Ireland final, proclaims Tom.

Only appointed last month, Tom has been impressed with the attitude of the Dubs.

"They have shown me they possess the hunger to succeed, and I feel we can beat Down, says Tom.

Dublin's commitment has taken on a new meaning. They have been enduring 7.30am Saturday sessions in the Phoenix Park, where the turnout has been most encouraging.

Last Saturday, as part of their preparations for the Down game, the players were treated to a post-training breakfast in Phibsboro.

Tonight, the squad will play the

## CAMOGIE By NIAL SCULLY

Vincent's, in a challenge game at Pairc Naomh Uinsinn (7.0). Dublin have the added incentive of victory over Down as Parnell Park hosts the All-Ireland semi-finals on August 7. The winners of Dublin v Down will meet Clare or Tipperary in the last four.

Yet Tom, who is the Chairman of the Armagh Board and Ulster Council, fully realises that Down represent a major obstacle.

They are the All-Ireland Intermediate champions and they collected last season's National Junior League title.

Bernie McNally is in her tenth season as manager. She hails from Armagh, the same location as her Dublin counterpart.

"We have been training since the beginning of the year to win Saturday's match, states Bernie.

Overcoming that type of determination would represent a terrific feat for Dublin's new boss, who dearly would have liked more time to prepare for this All-Ireland campaign.

But, in a very short space of time, Tom, who travels down to Dublin each week for training, certainly has created a buzz on Liffeside.

● The Dublin County Board are urging all Dubs to travel to Ballycran on Saturday to support the Dubs as they seek to bring back the glory-days to the city.

## FIXTURES

**TONIGHT (7.30):** Inter: Clontarf v Naomh Buid. Kilmacud Crokes v Clanna Gael. Cuala v Craobh Chairain.

**SATURDAY:** Ballycran (2.0): Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior C'ship: Down v Dublin.

**SUNDAY: (11.0):** Inter: Clanna Gael v Naomh Buid. Clontarf v Cuala. Portobello v Kilmacud Crokes. (1.0): Junior A: St. Peregrine's Plunkett's/Roadh. St. Jude's v Thomas Davis. Naomh Mearnóg v Ballyboden St. Enda's. Margaret's/N Aolte v Liffey Gaels.

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## **SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

For the first time in two decades, it is quite possible that Ulster will have a team in the latter stages of the All-Ireland Senior championship. Yes not since Antrim, led by the great Máiréad Magill, collected the Seán O Dubhthaigh Cup in 1979, has an Ulster side featured in the semi-final or final of Camogie's Holy Grail.

## **DOWNS OPPORTUNITY AGAINST DUBLIN**

Down stand a great chance of breaking that losing sequence when they take on Dublin on July 10th in a quarter-final game, while almost all the leading contenders for the title are placed in the other half of the draw.

Over recent years, Down have regularly defeated Dublin who last were a force at All-Ireland level during the mid 1980's. In their National League meeting back in the spring, the Mourne

cailini won on a scoreline of 3-8 to 1-4 and it would now rank as a surprise if Bernie McNally's side was stopped at the quarter-final stage.

McNally, a former Armagh county goalkeeper, has been in charge of Down for almost a decade now, starting on a high note with the All-Ireland Junior title in 1991 and then suffering many frustrations.

Between 1992 and 1997, Down lost 2 All-Ireland Intermediate finals and 4 Junior National League finals. However, Down dealt with those disappointments and won every competition they entered in 1998.

Camogie this year has changed and it is not immediately apparent which are the counties most likely to benefit from 15-a-side. In last month's issue of Ulster Gaelic, Derry manager, Dominic McKinley, stated that everyone was having difficulties with the unfamiliar field positioning. Down are no exception.

McNally last year ran with a panel of 20 - adequate for 12-a-side, small for 15. There was one retirement - Nuala Magee - but the manager resisted the temptation to bring in new players immediately, preferring that they play with Brendan Beattie's new Junior team than sit on the Senior bench.

## **NEWCOMERS**

After the League runs were completed the Senior panel has eventually been expanded and 5 newcomers played in the Maguire cup victories over Armagh and Derry. Whether any of them retain starting positions for the championship is another question, but there are a number of injuries and there will be changes.

Last years All-Ireland captain Colleen Hynds and Maebh McNeill - both inter-county footballers - have long-term injuries and they are unlikely to feature on July 10th. Then there is the internal club championship to be cleared up and the risk of injury here.

## **STRONG DEFENCE**

However it looks as though the defence will be led by the experience of Teresa McGowan in goals, captain Donna Greeran, and the strong, forceful play of Deirdre Savage, Edel Mason and Pauline Green.

## **FORWARD OPTIONS**

Midfield should be the domain of Jennifer Braniff and Joan Henderson, while attack is led by Máirín McAleenan and Valerie Hynds. Majella Murray could feature in either attack or defence, while Cathy Mulholland, a sister of footballer Shane, and Claire McGrath are other strong contenders.

The attack looks to be the only real problem area. If Máirín McAleenan's influence is curtailed then who will take on the responsibility.

Anyway, Dublin can be taken, while neither Clare nor Tipperary in the semi-final would pose the same psychological threat as Cork or Galway. Tipp are favourites to reach the semi-final. Back in the spring they looked to be a possibility for honours this year,

but a 9-19 to 2-7 mauling by Cork in the League Final is bound to have some effect.

Ulster Gaelic Prediction: Cork to collect a 3rd successive title and Down to reach the semi-final.

## **INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Armagh and Antrim will contest the Intermediate championship this year - but both have been forced into team building in 1998.

## **ANTRIMS WOES**

This time last year, Antrim were favourites for the title. The momentum gained in the 1997 Junior League and Championship victories carried them through to a good show in last season's Senior League semi-final with Cork. However when they struggled past Dublin in the Intermediate quarter-final last July, cracks were beginning to show in Jim Nelson's team.

A determined Down hit them with a single point victory in the semi-final and it has been a rapid downhill spiral since. Jim Nelson resigned and several players opted out of the squad. There were problems finding a new manager, a few injuries and then the emigration of Denise O'Boyle to the USA.

## **NEW MANAGEMENT**

The appointment of a new, strong management team of Máiréad Magill, Terence "Sambo" McNaughton and Mick O'Connell in May has lifted some of the gloom, but it will be an experimental Antrim which takes on Limerick on August 1st in the quarter-final of the Intermediate championship.

Limerick won the title 3 seasons ago, but last season suffered a boycott from a couple of clubs which fractured their challenge. All is reported well Shannon-side this year and they will travel north confident of progress.

## **ARMAGH AT HOME**

In the same half of the draw, Armagh have pulled a home draw against Galway, a game fixed for July 18th.





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Down Captain Donna Greenan seen here at the recent press launch in Croke Park to announce Schwarzkopf's sponsorship of this year's Gael-Linn Inter-provincial Camogie played in Dublin on June 19th. Donna captained Ulster to the Junior Inter-provincial title in 1998.

Armagh were really flying during the mid-1990's, winning 2 Junior Leagues, the Junior and Intermediate championships. However many of that successful panel have since retired from the inter-county scene to be replaced by less experienced players.

### CROSSEY TAKES OVER

John Crossey took over the reins back in January but he has yet to get a positive response from all of the best players in the county. Without them, Armagh's hopes of progressing look slim despite the presence of talented and experienced players such as Geraldine Haughey, Olive McGeown, Mary Black, Bernie McBride and Patricia McAvoy.

This is Galway's second string but success at Minor and School's levels over the past 15 years has insured that there is plenty of talent available to the westerners.

Ulster Gaelic Prediction: Clare to win the title, unfortunately Antrim and Armagh to bite the dust in the first round.

### JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - DERRY LOOK GOOD

The Junior competition is already in full swing but it looks very unlikely that anyone will stop Derry collecting a second successive Ulster title. Last year in a bizarre final the Oak Leaf

cailini failed to score from play, yet beat Down thanks to 1-11 from frees by Martina Mulholland.

Down are not a threat this year as practically all of last year's team were part of the Intermediate All-Ireland winning panel and are therefore ineligible for Junior. Tyrone, under new boss, former Tipperary hurler Joe Hayes, look best qualified to oppose Derry in the provincial final.

### TYRONE GETTING STRONGER

The Red Hands results earlier in the season were abysmal, and in particular against Derry in the League and Maguire Cup. Since then they have started to come together a bit, while the rivalry between Ardboe and Eglis at club level has sharpened them up as well.

Players such as Brenda Burke, Mary Rose McGready, Bláithín Mclvor and Simone Forbes can match anyone at this level but they will probably have to wait another season to make real progress.

### TRADITION WITH DERRY

Tradition is on Derry's side even though it is 21 years since they last won an All-Ireland. In recent years, the Ulster team that has won the National Junior League title in the spring

has gone on to collect a championship in September.

The League title has obviously given Derry confidence, while the Maguire Cup final defeat to Down seniors has told them that a lot more work still needs to be done. Dominic McKinley added 4 new faces to his panel at the start of June, but it is probably the League final team which is best suited for the championship.

