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# All-Ireland junior camogie champs



The champions . . . the Limerick team and panel members pictured after their dramatic win over Roscommon in Sunday's All Ireland junior camogie final. Front row, left to right, Deirdre Sheehan, Agnes Sheehy, Carol Murphy, Mairead Cagney, Helen Clifford-McCarthy, captain with her daughter Laura, Liz Leonard, Mary Burke, Kay Burke and Vera Sheehan; Back row, left to right, Niamh Cregan, Helen Kelleher, Gene Cuhane, Cecilia McNamara, Ide Quaid, Breda O'Brien, Ann Marie Stack, Mary Lonergan, Pauline McCarthy, Kathleen O'Connor, Bernie O'Brien, Liz Riordan. Limerick won by 3-7 to 4-3.

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# Kay's goalden hour as Limerick crowned

By AIDAN CORR

Limerick .....3-7  
Roscommon .....4-3

**Gaelic Athletic Association.** it is doubtful if team manager, Eamonn Cregan, will ever forget the dying minutes of this cracking All-Ireland junior camogie final at Croke Park on Sunday.

Leading by nine points at the interval and looking destined to receive their first All-Ireland success in 18 years at a canter, the Shannonsiders came apart in the second half and trailed by two points to a resurgent Roscommon with less than two minutes left on the clock.

Shades of similar final defeats for Limerick hovered menacingly before them as rampant Roscommon thwarted their every effort to get back on terms. If ever the Shannonsiders needed a saviour it was now and it from a piece of brilliant opportunism by red-haired corner forward, Kay Burke, which eventually won the day with a goal that will be long remembered in the annals of local Gaelic.

It was the Feohanagh-Castlemahon girl's third goal of the game and it is unlikely that she will ever notch a more important score as far as Limerick camogie is concerned. A point in arrears with seconds remaining in this topsy turvy decider, Roscommon came forward in a last ditch effort to pull the game out of the fire and they very nearly forced a replay with virtually the last puck of the game when Hilary Hussey's left-handed shot from 40 metres bounced off the upright and went wide much to the delight of a prancing Eamonn Cregan who had by now made his way to the right of the Limerick posts.

Seconds later referee Maire Uí Pholáird from Waterford sounded the final



Limerick's Mary Burke faces a Roscommon opponent in the All Ireland junior camogie final.

whistle and the scenes of joy from the Limerick camp, and the couple of hundred supporters who had made their way to the capital to support the county, had to be seen to be believed. Disappointments of the past eighteen years were washed away by the euphoria of an All-Ireland success; Limerick's ladies had conquered the hoodoo of Croke Park with a late show of courage and a dogged refusal to accept defeat.

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

Heavy rain poured down as the final got underway and it was Limerick who looked the sharper, rising the ball with ease and striking with authority. Elizabeth O'Riordan was first to threaten, picking up a long ball from Agnes Sheehy but Pauline McCarthy was narrowly wide with a left-handed effort. Limerick

were not to be denied the lead, however, with Pauline McCarthy of Bruff pointing a "30" after four minutes.

Roscommon rallied and only smart defending by Helen Clifford-McCarthy and goalkeeper Breda O'Brien kept the green and whites in front. Limerick increased their lead after six minutes when Pauline McCarthy pointed a Limerick free and Eamonn Cregan's side looked impressive. Mary Burke and Anna Marie Stack were ruling the middle of the field and their speed on the ball and excellent stick work were features of the first half. At the back the experienced Ann Lenihan was winning her battle with the dangerous Mary Gannon and when Lenihan lost possession Maeve Healy snapped up the chance to put Roscommon's opening score on the board from an acute angle.

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

At the other end it was the turn of Limerick goalie,

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

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

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

What a serious error of judgement we made, however, for no sooner had the second half got underway than it was clear that this Roscommon side were not going out without a fight.