### KEY PLAYERS

Defence is solid enough. Paula McKenna, Claire Doherty and Siobhan Convery are very dependable. Grainne Maguire's only fault at full-back seems to be her lack of pace when dragged out the field, but how often does that happen at Junior level?

Anna O'Loughlin and Martina Mulholland have done OK at midfield, but they will be kept on their toes by the return of Roisin McCloskey to the panel in recent weeks. Up front all 6 forwards have proved themselves capable of scores, but recent All-Ireland semi-finals and finals have shown that it is the ability of one of them to rise above the others which is the difference between defeat and victory.

The Ulster champions will play the winners of an All-Ireland quarter-final between London and the Connacht champions - not the hardest draw, although it will be an away fixture.

Ulster Gaelic Prediction: Derry to enjoy a September Sunday in Croke Park

## Ulster Gaelic CAMOGIE FACTS

- Maura Gill was the first captain to collect Corn Uí Dhubhthaigh in 1932, after Dublin defeated Galway in the inaugural All-Ireland championship.
- Antrim have collected 6 titles including 3-in-a-row 1945-47. The others were in 1956, 1967 and 1979.
- The cup was presented by Seán O Dubhthaigh, a Mayo man who was a leading light in the foundation of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael in the early years of the century.
- After Antrim had collected 3 successive All-Irelands, Down marched into the 1948 final, only to be defeated by Dublin who lost only one championship game between 1948 and the All-Ireland final replay of 1967.
- Derry reached the 1954 final but were beaten by Dublin.
- The camogie landscape started to change in the late 1960's with Wexford and Kilkenny coming onto the scene.
- In the early seventies, camogie took the bit between their collective teeth and went for the open draw, allowing the top dozen or so teams to run for the Senior title while the others and most of the Reserve teams from the top counties contested the Junior title on the traditional provincial format.

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Damien Irwin

Talking GAA

## Heady days in Killeagh at last

AS a young fella growing up in Killeagh, I was dead jealous of the Killeagh camogie team. Star-studded, committed, skilful with a huge local following, they were in stark contrast to the hurling team; the team that I wanted to join some day. Where the camogie team had status, the men had little; where they had instantly recognisable faces, the men had few, where they had many exciting games every year, the men had just one; where they had high-profile Cork players among the ranks, the men had none and it wasn't even on the cards.

As the camogie team were winning the All-Ireland club title in 1980, our hurling team was in something of a crisis — without a first-round win in the Junior A championship for a number of years. People from outside the parish would goad us easily-goaded young fellas with such barbs as: "put on a wig and join the camogie team — that's ye're only chance of a medal" or "Killeagh is only good for camogie".

By the time I entered my teenage years, my jealousy had dissipated and been replaced by admiration and pride — pride in a rather exceptional team — a team of rare ability — a team of stars (Pat Moloney, Cathy Landers, Marion Sweeney, the Costines, Anne Leahy ... ) a team with bundles of All-Ireland medals with club and county — a team that put Killeagh on the map. How could you not be proud?

And still I waited for the men to pick up the baton. As the Eighties died and as the women continued to blaze a trail, the men started lighting a few flames of their own. But I never, ever thought I'd see the day. Hoped, but never believed it possible. The day when one of our own would lead Cork out in the Munster senior hurling final in front of 50,000 people in Thurles.

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### Factfile

Cork sent a message to potential challengers in the National Camogie League final when they defeated Tipperary by one of the biggest scores in a National Final at any grade: 9-19 to 2-7. It was 5-13 to 0-3 at half-time. The winning margin reopens the debate that the 15-a-side game would give an extra advantage to the strong counties. But the score and the pattern of the game closely resembles Cork senior hurlers defeat of Waterford in the 1982 Munster senior final, 5-31 to 3-6.

Keeping the cup warm for Winona Harris!

## WHO WILL BE CORK'S STOPPER?

**CAMOGIE'S FIRST FIFTEEN A SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP COMES UNDER STARTERS ORDERS THIS MONTH. WHO ARE THE WINNERS AND LOSERS? THERESE O'CALLAGHAN CASTS AN EYE OVER THE MAIN CONTENDERS.**

Saturday July 3rd signals the start of the 1999 Bord na Gaeilge All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship, which is also the first ever fifteen-a-side at this level. This year nine teams are at the starting line — four from Munster, three Leinster representatives, and one each from the remaining two provinces. But given the fact that this championship is run on an open draw basis, these statistics are irrelevant. Less of a chance of meeting your neighbour you'd say, but not guaranteed as anyone from Clare and Tipperary will tell you. Yes, these sides meet just like their male counterparts did in the Munster Senior Hurling decider; I wonder though will it produce the same result!

### Championship fixtures 1999

#### FIRST ROUND PAIRINGS:

- a) Cork V Wexford
- b) Dublin V Down
- c) Kilkenny V Galway
- d) Tipperary V Clare
- e) Cork/Wexford V Limerick

#### THE SEMI-FINALS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

B V D  
C V E

With the games secondary competition, the National Senior League back Leeside for the 5th year in a row, there is no doubting who the form team is in the country at the moment. The reigning All Ireland Champions retained their title with unbelievable ease against the Premier County, on what was a historic day for camogie. A day



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that camogie and hurling joined together on the sod of Sempie Stadium, when the girls final acted as curtain raiser to the Munster Senior Championship tie between Tipperary and Kerry. But it is said that league form matters little, maybe so, but for Cork it certainly is a good perception of the true picture....

Cork captained by Vivienne Harris proved untouchable over the last few months, the only team claiming maximum points, and straight into the league semi-final where they accounted for Down on a score of 3-13 to 1-5. The fifteen-a-side on a full pitch is suiting the Rebel County with plenty of players fighting for places - players who prior to the new format had been confined to the sub's bench. The likes of Paula O'Connor (whose brother Ben is also a debutante for the Cork Senior Hurling Championship side), Stephanie Dunlea, Sarah Hayes, Caoimhe Harrington, and Una O'Donoghue all have got the call up. This also has made room for Linda O'Sullivan, Miriam Deasy, Leonie Nolan, Ciara Healy, Rachael Moloney, and Helen Walsh on this season's panel. The team will once again be backboned by Eithne Duggan, Linda Mellerick, Fiona O'Driscoll, and Lyn Dunlea with the successful quartet of Tom Nott, Rose Keane, Angela Sheehan, and Pat Murray remaining at the helm. But this year they have to plan without the 1998 RTE Player of the Match Irene O'Keefe who has decided to hang up her intercounty boots, but continues to play for her club Inniscarra.

Wexford face Cork in the only preliminary round of the competition, and what a huge task it appears to be for Jack O'Brien and his co-workers John Furlong and Pat Sinnott. They finished pointlessly from their four league outings, and presently are finding it difficult to keep their head above water at senior level. To add to their tale of woe the experienced Paula Rankin and Aine Codd have departed to the States for the summer, while Ashbourne medal winner with WIT, Esme Murphy is in Alaska. Fiona Dunne is another absentee at present although hopes would be high of her return to the side. Meanwhile Kate Kelly will be expected to reproduce the form she showed with the Waterford College.

Back to the clash of Tipperary and Clare, always a mouth-watering prospect. Tipperary under the management of Biddy Philips, Jim Madden, and Timmy Maloney had a marvellous start to 1999. Fielding without the unavailable Triona Bonner, Niamh Bonar and Siobhan Cusack who have departed from the county scene, they had fine victories over Kilkenny, Clare, Limerick and Wexford. They thus qualified for the league semi-final having finished section runners up, and in a marvellous contest had seven points to spare over Galway in a game where Deirdre Hughes, Emer McDonnell, Ciara Gaynor and Captain Maeve Stokes proved inspirational. However, their poor showing and lack of pace in the League Final was of such grave concern that they have since engaged the services of Colm Bonner in an advisory capacity. Newcomers to the panel this season are sisters Maria and Niamh Harkin, Therese Brophy, Angela McDermott, Philomena Fogarty and Sheena Howard.

Expect a much slicker and faster outfit for the July showdown with Clare.

Clare also has rung the changes. With just one win to record in their league games, Fr McNamara has come on board to join Michael Murphy, Trixie Twomey and Patricia O'Grady in an attempt to guide the Shannonsiders to championship success. Orla Slattery is the only absentee from last year's team, who are powered on by the addition of Sylvie O'Brien, Caroline Lynch, Doreen Tuohy, Sinead Daly, Erica Minogue and Sinead Crowe. Seasoned campaigners

## LESS OF A CHANCE OF MEETING YOUR NEIGHBOUR YOU'D SAY, BUT NOT GUARANTEED AS ANYONE FROM CLARE AND TIPPERARY WILL TELL YOU. ...



Debbie McDonagh, Marie Collins, Moira McMahon and Catherine O'Loughlin will have to be on top form if Clare is to emerge.

Galway and Kilkenny are both counties eager to get back on track, and with this in mind another cracking contest can be expected between these sides. The Maroon and White who were crowned All Ireland Champions in 1996, and were beaten finalists in '97 and '98, train under new manager Tommy Coen for the year ahead with selectors Grace Morris and Des Coen joining him. Although beaten in the league semi-final their preparations since will have focused on championship day with Kilkenny. This year they will have to seek replacements for the long serving Sharon Glynn, Imelda Hobbins, and Ann Forde as this formidable trio have decided to call it a day. Minors of '97 Elaine Kerins and Michelle Fahy, along with Martina Haverly,


Fiona Ryan, Caroline Murray, and Sandra Tannion has answered the call. Combined with the experience of Louise Curry, Olivia Broderick, Pamela Nevin and Therese Maher this team has the potential to do well.

Traditionally Kilkenny are hard to beat, but being out of the limelight since last winning an All Ireland in 1994, this will be their fifth year without success - or will it! Dave Mahedy, better known for his recent involvement with the Limerick Senior hurlers, takes over as physical trainer, with Bobby Jackman coaching the side and Maura Costello as selector. They have many experienced players on their panel this year - Ann Downey, Marina Downey, Brigid Barnaville, Sinead and Tracey Millea, Brigid Mullany, Gill Dillon, Sinead and Mairead Costello, Michelle Fennelly and Catherine Dunne. Many of their Junior team have also joined the Senior panel - Sarah O'Gorman, Brona Neary, Laura Sweeney, Linda Crennan, Emer and Lizzie Lyng, Siobhan White, and Ann Marie Raftice.

Dublin have also acquired a new manager. Tom Monahan, chairman of both the Armagh Board and Ulster Council, will endeavour to bring championship success to Liffey side. His charges will be backboned by the St. Vincent's club, who reached the All Ireland Club Final last November. Cathy Walsh, Ruth Lyons, Cara Gray and Denise O'Leary will join Captain Germaine Noonan in their quest for honours. Drawn against Down, they have lost Patricia Clinton and Mary Regan to retirement, while Carmel O'Byrne hopes to be available later on in the season. But on a more positive note, Sile Nic Choitir, Irene Kirwan and Emer Brannigan will all have a part to play for Dublin over the coming months.

Down qualified for the penultimate stage of the league before bowing out to the eventual winners. Bernie McNally is in her tenth season as manager, with Bill Smyth as selector. They report just one retirement, and that is to Nuala Magee, but out of action too is the injured Colleen Hynds recovering from a broken arm. Five players make the step up from junior ranks: Brenda Gallagher, Michelle Murphy, Bridin Coulter, Siobhan Savage and Kitty Fagan. Mairin McAleenan from the Liatroim Fontenoys club will again lead the attack from the half forward line.

Limerick who await the winners of the Cork/Wexford clash, have engaged the services of former Limerick hurling star Pat Heffernan as coach to their side. Ber Chalke and Helen Clifford/McCarthy join him as selectors. The Shannonsiders recorded victories over Wexford and Clare in the league, but this year they have to plan without Ide Quaid who has decided to take a break from the intercounty scene, but Granagh/Ballingarry's All Ireland success is sure to boost their confidence. Eileen O'Brien (one of the brightest young prospects in the game presently), Vera and Deirdre Sheehan, and Pauline McCarthy will again have it all to do if Limerick is to impress.

Will Cork retain their title, or are the tides about to change. All down to a puck of the ball. 

## Double dose of club finals

THIS is a big championship week in club camogie. Already Liatroim Fontenoys have set down their marker with an impressive 5-10 to 0-2 victory over Ballycran in the Down final to keep them on course to equal Deirdre of Belfast's six successive appearances in the Ulster club final.

Four teams with definite designs on playing in that provincial final in September will become two tonight, when Armagh and Tyrone play their county finals. With the traditionally strong counties - Antrim, Derry and Down - grouped in the other half of the draw, the door is most certainly open in this side.

Of the four sides left here only Ballymacnab have played in the Ulster club championship before now and they will face a very stiff challenge from Crossmaglen in Granemore (7.30pm).

It is a repeat of last year's decider which went to a replay, but the geography of camogie has changed this year with the larger pitch and 15-a-side, and Ballymacnab's great servants Sally Rafferty and Mary Donnelly are not getting any faster.

Both did well in the semifinal, using their experience to get past Derrynoose, but Crossmaglen look like a team on a mission. Ursula McGivern took over as player/coach and she has worked on support play for their two main players - Patricia McAvooy and Pauline McCreesh.

It worked a treat in the semi-final against a fancied Keady side, but how will they fare against seasoned

campaigners who know how to win championship games?

Olive McGeown and Sinead Gray may give the champions a grip of midfield, but the key will be how defence copes with McAvooy. It is a close call - perhaps another draw - but I plump for Cross to lift a first title.

There will definitely be first time champions in Tyrone also tonight (7.30pm in Brockagh) after Clonoe's six goal blitz of long-time holders Eglis in the semi-final.

That has thrust them into the final with Ardboe as favourites - but is it as simple as that?

Ardboe's progress through the under age ranks in the past few years suggested that they would be the side to break Eglis's monopoly. This year they seemed less focused, but the exit of Eglis has breathed new life into them and they could well grasp the chance with open arms.

Blaithin McIvor, the Robes and Quinns have plenty of experience - some of them at All-Ireland level with St Mary's Magherafelt - and it is often experience which is the key to the championship.

However, those who attended the semi-finals were impressed by the hunger of Clonoe. They do have strong players in Dolores Hughes and Julie Lagan, while 14-year-old Susan McCann has all the makings of a future great.

Another close call. Clonoe clear favourites, but Ardboe may sneak in after their opponents have slain the dragon.



Cork won't take anything for granted in Wexford clash



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## Glen Rovers turn on the style

GLEN Rovers advanced to the semi-final of the Senior County Championship when after an exciting contest they defeated Inniscarra 6-11 to 1-5 at Rathpeacon.

Inniscarra opened the scoring with an Irene O'Keeffe point which was quickly added to when Criona Harte converted a free.

The Glen found it hard to break down the Inniscarra defence and by the 14th minute, trailed 1-3 to 0-0 when Catriona Harte's long range free from 50 yards finished in the net.

Spurred into action, the Glen side began to come forward and with points from Karen Riordan, Emma Harte, Linda Mellerick and S. Fitzgibbon they cut the deficit.

Criona Harte and Karen Riordan swapped points to give Inniscarra a 1-4 to 0-6 half time lead.

Glen were on level terms inside a minute.

Five minutes later Criona Harte had Inniscarra in front when she converted a free, with Denise Cronin and Aileen Gilton dominating in their half backline.

Glen pressed forward and four points without reply, from Linda Mellerick, Emma Harte and Karen Riordan (2) saw them through.

### Outstanding

For Inniscarra Elizabeth Hayes, Cliona Meaney and Leonie Nolan tried to the end while for Glen inter-county players Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Mary Burke, Jill Hannon and Sandie Fitzgibbon ensured a Glen Rovers victory.

Newtownshandrum booked their place in the quarter-final of the Senior County Championship when they were made tight to the end by a Carbery side at Ballincollig.

Conditions were made difficult for the players by the rain which fell throughout the opening half.

Paula O'Connor and Eibhlís O'Regan had exchanged points in the opening eight minutes. Caoimhe Harrington converted a free to give Newtown the lead before Newtown got a vital goal when O'Connor evaded four defenders to score and see her side lead 1-2 to 0-1.

With Hilda Kenneally and Val O'Keeffe on top in midfield, Carbery enjoyed maximum possession but wasted chances in front of goal saw them go in trailing 1-2 to 0-1 at the break.

Mhuireann Harrington scored a goal two minutes from full time to put Newtown safely through. Newtown can thank Ursula Troy and Paula O'Connor, whose second half contributions ensured their passage through.

## All too easy for the Rebels as they demolish the Slaney girls



The Cork team which played Tipperary in the U14 final of the Blarney Camogie Clubs Street Leagues. Picture: Des Barry

# Cork send out a very clear signal

**W**ith a powerful display, Cork totally out-classed a weak Wexford side 7-24 to 0-2 in the opening round of the All-Ireland Championship at Oylegate, Co. Wexford on Saturday last.

Fielding minus the services of Fiona O'Driscoll out through injury, the All-Ireland Champions had ten of last year's winning side on duty with Miriam Deasy, Mary Burke, Stephanie Dunlea, Paula O'Connor and Sarah Hayes getting the call up to senior championship action on the starting 15.

As early as the first minute, Lynn Dunlea settled the Cork girls with a point and by the tenth minute they were leading 1-5 to 0-0.

After Dunlea had their opening goal, Cork never looked in danger.

Adding on scores at will, they led at the break 3-11 to 0-2, the Wexford scores coming from Kate Kelly who converted two frees. With Linda Mellerick in sparkling form at centre-forward opening the second-half with a Cork

## MAGIC MOMENTS

7. PRESENT County chairperson of the Cork Camogie board, Sile Golden won two senior camogie county championship medals with South Presentation Past Pupils in 1969 and 1971.

point, they continued to dominate and ran out convincing winners.

One must question Wexford's commitment to the senior championship, such was the manner in which they seemed to have approached this game. With many of their more prominent players not listed on the selected line-out, one must wonder about their approach and commitment to the senior grade.