The introduction of Mairead Coyle of the Four Roads club was to make all difference and after just five minutes she hammered the ball to the Limerick net to

probing ball was dropped into the Limerick square by Karina Jones and it was Mary Gannon's hurley got the vital touch to send the ball into the net to bring Roscommon within a goal of the Shannonsiders. Seconds later Limerick were under pressure again and only a heroic intervention from captain, Helen Clifford-McCarthy, saved a certain goal as Mary Gannon prepared to shoot into an empty net. This incident left three players on the ground injured and when play resumed it was Limerick who went close with a good effort from Pauline McCarthy.

With five minutes left and only a goal between the sides, this junior title was still very much up for grabs and Limerick hearts sunk as Mairead Coyle lofted a 40 metre free all the way to the net. With the sides level, Limerick now needed leadership and it was the experienced Pauline McCarthy who was prepared to take on the responsibility, picking up the ball on the 40 and forcing a foul from which she calmly put Limerick back in front.

It was now pretty exciting stuff with every ball being fiercely contested and the Limerick defence suffering from a severe dose of the jitters every time Roscommon launched an attack. Carol Murphy came on for the injured Elizabeth Leonard with three minutes remaining but before Limerick could re-organise their side Roscommon took a sensational lead. Mary Grehan was again the instigator, driving the ball deep into Limerick territory and when the sliothar was hand-passed across the goalmouth, Charmaine Cooney was there to send an unstoppable shot past Breda O'Brien for what, to Limerick supporters, looked like a sad ending to their hopes of All-Ireland glory.

These Limerick girls, however, are made of stern stuff. They had trained hard for the past twelve months and their road to Croke Park was not an easy one. They were not going to give in as long as they had a last

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

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

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

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

Wiping the sweat from his brow, team manager, Eamonn Cregan had run further than some of the players during the hour but still found his way to the press box minutes after the presentation:

"We were extremely lucky," he told us, "but we are thrilled to win. We were brilliant in the first half but the girls never hurled at all after the break. We needed an early point to settle us down but when Roscommon got that early goal we were always in trouble."

"It's been a long, hard

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

wide when well placed and when Anna Marie Stack cut through the Roscommon defence it took a double save from keeper Ursula Hussey to prevent a Limerick goal. Cregan's girls had to wait until the 15th minute for their opening score of the second half - a well struck "30" from Pauline McCarthy - and although now leading by double scores, 2-6 to 1-3, Limerick did not at all look

even from our high perch in the Hogan Stand one could sense the anxiety in the Limerick camp and with every Roscommon attack threatening to breach the Munster champion's defence, Eamonn Cregan's incursions onto the field of play became more regular.

After eighteen minutes Roscommon got the goal that nearly turned the game in their favour. A long



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Happy Limerick supporters at Croke Park on Sunday.

(LL)



Limerick's Kay Burke who was in superb form in the All Ireland camogie win over Roscommon in which she scored three goals.

(LL)



Limerick's Elizabeth O'Riordan puts pressure on the Roscommon defence with this shot.

(LL)



Limerick's Vera Sheehan in a race for possession in the All Ireland camogie final against Roscommon.

(LL)

slog for the panel and I'm absolutely thrilled for them at this moment."

How would he compare it to his All-Ireland successes with Limerick and Offaly we asked tentatively?

"Any All-Ireland win is a tremendous achievement and this one is of particular significance to me," said the manager who added that he had not yet made a decision on his future with the Offaly senior side.

With Eamonn's daughter, Niamh, winning an All-Ireland medal as part of the victorious Limerick squad, it completes a treble of Cregan generations who have been successful at All-Ireland level — Eamonn and his late father also winning titles with Limerick during different eras.

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

The entire panel and their mentors have shown dedication and total commitment to the county team during the year and their success is fully deserved.



Shane Comerford, Glasnevin, supporting the Limerick camogie team.

(LL)

Let's hope that the honour that they have brought to the county is suitably acknowledged... they certainly earned it the hard way.

Scorers: Limerick, Kay Burke 3-0; Pauline McCarthy 0-6; Anna Marie Stack 0-1. Roscommon, Mairead Coyle 2-1; Charmaine Cooney 1-0; Mary Gannon 1-0; Maeve Healy 0-1; Hillary Hussey 0-1.