CORK: Cora Keohane, Mary Burke, Eithne Duggan, Mags Finn, Denise Cronin, Paula O'Connor, Enne Harris (Capt), Ursula



Cork Senior Camogie player Eithne Duggan with rival captains Valerie Sykes, Tipperary, and Fiona O'Brien, Cork, at the U14 final of the Blarney Camogie Clubs Street Leagues.

Troy, Sarah Hayes, Mary O'Connor, Linda Mellerick, Sinead O'Callaghan, Stephanie Dunlea, Miriam Deasy, Lynn Dunlea, Subs. C. Harrington for L. Dunlea, P. Doyle for U. Troy, N. Nolan for C. Keohane.

WEXFORD: Michelle Hearne, Ornagh Cullen, Martina O'Brien, Fiona Cullen, Emma Carroll, Edwina Roche, Mary Walsh, Sandie Carr, Michelle

Murphy, Mags Kelly, Marie Dempsey, Jenny Codd, Barbara Sluads, Brenda Murphy, Pauline Reck, Elizabeth Murphy.

Ref. Aine Durham, Dublin. Ballygarvan Camogie Club congratulates Jennifer Brown, a young under-16 player from the club who recently scooped first prize in the camogie club's raffle. Well done Jennifer.

## Champs 'Town looking strong

SENIOR championship action continues on Sunday next when champions Bishopstown take on divisional side Carrigrohane at Ballincollig with a 7.45pm throw-in. Barryroe make their debut at 6.30pm at Ballincollig, meeting the winners of the Muskerry v Cloughduv game.

Newtownshandrum meet either Fr O'Neill's or Seandun at 2.30pm at a venue to be arranged.

Bishopstown will go in as raging favourites to advance to a semi-final meeting with Glen Rovers.

They have been strengthened by the signings of Sinead O'Callaghan, Derbhilla Quinlivan and Melanie Treacy.

The Bishopstown side is captained by Aine White and also includes Cork senior captain Vivienne Harris, Eithne Duggan and Clara Healy. Carrigrohane are more than capable of causing an upset. The divisional side include Cork seniors Linda O'Sullivan, Sarah Hayes and Rachel Maloney, while Emer Dillon and Elizabeth Bugler will also be expected to star.



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Golden girl of Cork camogie now making impact on the big stage

# Sinead is now with the 'Town she loves



**Therese O'Callaghan**

**A**N unfulfilled ambition hangs over one of the county's most stylish forwards.

And strange as it might seem, she has yet to line out in a Cork club championship match.

In the midst of a glittering career that is still in its infancy, the holder of two senior All Ireland medals with the Rebels in 1997 and 1998, up until now, played her club camogie with Limerick senior side Ballyagran.

But next Sunday night when the title-holders, Bishopstown, trot out onto the championship arena, Sinead O'Callaghan will see that dream come true.

The 20-year-old UCC Student of Business Information Systems who, unlike many of her colleagues, has opted to stay in Cork for the summer months is looking forward to the whole new experience of Cork championship camogie, having never been involved before.

## Dynamic

Before turning 19, it was in St Mary's Secondary School in Charleville that this dynamic forward was initially schooled for success.

There she collected a massive eight All Ireland Colleges medals (three senior, two junior, and three sevens) won between the years of 1994 and 1998.

She will not take anything for granted though in Sunday's quarter-final encounter.

Carrigdhoun are a youthful side who will pose difficult opposition, and will be eager to cause an upset, but she herself doesn't feel any great pressure.

This is no big surprise as Sinead comes across as fairly laid back.

The Examiner Youth Sports Award winner of 1997, whose brother Tadgh was a member of the victorious All Ireland

**Above Sinead lines out in the colours of St Mary's, Charleville. Right in the Cork colours which gives her so much pride and far right she accepts the UCC Camogie Sports Star award.**

Minor hurling side of 1995, has become a vital link in Cork's recent chain of success.

Her gameness, her many forays to the wing, and her sweetly taken points have all endeared her to the followers.

When asked to recall her

most memorable goal she swiftly replied, "I haven't scored too many", but on reflection admitted the two she scored in this year's National league final gave her immense satisfaction.

Against Carrigdhoun, Sinead will line out alongside inter-county

mates Vivienne Harris and Eithne Duggan.

"Eithne, Viv, Ciara (Healy), and Trish (Doyle) have all been very supportive, and being involved with a club like Bishopstown means a huge amount to me".

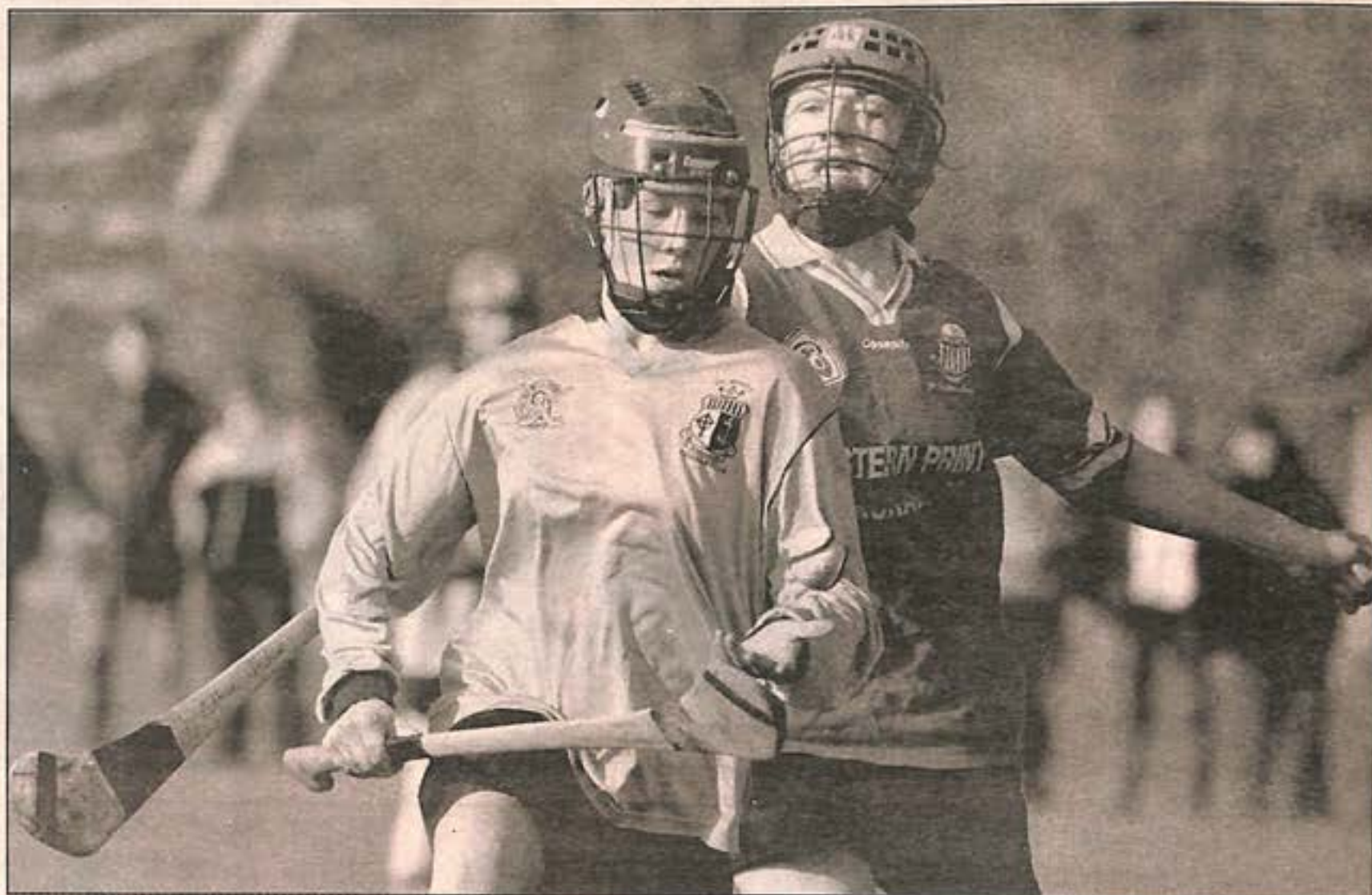
The Southside club came

of age in the summer of 1997 when the 'Town collected their first ever senior county title.

Last season again saw them victorious, but this year without the mighty Liz (Towler) a lot of good teams stand in the way of the three-in-a-row.

It is little wonder therefore, that in the great tradition of the game of camogie, a senior county medal can be the prize possession of many a player.

Sinead heads out on the prestigious trail this weekend.





# Cloughdun ease past Muskerry

Cloughdun  
Muskerry

3-4  
0-6

HAD Cloughdun availed of their many chances in the first-half they should have been out of sight at the break in this first round Cork Senior Camogie championship tie at Newcestown last evening.

They completely dominated the opening period to such an extent that Muskerry had only one attack in the twenty five minutes but they had seven wides in a half in which it looked easier to score than to shoot wide.

With Catherine Corkery having a splendid game at midfield the Cloughdun forwards got an excellent supply of the ball but thanks to some excellent goal-

keeping by Marion McCarthy and some dreadful shooting they were only 2-2 to 0-0 ahead at the interval, their final goal and a point coming in the last three minutes.