**Limerick** Breda O'Brien, Granagh-Ballingarry; Helen Clifford-McCarthy, Granagh-Ballingarry, captain; Agnes Sheehy, Croagh-Kilfinny; Ann Lenihan, Croagh-Kilfinny; Elizabeth Leonard, Bruff; Elizabeth O'Riordan, Bruff; Mairead Cagney, Granagh-Ballingarry; Mary Burke, Glen Rovers; Ann Marie Stack, Ballygran; Kay Burke, Feohanagh-

Castlemahon; Pauline McCarthy, Bruff; Vera Sheehan, Granagh-Ballingarry. Subs: Niamh Cregan, Croagh-Kilfinny; Bernie O'Brien, Granagh-Ballingarry; Deirdre Sheehan, Granagh-Ballingarry; Carol Murphy, Croagh-Kilfinny; Jean Cullinane, Cecilia McNamara, Kathleen O'Connor, Helen Kelleher, Ida Quaid, Mary Lonergan.

**Roscommon** Ursula Horan; Caroline Connaughton, Emer Farrell, Mary Grehan, Teresa Carty, Charmaine Cooney, Hilary Hussey, Karine Jones, captain; Elizabeth Hanley, Mary Gannon, Geraldine Carr, Maeve Healy. Subs: Catherine Hoare, Mary Nagle, Mairead Coyle, Patricia Mulry.

Referee: Maire Uí Pholáird, Waterford.



Limerick's Annmarie Stack in action against Roscommon.



# Brave Roscommon Denied By Upright

Limerick ..... 3-7, Roscommon ..... 4-3

The width of a post. That's all that separated Roscommon from another crack at this All-Ireland Camogie final. After a grandstand finish which saw the Roscommon girls seem to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, only to fall behind again, Hilary Hussey's long range shot in the sixth minute of injury-time seemed to be going over the bar for an equaliser, but instead struck the right hand upright and went wide.

By Conor Kane  
in Croke Park

The referee's final whistle moments later signalled an agonising defeat for the brave Roscommon side, who had come back from being ten points down at one stage. With the introduction of Mairead Coyle at the interval a major factor in the turnaround, they had dominated the second half and gradually clawed their way back into contention.

With two minutes of normal time left on the clock, Roscommon were three points down when they were awarded a free about 30 yards out and Mairead Coyle's strike went all the way to the net, levelling the scores for the first time in the match.

Limerick forged ahead again with a free - converted by Pauline McCarthy - awarded following a challenge on Anna Marie Stack. This tackle was dubiously deemed to have been a foul by the referee Mary Pollard, who did Roscommon no favours throughout the game.

However, the Connacht standard-bearers still had more fight left in them and in the second minute of injury time, went ahead when Charmaine Cooney latched onto a rebound from a Geraldine Carr shot and sent it to the net, putting her side ahead for the first time.

That score sent the Roscommon contingent into ecstasy but their joy was short-lived as Kay Burke completed her hat-trick of goals for Limerick just one minute later when she pulled on a loose ball from close range and sent it to the net, putting them back in front by the narrowest of margins.

Then followed a couple of minutes of intense activity by Roscommon as they strived desperately to create the point which would put them into a replay. But the last chance was Hilary Hussey's great effort which barely failed to hit the target.



Pictured above are members of the Roscommon camogie team who were narrowly defeated by Limerick in the All-Ireland Junior Camogie final on Sunday last.  
Pic: Aisling Leydon

the very first minute but she was blocked down by goalkeeper Breda O'Brien before a decent shot on goal could be attempted.

Limerick then forged ahead with a pointed free by Pauline McCarthy, and then a fine effort from play by Anna Marie Stack who seized possession and shot over after a wide-bound long range free by Mairead Cagney had been batted down by Kay Burke.

Both sides had numerous wides during that opening period and it was not until the 14th minute of play that Roscommon opened their account, with Maeve Healy getting an excellent point from the right wing, after catching a breaking ball and shooting immediately while under pressure. But apart from that, the forwards were struggling to make any sort of impact on the proceedings with few real chances being created.

In the back division, Emer Farrell and Mary Grehan were giving good displays but they were unable to prevent the Limerick girls from stretching their lead throughout the half. Pauline McCarthy added two more points, before setting up Kay Burke for a goal in the 19th minute when she found her running in behind the defence and Burke handpassed the sliotar to the net.

half as they hurled with much more passion and purpose, and were soon rewarded when substitute Mairead Coyle sent a lovely shot to the roof of the net with just three minutes played, reducing the deficit to six points.

Four minutes later, Geraldine Carr was unlucky not to raise the green flag herself when a good low shot was brilliantly saved by Breda O'Brien, but Coyle added another point from a free when Carr was subsequently fouled. Pauline McCarthy pointed a free from Limerick in the 18th minute but then came a score which gave great hope to Roscommon - Mary Gannon skillfully doubling

on a long Hilary Hussey free to direct the sliotar to the net, reducing the gap between the sides to just three points.

The scene was then set for a grandstand finish and it was duly provided as Mairead Coyle added her second goal, Charmaine Cooney got her first and Limerick came back to steal the All-Ireland title.

Roscommon will have been very disappointed to lose this thrilling encounter but all of the 13 players which featured on Sunday played their hearts out and contributed to this courageous performance. Particular credit must go to substitute Mairead Coyle who again proved her worth

when sprung from the sideline; goalkeeper Ursula Hussey who made some superb saves; Mary Grehan; Charmaine Cooney; and Maeve Healy. No doubt they will be back.

**Limerick:** B. O'Brien, H. Clifford-McCarthy, A. Sheehy, A. Lenihan, E. Leonard, E. O'Riordan, M. Cagney, M. Burke, A.M. Stack (0-1), K. Burke (3-0), P. McCarthy (0-6, four frees), V. Sheehan. Sub: C. Murphy for Stack.

**Roscommon:** U. Hussey (Oran), C. Connaughton (St Dominic's), E. Farrell (Oran), M. Grehan (Four Roads), T. Carty (Oran), C. Cooney (Oran, 1-0), H. Hussey (Oran, 0-1, free), K. Jones (St Brigid's), E. Hanley (Oran), M. Gannon (St Dominic's, 1-0), G. Carr (Oran), M. Healy (0-1). Sub: M. Coyle (Four Roads, 2-1, one free). Ref: M. Pollard (Waterford).

Burke added her second goal when she sent a shot in from the right which went over goalkeeper Ursula Hussey's head and into the target. It was unlucky from Hussey's point of view as she had just pulled off an excellent save from a ground shot by McCarthy.

That score, plus a subsequent point by Pauline McCarthy, put Limerick ten points up and many watching the game felt that it was all up for Roscommon, with a pointed free by Hilary Hussey in the 26th minute failing to alter that view as the teams went into the break.

The Limerick side - managed by Offaly hurling supremo and former All-Ireland medal winner with Limerick, Eamon Cregan, who sometimes seemed like an extra player on Sunday such was the frequency of his incursions onto the pitch - were well on top at this stage and nothing that Roscommon had done in the first half provided their supporters with much optimism for what was yet to come.

But the underdogs made their intentions clear from the throw-in in the second

It was a cruel end to Roscommon's first appearance in a Croke Park final which had been expected by many to yield a far heavier defeat, as their opponents had been at this stage before. But last year Limerick suffered the agony of a one point defeat in the decider and the experience duly stood to them for this year's campaign, so Roscommon for their part can take heart from that statistic and bounce back to mount another challenge in 1996.

They had been underdogs entering this final and that tag seemed justified in the opening 30 minutes as they struggled to settle into any kind of rhythm, while Limerick were busy building up a big lead. Many had made the journey to the big smoke to support the Roscommon girls but there wasn't much to cheer about in that first half, with the Munster champions stamping their authority on the game. Geraldine Carr did have a good chance for a goal in

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## RELIEF FOR LIMERICK AND EAMONN CREGAN

It would have been too much for Eamonn Cregan to bear. Losing two All-Ireland finals within the space of a few weeks.