After Cloughdun had dominated again in the opening minutes of the second-half the Muskerry selectors, who had made some tactical switches at the break, saw their side come more into the game and they began to play much better camogie.

With centre-back Helen Walsh beginning to come more into the game and forwards Mary Bridget Ermegues and Deirdre Healy running at the Cloughdun defence they set up some excellent attacking moves and were rewarded with some

fine scores. In an effort to stem the flow Cloughdun moved Stephanie Dunlea from centre half forward to centreback and this had the desired effect as she was a tower of strength in that position.

In their few raid in the second period Cloughdun's Una O'Donoghue had two glorious chances to score goals, when set-up by Lynn Dunlea, but failed miserably.

Still in fairness O'Donoghue's side never looked like being beaten.

**CLOUGHDUN:** A. Murray; S. Buckley, J. O'Callaghan, C. Cronin; S. A. Shannon, O. McCarthy, C. Corkery, J. Dunlea, S. Dunlea (2-0); A. Buckley (0-1); C. O'Donoghue, L. Dunlea (0-2, free), U. O'Donoghue (1-1), Sub. S. McDonald for S. A. Shannon (40).  
**MUSKERRY:** M. McCarthy (Eire Ogl); E. O'Leary (dol); S. Buckley (Aghabullogue), J.

Twomey (dol); M. Twomey (dol); H. Walsh (Eire Ogl); E. Foley (dol); A. McKenna (dol) (0-1); D. Twomey (Aghabullogue); H. Moynihan, Capt (0-1); M. Howard (Eire Ogl); M. B. Ermegues (dol); D. Healy (dol); C. O'Callaghan (dol); E. O'Herrity (0-4, 0-3, free), Sub. V. Corkery (Eire Ogl) for C. O'Callaghan.  
**Referee:** J. McGrath (Carrigaline).

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## Fr O'Neills destroy Seandun

Fr. O'Neills  
Seandun

3-23  
0-1

FR. O'NEILL'S coasted to a quarter-final meeting with Newtownshandrum when they had a comprehensive victory over Divisional side Seandun at Carrigtwohill last evening.

Sharon Meade's first minute point paved the way for what totally one way traffic throughout the opening half.

Popping over points at will, Fr. O'Neills led by ten points

before Janice Duffy had Seandun only score of the game when she pointed a 12th minute free.

Continuing to dominate Frances Flavin had the East Cork girls opening goal nineteen minutes into the game to send her side in at half time 1-19 to 0-1 ahead.

The trend was maintained throughout the second-half with goals for the Ballymacoda side from Mary Kenefick and Karen O'Sullivan totally killing the Seandun challenge.

A feature of the O'Neill play was that all but three of their points came from play complemented the superb striking of centre-field player, Sinead Cahalane and the fitness level of their side in general.

With this display, they served notice of their intentions in this year's championship.

**Scorers for Fr. O'Neills:** Mary Kenefick 1-4, (1 from 45, 1 from free) Frances Flavin 1-3, Karen O'Sullivan 1-1, Fiona O'Driscoll 0-5, Sinead Cahalane 0-4, Sharon Meade, A. Corcoran, R. Corcoran 0-2 each.

**Seandun:** Janice Duffy 0-1 (free).  
**FR. O'NEILLS:** A.M. Brennan, A. O'Neill, L. Sweetnam, S. McCarthy, S. Meade, M. Finn, F. Hennessey, S. Cahalane, V. O'Sullivan, R. Corcoran, F. O'Driscoll, K. O'Sullivan, M. Kenefick, F. Flavin, A. Corcoran. Subs. M. O'Brien for M. Finn, N. Ahern for F. O'Driscoll.

**SEANDUN:** E. Clifford, (St. Finbarr's) S. Ricken (St. Vincent's) J. Browne (St. Finbarr's), E.M. Cronin (Delany's), A. O'Regan (Douglas), Colette Kirby (St. Finbarr's), C. Barry (Douglas), T. Kearney (Delany's) Clare Kirby (St. Finbarr's), G. Morrissey (St. Vincent's) J. Duffy (St. Finbarr's), C. Callanan (Delany's) M. Maher (Douglas), N. Nash (St. Finbarr's) C. Barrett (Mayfield), Subs. C. Lynch (St. Vincent's) for C. Callanan, S. Kelly (Brian Dillon's) for T. Kearney.  
**Referee:** Dave Daly.

## Bord na Gaeilge Camogie

By P.J. FUL

Cork kicked off to a great start in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship with a huge win over Wexford at Oylegate. It was no more than target practice for the All-Ireland champions, who seem to have adjusted themselves well to the full size GAA pitch with great speed, skill and determination and looked very good as they set out to retain their title. Although Wexford tried their best, they could not stop the scoring power of their opponents. Nine of the team put their names on the scoreboard.

Half time score: Cork 3-11 Wexford 0-2.

Final score: Cork 7-24 Wexford 0-2

Scorers: Cork: Miriam Deacy 3-2, Linda Mellerick and Lynn Dunlea 1-6 each, Stephanie Dunlea 1-4, Caoimhe Harrington 1-0, Mary O'Connor 0-3, Vivienne Harris, Sarah Hayes and Ursula Troy 0-1 each.

Wexford: Kath Kelly (0-2)

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Derry retained the Ulster Junior Championship when they put in a good second half performance against Tyrone in this final played at Swatragh on Sunday.

In a low scoring first half, Tyrone led 1-3 to 1-2 after 25 minutes of play. Four points from frees in as many minutes by Martina Mulholland put Derry in front at the break, 1-7 to 1-3.

The Oak Leaf County stepped up a gear in the second half and put in a display that Tyrone had little answer to.

Final score: Derry 6-15 Tyrone 1-7

Scorers: Derry: Martina Mulholland 0-11 (frees), Mary O'Kane 3-0, Karen Rafferty 1-2, Claire McNicholl and Aileen Tohill 1-1 each.

Tyrone: Brenda Burke 1-2, Mary Rose McGrady, Blathin McIlvor, Paula O'Neill, Dolores Hughes and Simone Forbes 0-1 each.

Referee: Catherine O'Hara, Antrim.

Offaly got the upperhand of Wexford in this Leinster Junior Championship semi-final played at Rath. This was a very close encounter all the way through. After a first half that produced lots of firepower Offaly led 1-3 to 1-2. At the end of the third quarter, following goals by Offaly's Sharon Daly and Wexford's Evelyn Quigley, the sides were level at 2-5 each. Offaly went on to notch two further points to put them into the final against Kilkenny. Final score: Offaly 2-7 Wexford 2-5.

Scorers: Offaly: Michelle Davis 0-5, Majella Bergin and Sharon Daly 1-0 each, Magie Lynch 0-2.

Wexford: Noeleen Lambert 1-2, Evelyn Quigley 1-0, Joan Redmond, Elaine Holohan and Martina Bergin 0-1 each.

Referee: Liam Davitt, Westmeath.

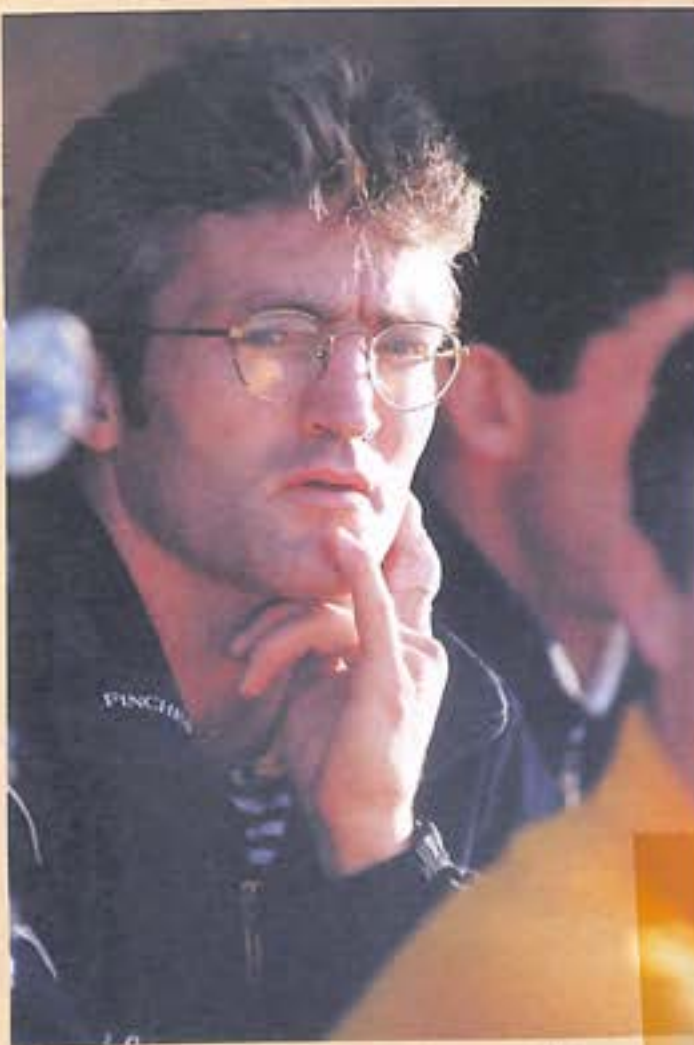
The Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship continues on Saturday next with two games down for decision. Tipperary have the venue against Clare. The Ragg at 6pm. They are training hard for the championship. Colm Bonnar is one of their mentors, helping with the

preparations. Having being classed unlucky to be beaten by Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final last year, 2-11 to 0-14, their hopes are high to go that step further this time. They have a good skilful side that has gained a lot of experience since then, reaching the national senior league final and going under to Cork.