The Offaly hurling manager and Limerick camogie coach was saved from suffering that unenviable fate on Sunday last but only just.

It took an injury time goal from Limerick forward Kay Burke to give the Munster side the narrowest of victories against a brave Roscommon side in the All-Ireland Junior final.

Roscommon were given little chance of victory before the game and absolutely no chance at half-time when they trailed by 2-5 to 0-2. The second half appeared to be little more than a formality. Roscommon, however, had other ideas and almost succeeded in pulling off one of the most dramatic comebacks this year.

Limerick, who lost by a point to Galway in last year's final, made a blistering start, clearly intent to atone for that crushing disappointment.

Midway through the first half Kay Burke grabbed two spectacular goals to give her team early control. Roscommon, inexperienced on the big stage, took a lot longer to get going and did not register their first point until 15 minutes into the game. Limerick added points to their two goals and by the half-time whistle held a commanding 2-5 to 0-2 lead. Even the most optimistic Roscommon supporter must have had grave doubts about a comeback.

With the arrival of substitute Mairead Coyle on the field, Roscommon were revitalised. She made an immediate impression by scoring a goal. Encouraged, the Connacht girls made repeated attacks and a second goal from Hilary Hussey placed them within touching distance.

Breda O'Brien in the Limerick goal brought off a number of fine saves but she couldn't prevent Maeve Hanley adding a third to equal the scores. It was unbelievable stuff and it became even more unbelievable when Charmaine Cooney looked to have snatched victory for the underdogs with a late goal.

With almost the last attack Kay Burke struck again to give the lead back to Limerick which they held until the final whistle. Eamonn Cregan could breathe a deep sigh of relief.



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



Player of the Match, Cork's Linda Mellerick in possession

## RESULTS ... TEAMS ... SCORERS ...

### ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL 1995

At Croke Park  
**CORK** ..... 4-8  
**KILKENNY** ..... 2-10  
 Cork: K Costine, E Duggan, P Goggins, S Fitzgibbon, M Finn, L Melleick 1-0, D Cronin 1-0 capt, S Dunlea, F O'Driscoll 1-1, T O'Callaghan, I O'Keefe, L Dunlea 1-7. Subs: V Harris for S Dunlea.  
 Kilkenny: M Fennelly, D Malone, M Hickey, S Costelloe, B Barnaville, M Downey, A Downey, M Maher, S Millea 0-5, B Holmes, A Downey-Browne 2-5 capt, G Dillon. Subs: T Millea for Maher. Referee: A Derham (Dublin).

### ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CAMOGIE FINAL 1995

At Croke Park  
**LIMERICK** ..... 3-7  
**ROSCOMMON** ..... 4-3  
 Limerick: B O'Brien, U Clifford-McCarthy capt, USheehy, A Lenihan, E Leonard, E O'Riordan, M Cagney, M Burke, A M Stack 0-1, K Burke 3-0, P McCarthy 0-6, V Sheehan. Subs: D Sheehan for O'Riordan.  
 Roscommon: U Hussey, C Connaughton, E Farrell, M Grehan, T Carty, C Cooney 1-0, H Hussey 1-1, K Jones capt, E Hanley, M Gannon, G Carr, M Healy 1-1. Subs: M Coyle 1-1 for Hanley, M Nagle for Farrell. Referee: M Ni Polaird (Waterford).



Pictured at the homecoming celebrations in Knockcroghery on Monday night last were members of the Roscommon camogie team. Back row (l-r) Ursula Hussey, Karina Jones (captain) and Deirdre Pierce. Front Row (l-r) Eimear Farrell, Mary Gannon, Siobhan Weir, Charmaine Cooney. Pic: Aisling Leydon

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*Style and Skill . . . . . Angela Downey-Browne sends over a point to make the sides level again late in the second half. She played a captain's part by scoring a total of two goals and five points. Later she announced her retirement from a brilliant camogie career in which she won twelve senior All-Ireland medals with Kilkenny.*

*Photo: Tom Brett*



**Close encounter as Limerick's Elizabeth O'Riordan concentrates on the ball during the camogie final at Croke Park.** (LL)



**Eileen Doody, Feohanagh, with Marguerite Guiry after Limerick's win in the All Ireland camogie final.** (LL)



**Limerick's Mary Burke battles for possession against Roscommon.** (LL)



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**Pictured at a reception at Cork Examiner Publications Ltd to honour the victorious Cork camogie team were Chairperson of Cork Camogie Board, Sheila Golden, Brendan Larkin, Cork Examiner Publications Ltd, the Lord Mayor of Cork Cllr Joe O'Callaghan, Denise Cronin, Captain and Tom Nott, Coach. (Picture: Norma Cuddihy.**



**Celebration time as members of the Limerick All Ireland junior team arrive at Limerick Station with the trophy on Monday evening. Match report and more pictures on page 26.**



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## CAMOGIE FINAL REVIEW

# Cork Smash The Hoodoo

**I**t was a long 23 years since Cork had defeated arch rivals Kilkenny in Croke Park on an All-Ireland Camogie Final Sunday. Not as long a wait for 21-year-old full back Eithne Duggan, Bishopstown and former captain of U.C.D., who spent the last ten minutes of the thrilling encounter marking the legendary Angela Downey in what was the maestro's last All-Ireland! What an experience for a first ever game on the hallowed sod. Eithne's most exciting moment, believe it or not, was running out through the tunnel into the Croke Park arena!

Was she in awe of playing with such stalwart and experienced players as Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Therese O'Callaghan or Fiona O'Driscoll? Would such august opposition as the Downey twins, Breda Holmes or Gillian Dillon unsettle her determination to win her first All-Ireland senior medal? "Once the whistle blew for the throw in nothing crossed my mind but victory."

Eithne, now a physiotherapist in the Cork physio clinic had one ambition always where camogie was concerned - to win an All-Ireland with Cork! Despite the fact that her parents now live in Limerick, once she qualified from U.C.D. she returned to Cork where she was fortunate in securing employment immediately, and once again began playing for her old club, Bishopstown.

The Cork team had a rare blend of new and experienced players. Like Eithne Duggan, Vivienne Harris was a newcomer to the team. At only 16 she was the youngest member of the squad and is attending St. Vincent's school in Cork where she sits the Leaving Cert. in 1996. Big into kick-boxing and Judo, this vivacious teenager, cool as a breeze, stormed onto the pitch for the second half, fearless of the mighty black and amber! When asked by the trainer, Tom Nott, to pull the game out of the fire she said simply "I will," and immediately set about the task in hand, clinically mopping up everything that came her way, and giving notice to the enthralled crowd of 10,000 that another

super star was born!

It is never easy to beat Kilkenny in any code at All-Ireland level and the talents of the experienced players were tested to the full in this final. Multi-talented Fiona O'Driscoll in devastating form played her part in securing victory. This "dual" player also lines out with the Cork County Ladies' Football team. Fiona has the distinction of captaining the first ever University of Limerick team to win the Ashbourne Cup. Also impressive were the contributions of Sandie Fitzgibbon, Denise Cronin, Lynn Dunlea and Therese O'Callaghan. However, on the day Linda Mellerick was the star! She was not found wanting in her efforts, and seemed to turn up wherever she was needed. One minute she was back defending when the team

By Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin

disappointment in defeat. Some of the younger players would like to have won an All-Ireland medal on the same team as Angela and Anne Downey but this was not to be. Angela announced her retirement after the game - perhaps to take time to train daughter Katie Browne, who delighted spectators with her warm-ups and marching with the team, for future All-Ireland glory! Maybe, if Kilkenny are in the running next year Angela might be coaxed and persuaded not to retire - just for one more final!

Angela is to camogie what Christy Ring was to hurling. Every time the sliotar came her way there was a gasp from the crowd - particularly from the Cork supporters. Two superb goals from frees - through the wall as from a cannon! Points at will - what a supreme artist.