Clare will be no pushovers. They also went under to Cork in the Bord na Gaeilge semi-final last year, 2-15 to 1-9.

When the sides last met in the national league, Tipperary were victorious 4-9 to 3-6. The Banner County will be determined to reverse that result on Saturday. It should be close at the finish.

In the other semi-final, Dublin travel to take on Down who are the All-Ireland intermediate champions of last season. Dublin were knocked out in the first round of the championship last year by Cork. They came up against the 'Mourne Girls' in a preliminary round of the National senior league earlier this year and went under 3-8 to 1-4.



Colm Bonnar is one of Tipperary's mentors this year





Catherine Byrne, Offaly attempts to block a shot from Martina Maher in the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship Final at Nolan Park. Picture: Michael Dunne.

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All-Ireland SC SF  
Tipperary 1-18, Clare 1-6. Down 3-14, Dub.  
In 3-9. Leinster JC: Westmeath SC Final:  
St. Mary's 3-9, Falmouth 2-2. Kildare SC  
Final: St. Laurence's 1-6, Clonsilla 1-2. Kildare  
JC Final: Maynooth 5-5, Ardough 3-6.  
Junior Championship Final — Roscom.  
mon 4-6, Galway 2-10.



Pauline Comerford, (St. Brigid's) challenges for the ball in the Leinster Junior Camogie Championship Final at Nowlan Park. Picture: Michael Dwyer.

## Victory for Tipperary Juniors

Tipperary ..... 3-8  
Limerick ..... 3-0

In overcoming Limerick in the semi-final of the championship, in Limerick on Saturday last and with a bye in the preliminary round, the Junior girls ensured their place in the Munster final against Cork to be played later in the month.

In a well contested game, the Tipperary girls had a convincing win at the final whistle but will face a stiffer test in their bid for Munster glory against Cork in the final.

fully come through the league and making it to the final which unfortunately went totally wrong for them on the day, the players and management have firmly put that mishap totally behind them and with this panel of girls training very hard over the last number of weeks, the side seem well prepared for the task ahead of them on Saturday evening.

Support for the girls would be appreciated as all are wished the best of luck.

#### SENIORS READY

With the arrival of the senior championship, the girls meet Clare on this Saturday, the 10th, at 6 p.m. in the Ragg hurling pitch.

When the sides met earlier in the year in the league, Tipperary had a convincing win then. Having success-

## Dubs downed

DOWN ..... 3-14 DUBLIN ..... 3-9  
PLUCKY Down booked their place in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final against Tipperary with a fine victory at Ballyryan on Saturday evening.

Two first half goals from Cathy Mulholland and another from Jennifer Branniff gave Down a 3-9 to 1-4 lead at the break. Down extended their lead to 14 points early in the second half with two points from Maureen McAleenan and one by Jennifer Branniff.

Dublin, for whom Cathy Walsh scored a first half goal, stepped up a gear and late goals from Sarah Crosbie and Gillian McCluskey gave them some hope, but Joan Henderson and Maureen McAleenan sent over Down's insurance points.

In the other semi-final Tipperary were far too strong for Munster rivals Clare running out 1-18 to 1-6 winners.

SCORERS — Down: C. Mulholland 2-1, J. Branniff 1-3, M. McAleenan 0-6, C. McGrath, A. Fearon, C. Hynes, J. Henderson 0-1 each. Dublin: C. Walsh 1-5, G. McCluskey 1-1, S. Crosbie 1-0, I. Kirwan 0-2, D. O'Leary 0-1.

## Offaly delight

OFFALY ..... 1-9 KILKENNY ..... 2-2  
THE Faithful county bridged a 36-year gap when they got the upper hand of Kilkenny to win the Leinster Junior Camogie championship title at Nowlan Park.

Offaly, who now qualify for their first All-Ireland Junior semi-final, led by 0-5 to 1-0 at half-time, thanks to points from Michelle Davis and Maggie Lynch. Marie Maher got Kilkenny's first half goal, but Edel Corcoran found the net after the break to put Offaly in control.

SCORERS — Offaly: E. Corcoran 1-0, M. Lynch, M. Davis 0-3 each, E. Dermody, C. Carroll, F. McLeach 0-1 each. Kilkenny: M. Maher, C. Doherty 1-0 each, P. Comerford 0-2.  
REF — L. Davis (Westmeath).



July 1999

# Bord na Gaeilge Camogie World

By P.J. FULHAM

Down booked their place in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship semi-final against Tipperary, with their win over Dublin at Ballycran on Saturday evening last. It was Down's first half display that kept them in the game and they were lucky to survive a strong challenge from Dublin in the second half.

First half goals by Cathy Mulholland (2) and Jennifer Braniff gave the winners a 3-9 to 1-4 lead at the break, with Dublin's goal coming from Cathy Walsh on the 26th minute. Down extended their lead to 14 points early in the second half, with two points by Mairin McAleenan and one from Jennifer Braniff. Dublin stepped up a gear and picked off some well taken points, before substitute Sarah Crosbie goalied on the 28th minute. This was followed by a similar score by Gillian McCloskey to leave three points between the sides, 3-12 to 3-9. From the puck out Joan Henderson notched the insurance point for Down and Mairin McAleenan put the issue beyond doubt with a free.

Final score: Down 3-14 Dublin 3-9  
Scorers: Down - Cathy Mulholland 2-1, Jennifer Braniff 1-3, Mairin McAleenan 0-6, Angela Fearon, Claire McGrath and Valerie Hynds 0-1 each.  
Dublin - Cathy Walsh 1-5, Gillian McCloskey 1-1, Sarah Crosbie 1-0, Irene Kirwan 0-2, Denise O'Leary 0-1.  
Referee - Catherine O'Hara (Antrim).

Offaly bridged a 36 year gap when they got the upper hand of Kilkenny, to become the Leinster junior champions at Nowlan Park on Saturday last. This was a great achievement for the Faithful County that puts them into their first All-Ireland junior championship final. When they won in 1963 the All-Ireland junior championship had not been inaugurated.

It was a closely contested affair, with the rearguards of both sides very impressive. Offaly shot into the lead with points by Michelle Davis and Maggie Lynch. Martina Maher got through for Kilkenny's goal on the 15th minute. However, the winners held a slender lead after a low scoring first half 0-5 to 1-0.

Offaly stretched their lead early in the second half when Edel Corcoran goalied, but minutes later Catherine Doherty replied with a similar score for the Black and Amber, but the Faithful County kept their nose in front on a scoreline of 1-9 to Kilkenny's 2-2.

Scorers: Offaly - Edel Corcoran 1-0, Maggie Lynch, Michelle Davis 0-3 each, Elaine Dermody, Carina Carroll, Fiona McLeish 0-1 each.

Kilkenny - Martina Maher, Catherine Doherty 1-0 each, Pauleen Commerford 0-2.

Offaly team - Ann Bergin, Nollaig Mahon, Lorraine Corcoran, Amanda Kelly, Eileen Kinsella, Catherine Byrne, Carina Carroll, Michelle Davis, Majella Bergin, Elaine Dermody, Audrey Hennessy, Fiona McLeish, Edel Corcoran, Maggie Lynch, Sharon Daly. Subs - Honor Kinsella for McLeish, Orla Carey for Daly.

Kilkenny team - Bronagh Neary, Nora Sutton, Brigid Barnaville, Sarah O'Gorman, Mairead Costello, Una Murphy, Linda Crennon, Mary Eilan Butler, Kathleen Atkins, Pauleen Commerford, Martina Maher, Dolores Lanagan, Lizzie Lyng, Caitriona Ryan, Laura Sweeney. Subs

- Ann Marie Raftice for Ryan, Catherine Doherty for Sweeney.  
Referee - Liam Davitt (Westmeath).

Results  
Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship  
Tipperary 1-18 Clare 1-6

Connacht Junior Championship Final  
Roscommon 4-6 Galway 2-10

Louth SC Final  
Kilkerly 4-7 St Annes 0-2

Westmeath SC Final  
St Munnas 3-9 Raharney 2-2

Kildare SC Final  
St Laurences 1-9 Clane 1-2

Kildare JC Final  
Maynooth 5-5 Ardough 3-6

Down SC Final  
Liatroim/Fontenoy's 5-10 Ballycran 0-2

Armagh SC Final  
Ballymacnab 6-2 Clonoe 1-6

Tyrone SC Final  
Ardboe 3-5 Clonoe 1-6

It is with deep regret we have just learned of the death of Siobhan O'Neill, aged 23 in a road accident in Donegal on Saturday last. Siobhan played with Clonoe in the Tyrone championship final on Wednesday July 7th and with Tyrone against Derry in the Ulster Championship final three days earlier. Go Dia trocaire ar a hanam.

On Saturday next there are two matches in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior camogie championship down for decision.

Kilkenny travel to Loughrea at 2pm to take on last year's beaten finalists Galway in a quarter final. The sides met in the championship semi-final of 1997 when the western county were victorious, 4-11 to 2-11. Kilkenny did not impress in the National League earlier in the season but have high hopes for the championship.

Galway have contested the last three Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland finals, winning their only title in 1996. They lost out to Tipperary in the National League semi-final 3-14 to 3-7. The sides look to be evenly matched on most parts of the field. Galway, with home venue, may advance to the semi-final.

Cork, the reigning champions and league holders, host Limerick. The latter were re-graded to junior in 1989 and won the All-Ireland in that grade in 1995. The following year they secured All-Ireland intermediate honours and as a result were back in the senior grade. They have not got over the first round of the senior championship since then. They have got a very tough draw against Cork who had a 7-24 to 0-2 win over Wexford in a preliminary round. Cork are favourites to go into the semi-final against the winners of Galway v Kilkenny.

## Dunloy ditch Loughgiel

DUNLOY collected their fourth Antrim Senior Championship title in six years after a 5-15 to 1-6 win over their neighbours Loughgiel at Rasharkin yesterday.

The game was well beyond Loughgiel's reach at half-time with Dunloy leading 3-9 to 0-3, with Dunloy's first half goals coming from Una Elliot, Majella McMullan and a superb long range free from full-back Sinead McMullan ended up in the Loughgiel net.

Noelle McCarry's early goal for Loughgiel in the second half gave their supporters hope for a few minutes until an in-form Una Elliot goalied for Dunloy.  
Dunloy were strong

throughout the pitch. Ciara McKinley, their 15-year-old goalkeeper, played like a veteran in this position. Their defence was solid while the Loughgiel forward line, which included Grace McMullan and Ursula Culbertson, failed to ignite.

The midfield battle was well won by Dunloy - both Elaine Dowds and Edel Mason gaining control over Catriona Higgins and Donna McBride.

The Dunloy forward line were much too classy for a Loughgiel defence that was much too slow on the day. Nine Dunloy players got their name on the scoreline including the full-back. They now play the winners of Liatroim v Lavey.

Dunloy scorers: Una Elliot (3-1), Majella McMullan (1-1), Ann McKee (0-6), Sinead McMullan (1-0), Edel Mason (0-3), Elaine Dowds, Brenda Kearns, Clare Maguire (0-1).

Loughgiel scorers: Noelle McCarry (1-3), Catriona Higgins (0-3).

Referee: Aoife Woods (Armagh).

● HOLDERS  
Liatroim Fontenoy's easily qualified for the quarter-final of the Ulster Club Championship with a comprehensive 13-24 to 2-1 victory over the Fermanagh champions Teemore in Fontenoy Park yesterday.  
Liatroim scorers: M McAleenan (5-6), C McCrackard (4-3), M. Murray (1-3), L. McCrackard (0-4), R O'Higgins (2-1), L. Quinn (0-2), S McGovern (0-2), C McGovern (1-1).  
Teemore scorers: C Flanagan (1-0), A Fitzpatrick (0-1), G Fitzpatrick (1-0).

## Brave Dubs still upbeat!

DESPITE a brave effort, Dublin tumbled out of the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship at Ballycran last Saturday, Down winning on the 3-14 to 3-9 scoreline.

New Dubs' manager, Tom Monaghan, can take heart from the display. The team only began preparing for this contest in the last few weeks after his 11th hour appointment.

Dublin will now work towards the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship and will travel to Clare on July 31.

CAMOGIE  
By NIAL SCULLY

Down won last year's Intermediate title, and now they can look forward to a Parnell Park All-Ireland Senior Championship semi-final against Tipperary on August 7.

The hosts led at half time, 3-9 to 1-4, having struck two quick goals against the run of play, with Cathy Walsh getting Dublin's goal.

With the wind on the restart, Dublin made more of an impact, and they notched goals from impressive debutante, Sarah Crosbie, and Gillian McCloskey, but Down managed to pop over two more points to give them a five-point winning advantage.

Dublin scorers: C Walsh 1-5, G McCloskey 1-1, S Crosbie 1-0, I Kirwan 0-2, D O'Leary 0-1.

Dublin's Sila Nic Colaité, Ann-Marie Gray, Veronica Trehy, Germaine Noonan (C), Catherine Boyle, Denise O'Leary, Sonya Byrne, Eimear Branigan, Eve Talbot, Louise O'Hara, Ruth Lyons, Carmel Gray, Irene Kirwan, Cathy Walsh, Gillian McCloskey. Subs: Collette Murphy for Talbot; Karen Fox for Branigan; Sarah Crosbie for C Gray (in).

● Not all was lost for Dublin over the weekend as former star forward, the flying Anna McManus, playing off 24, captured the second annual Camogie Golf Tournament title in Kilkenny.

● On Friday, the two big Dublin Senior Championship finals take place in O'Toole Park. The holders, St. Vincent's, meet Good Counsel, narrow victors over Na Fianna, while last season's finalists, Ballyboden St. Enda's tackle Erin's Isle.



**All-Ireland Senior Camogie  
quarter-final:**  
Down 3-14 Dublin 3-9

## Stand-in is outstanding

SIXTEEN-year-old stand-in goalkeeper, Ciara McCarthy, was the toast of her Mourne county on Saturday after she brought off several excellent stops for Down to become the first Ulster side in 20 years to contest the Bord na Gaelge All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-finals on August 7th.

When regular keeper Teresa McGowan had to cry off, Ciara the minor goal minder was called into the panel on the morning of the game, and she responded with a confident performance, belittling her inexperience at this level.

Although Down only played well in spasms, it was their more experienced players who seemed to pick the right options - particularly in those final nail-biting two minutes of injury time, after two quick Dublin goals had reduced the deficit to three points.

From the puck-out, Edel Mason, Mairin McAleenan and Joan Henderson worked the sliotar up-field for Joan to shoot the insurance point, and the same players were involved in securing a 30 meter free which McAleenan pointed.

Three first half goals in a five minute spell between the 17th and 22nd minutes build the platform for victory, although prior to those goal strikes, Down looked very nervous, wasting several openings. However they were a transformed team when Jennifer Braniff's long-range effort dipped in at the far post. Cathy Mulholland, a sister of Down footballer Shane, crashed home a second

within a minute and then pounced on a goalkeeping error for Down's third a few minutes later, to put her team 3-6 to 0-2 ahead.

Dublin regained their composure with a goal from their most dangerous player Cathy Walsh and were well in contention at the break on a 3-8 to 1-4 deficit with second half wind advantage to come.

Down however put in a great five minute spell after half-time - registering three unanswered points, and then they came under sustained pressure which brought several fine saves from Ciara McCarthy.

She was not to blame for the two which beat her near the end, goals which had some spectators and players thinking back to the 1992 All-Ireland Intermediate final, which Down led comfortably but were hit with four Dublin goals in the last ten minutes.

That time span was not available this time for Dublin, and Down deservedly go through to next month's semi-final against Tipperary who defeated Clare - also on Saturday by 1-18 to 1-6.

Down: C McCarthy, D Savage, D Greenan (capt), A Morgan, P Greene, E Mason, M McNeill, J Henderson (0-1), J Braniff (1-3, 2 frees), V Hynds (0-1), M McAleenan (0-6, 2 frees), M Murray, A Fearon (0-1), C Mulholland (2-1), C McGrath (0-1); Subs: C McGovern for M McNeill 47 mins.  
Dublin: S Ni Chollair, A Gray, V Trehy, G Noonan (capt), C Boyle, D O'Leary (0-1), S Byrne, E Brannigan, E Talbot, L O'Hara, R Lyons, C Gray, I Kirwan (0-2, 1 free), C Walsh (1-5, 4 frees), G McCloskey (1-1); Subs: C Murphy for E Talbot (30), K Fox for E Brannigan (33), S Crosby (1-0) for C Gray (45)  
Ref: Catherine O'Hara (Antrim)

## GAA rocked by deaths of young pair

By Seamus McKinney and Aeneas Bonner

ULSTER GAA was in shock last night after the tragic deaths of two young Coalisland members within an hour of each other in separate motorbike accidents.

Siobhan 'Tip' O'Neill (23) and Ryan Kane (21) both died on Saturday afternoon.

Ms O'Neill, a member of the Tyrone team beaten by Derry in the Ulster junior final at Swatragh last week, died following an accident at Inver, Co Donegal.

It is understood she was travelling as a pillion passenger on a motorcycle shortly after 5pm when she was involved in a collision with another bike. She died at the scene.

Her Tyrone team-mate, Margaret Rose Scullion from Ardboe, was passing by in a car at the time of the accident and comforted the dying woman.