Her twin sister Ann has not mentioned retirement and I'm sure she will remain to give leadership to the young players coming along. Many of us will be interested in following the fortunes of Catherine Carey, sister of hurler and world champion handballer, D.J. With such talent available to the Noreiders the black and amber ribbons will grace the cup soon



**THE JOY OF IT:** Members of the Cork team rejoice at their win over Kilkenny

was in difficulty and seconds later was in the forward line creating havoc. It was her "unintentional" brilliant goal which brought them to victory. Linda's fine contribution earned her "player of the match."

While Corn Ua Dhubthaigh is back by the Lee-side great praise must go to an excellent Kilkenny team. They played like every Kilkenny team to the final whistle and one could understand their

again.

Eamon Cregan saw his Junior team emerge victorious in the opening encounter with Roscommon. Limerick seemed to be coasting during the first half and Helen Clifford-McCarthy, captain admitted that during half time they felt that it was just a matter of fulfilling the fixture. Roscommon however had other ideas. Just as in the senior game the second half was pure drama.



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# Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

**K**ilkenny lost their All-Ireland Senior Camogie Title to arch rivals Cork in a blistering final ten minute flurry which saw a six point deficit wiped away in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship final played at Croke Park on Sunday last. This was the first time that Kilkenny were beaten in an All-Ireland Senior Championship final since they made their initial breakthrough in 1974.

The opening half saw both sides missing chances and getting it hard to settle down. The Leinster County led by 0-5 to 0-2 at the break, with only seven scores in the first half two of which came from play by Angela Downey and Sinead Millea. In the second half Angela Downey stretched Kilkenny's lead when she pointed from a free. Cork now seemed to come more into the game as Lynn Dunlea notched off 1-1 inside five minutes. The introduction of Vivienne Harris further increased Cork's enthusiasm. However, it was the champions that went on the attack and Angela Downey, playing a captain's part had a point from play and the first of her brace of goals from a free minutes later. The game had developed into an exciting final with Kilkenny holding the upperhand. With ten minutes remaining they led by six points 2-8 to 1-5 and looked as if they were coasting to collect their 13th title when Fiona O'Driscoll cut the deficit to three points with a well taken goal. The sides exchanged points before Denise Cronin put the sides level when she soloed from 60 yards out to blast the ball to the net.

Kilkenny found their title slipping away but Angela came to the rescue to put them in front with a point from a free. Then disaster struck for the champions, when what looked like a Linda Mellerick

equalising point dropped under the crossbar. The Rebel County could sense victory and added two further points. Final score: Cork 4-8, Kilkenny 2-10. Scorers: Cork: Lynn Dunlea 1-6, Fiona O'Driscoll 1-2, Denise Cronin and Linda Mellerick 1-0 each. Kilkenny: Angela Downey 2-5, Sinead Millea 0-5. Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Limerick collected their second All-Ireland Junior Championship title. Last year they knew the agony of losing in an All-Ireland final by a single point. This time it was Roscommon's turn, deprived of glory almost two minutes into injury time. Really it was a cruel twist of fate for the Connacht side, who had a remarkable second half fight back.

Limerick led 2-5 to 0-2 at the interval. Roscommon substitute Mairead Coyle struck a goal three minutes after the restart. Limerick got their first score on the 18th minute that left them six points clear entering the final ten minutes. Roscommon continued to attack and only some great saves by Breda O'Brien saved Limerick.

Roscommon had a second goal on the 22nd minute from Hilary Hussey. Maeve Healy then added a third with two minutes of play left the sides were level. Limerick pointed from a free, but back came Roscommon's Charmaine Cooney with an unbelievable fourth goal to give them a two point lead.

On the third minute of injury time Kay Burke pushed through the defence for her third and most vital goal to give her side a 3-7 to 4-3 victory. Scorers: Limerick: Kay Burke 3-0, Pauleen McCarthy 0-6, Annemarie Stack 0-1. Roscommon: Mairead Coyle, Hilary Hussey and Maeve Healy 1-1 each, Charmaine Cooney 1-0. Referee: Marie Pollard, Waterford.