Well known in camogie circles in her native Tyrone, Ms O'Neill was equally skillful as a defender as she was as a forward. Last Wednesday night, she played with her club Clonoe in the Tyrone county final against Ardboe.

Chairwoman of the

Tyrone county board, Yvonne Keenan, said she found it difficult to come to terms with the tragedy.

Offering condolences to the O'Neill family, Ms Keenan said: "Siobhan was a dedicated player both for Clonoe and Tyrone. She was so full of life."

"It is difficult to imagine how it is going to be without her around."

Tom Monaghan, chairman of the Ulster Camogie Council, said the thoughts of everyone were with the O'Neill family.

"Siobhan was not only a fine player but a lovely person," he said.

Mr Kane, of Innismore Park, Coalisland, whose brother is a well-known footballer, was killed in Co Tyrone on Saturday afternoon.

Police are appealing for information about the accident, which happened at around 4pm on the Ballynakelly Road, close to the Coagh junction.

Players and spectators observed a minute's silence before yesterday's Down-Tyrone Ulster football semi-final as a mark of respect to the two victims as well as former Down star, Ambrose Rodgers.

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**Camogie:** A second half scoring blitz enabled Lavey to comfortably beat Slaughtneil 4-6 to 0-1 by a convincing margin in last night's Derry county final at Newbridge.

There were just two points between the teams at the interval, Jane Kelly's score reducing the deficit after Helen Collins had found the net in the tenth minute.

But Lavey found their touch in front of goal after the restart, scoring three times in the space of five minutes through Orla Downey, Bronagh Birt and Collins.

Lavey now face the daunting task of playing Ulster club champions Leitrim in their next assignment at the weekend.

Lavey scorers: H Collins 2-0, B Birt 1-2, O Downey 1-0, A McPeake 0-2, M Mulholland 0-2 frees.  
Slaughtneil scorers: J Kelly 0-1.



Tipperary senior camogie panel which defeated Clare in the first round of the All-Ireland championship at the Ragg on Saturday evening. Back row, left to right: Timmy Moloney (selector), Helen Campion, Catriona Hennessy, Philomena Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy, Maeve Stokes (capt), Angela McDermott, Theresa Brophy, Suzanne Kelly, Helen Kiely, Claire Madden, Ciara Gaynor, Biddy Philip (selector) and Jim Madden (selector). Kneeling: Louise Ryan, Sheena Howard, Grainne Shanahan, Emily Hayden, Niamh Harkins, Nora Dwan (with son Jason), Deirdre Hughes, Sinead Nealon, Una O'Dwyer, Eimear McDonnell, Jovita Delaney, and Maria Harkins. B.D.



# Noelle's sharpness too much for Clare

## TIPP MOVE CLOSER TO ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Tipperary 1-18 Clare 1-6

By Gerry Slevin

The value of a good free-taker to a team's cause was again illustrated on Saturday evening in The Ragg, when Toomevara sharp-shooter Noelle Kennedy accounted for 1-11 of Tipp's total from placed balls in the county's well merited twelve point win over great rivals Clare. It was a victory that leaves Tipp just one hour away from an All Ireland final appearance, Down (who defeated Dublin also on Saturday), standing in the way of that achievement.

Coming in the wake of Tipp's humiliation by Cork in the recent league final, the performance of the home side showed that getting that morale deflation exercise out of their system is well under way. Clare may not have been the quality side that Cork undoubtedly is and there is quite a lot of work to be done before Tipp can consider themselves Cork's equals. Nevertheless, what we saw on Saturday against a gritty, physical, no-nonsense Clare side was encouraging, and further developments with former inter county hurlers Colm Bonnar and Michael Cleary involved in the coaching, are awaited.

Tipp were never headed, once Noelle Kennedy sent over a free after fifty seconds and a minute later she caught the Clare defence napping when a close-in free went all the way to the opposing net. A great start for the home side with Deirdre Hughes' showing her prowess on the edge of the square and forcing the Clare defence into hauling her down for the free that resulted in that goal. Hughes was always dangerous in possession and with the Clare defence resorting to fouling tactics to halt her, Noelle Kennedy's sharpness hammered nail after nail into their coffin.

### OPPORTUNITIES

Nor were Clare without their scoring opportunities either and in the first quarter especially they put quite a lot of pressure on the Tipp defence. However a tendency to drop the sliotar into the very safe hands of Tipp keeper Jovita Delaney, saw several chances of points wasted. Jovita, a former full back, was extremely alert throughout and made the transition to the last line of defence with ease.

At half time, Tipp led 1-7 to 0-3, all their scores coming from Noelle Kennedy's stick, the only score from play, again from her, coming five minutes before the break.

Just on half time a well delivered Kennedy centre saw the Clare keeper, Aine McCormack caught out of position and as she moved back to try and



Deirdre Hughes, Tipp's full forward, heads for goal in one of her many incursions on Saturday. B.D.

retrieve the ball, it seemed that she crossed the line as did the ball. However, inexplicably the umpire immediately waved his hands for a wide ball only to then change his mind and award a 45 -- the replacement for a 30 in the new fifteen a side game -- which Noelle Kennedy pointed.

Tipp's dominance really took over in the second half with the half back line especially prominent and mid field also lifting its game considerably. Noelle Kennedy continued to punish the fouling tactics of the Clare defence with her marvellous accuracy but players like Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Angie McDermott and substitute Cairiona Hennessy also got in on the scoring act as Clare's confidence waned.

### SAFELY THROUGH

With two minutes of normal time remaining Tipp were 1-16 to 0-4 ahead and safely into the semi final. Four minutes were added on for injuries and Clare got a goal from a Marie Collins free as well as points from Deirdre Murphy and Sylvia O'Brien. They were only token scores, Clare were a well beaten side and the final whistle sounded with another step in Tipp's camogie rehabilitation completed.

The cushion of Noelle Kennedy's early goal was a decided asset to Tipp and Tipp were also a much finer side. The

back line, fronting a confident Jovita Delaney in goals, was seldom troubled but when Clare did put on some pressure, Una O'Dwyer, Sinead Nealon and

Clara Gaynor were particularly industrious in repelling those attacks. Both Angie McDermott and Emily Hayden had their moments at mid field, while up front apart from her free taking, Noelle Kennedy was a continuous thorn in the Clare defence, receiving great support from

Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes and Therese Brophy.

Clare, with a seasoned side on duty and including in their line-up, Sinead McMahon and Sinead O'Brien, sister and wife respectively of Clare hurlers Sean McMahon and Liam Doyle, travelled to the Ragg in confident mood but they never got into the game with the drive anticipated. The tendency of the defence to resort to fouling tactics allied to the inability of the attack to make much headway against a defiant Tipp defence, militated against them achieving the result they would have wished for.

### POOR ARRANGEMENTS

As a quarter final of the premier camogie competition on the calendar, sponsored by Bord na Gaeilge, one would have to say that arrangements left a lot to be desired. There was no team sheet, no score board in operation and the referee arrived with no umpires or linespeople, resulting in each side having to supply officials.

Referee Vera Mulcahy from Limerick had to put up with an amount of verbal abuse from a group of male Clare supporters throughout the game and not

even the intrusion of the chairperson of the Clare Camogie Board on a few occasions, to have them call off their tirade, lessened the disgraceful carry-on.

This continuous intimidation had an unsettling effect on the lady-in-charge and at times, the game seemed to go beyond her control, though it was never

what one might describe as dirty. It was rather strange though on two occasions, that when two Clare players were being attended to for injuries, the referee remained well removed from the scene and didn't seek out the extent of those injuries.

### SCORERS AND TEAMS

Scorers for Tipp were, N. Kennedy 1-12 (1-11 frees), E. McDonnell 0-3, A. McDermott, D. Hughes, C. Hennessy 0-1 each.

Clare's replies came from M. Collins 1-1 (frees), D. Murphy 0-2, M. McMahon (free), N. Comyns, S. O'Brien 0-1 each.

Tipp had one wide in the first half, to Clare's total of eight of which five were in the second half. Tipp were awarded seventeen frees, eleven in the first half, to Clare's six in each half. Clare forced a 45 in each half to Tipp's one in the first half.

**TIPPERARY** -- Jovita Delaney, Suzanne Kelly, Una O'Dwyer, Claire Madden, Maedbh Stokes, Clara Gaynor, Sinead Nealon, Angie McDermott, Emily Hayden, Noelle Kennedy, Therese Brophy, Helen Kiely, Eimear McDonnell, Deirdre Hughes, Niamh Harkin.

Subs -- Cairiona Hennessy for Harkin, Marie Harkin for Stokes.

**CLARE:** Aine McCormack, Sinead Daly, Sinead McMahon, Debbie McDonagh, Cathy Hally, Sinead O'Brien, Marie Collins, Moira McMahon, Edel Arthur, Erica Minogue, Noelle Comyns, Debbie Murphy, Catherine O'Loughlin, Pauline O'Brien, Sylvia O'Brien.

Subs -- Anne Keane for Comyns, Amy Collieran for Pauline O'Brien.

Referee -- Vera Mulcahy.



Sinead O'Brien (Clare) and Theresa Brophy (Tipp) seek possession. B.D.