Wolfe Tones are the Clare Senior champions for the fifth consecutive year after their comprehensive win

over Truagh in a disappointing final played at Cusack Park, Ennis. With neither sides playing to their full potential the game as a spectacle rarely sparkled. With the result a foregone conclusion long before the final whistle.

Truagh playing in their second final at this level had the advantage of a strong breeze in the opening half and should have taken more advantage of some slackness in their opponents defence in the early stages. Their forwards missed some easy chances. Wolfe Tones went on to lead 2-4 to 0-2 at the break. The winners continued to dominate proceedings with Sylvia O'Brien picking off some good points. Final score: Wolfe Tones 2-10, Truagh 1-3. Scorers: Wolfe Tones: Sylvia O'Brien 0-5, Deirdre McGettrick 1-1, Teresa McGrath 1-0, Clodagh Lennon and Moira McMahon 0-2 each. Truagh: Jackie Lynch 1-0, Niamh Power 0-3. Referee: Kitty McNicholas, Eire Og.

Newmarket made history when they took the Clare Intermediate Championship title at their first attempt by defeating Kilmaley 2-6 to 1-4.

Tipperary club Drom Inch competed in the Kilmacud Crokes "Sevens" and duly came away with the division two title after overturning an 11 point deficit to finally overcome Kilkerry, Louth by 8-5 to 6-4.

A brilliant second half performance by forwards Mary Looby and Caitriona Hennesy in the final brought Drom Inch back from the dead. Besides the two already mentioned this was a complete team effort and superb rearguard action by Marie Harkin in goals, Aileen Looby and Jackie Connor in the backs, Helen Kiely and Sinead Ryan, centrefield all played their part in bringing the title back to Drom Inch. This was their first ever success in the event since 1977 when they took the division one title.

## REBELS Reign As Blistering Late Flurry Sinks Cats

### CAMOGIE

**DAVITS 2-10 PEARSES 0-12**  
Davits for the first time in their club's history won the Galway Senior Camogie title, when they defeated Pearses in the final played at Craughwell yesterday the winners had led by 1-8 to 0-5 at half time.

**DAVITS:** O Broderick 0-5, A Broderick 1-0, C Finnegan 1-0, B Daniels 0-3, J Frost 0-1, C Lynch 0-1. **PEARSES:** S Glynn 0-10, M Harkin 0-1, A Hilary 0-1.

**Munster Senior Club Final** — Toomevara (Tipperary) 4-13, Wolfe Tones (Clare) 0-14.  
**Ulster Senior semi-final** — Down 2-5, Armagh 1-7.





Pictured left: Rival captains Helen Lane, St. Catherine's and Gillian Conlon, Bishopstown, pictured with referee Mary McCarthy/Newman, prior to their junior camogie championship game. Above: Sheila Golden is seen presenting the Cup to Karen Riordan, captain of Seandun.



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## Cork girls take on Limerick

**FOCUS** this coming weekend on the camogie front will be on the first round of the Munster Under 18 Championship which will see Cork and Limerick in opposition at the Mary Immaculate Grounds, Limerick on this Sunday at 3 pm and this game has all the ingredients of a great contest.

Cork are the reigning champions, having defeated Limerick in last years decider and no doubt they will be anxious to retain their title particularly now that Cork are All Ireland Senior Champions, the Under 18 Championship would certainly be a great bonus.

Likewise Limerick Camogie enthusiasts are presently on a high having won the All Ireland Junior Championship Final two weeks ago and no doubt they too will be very determined to add another title to complete what would be one of

their most successful years ever on the field and on present form they must be in there with every chance of dethroning the champions. They had a comprehensive victory over Waterford last weekend in a first round game and while Waterford looked particularly weak in all sectors Limerick still looked in good shape.

### Prepared

However Cork have prepared well for this game under last years successful coach Jerry O'Shea and they will be travelling to Limerick on Sunday hopeful of doing well. While the selectors have not named their team it is certain to include goalkeeper Leona Nolan from Inniscarra, Cork senior panelist Vivienne Harris, Jill Hannon, Tina Roche, Nicola Buckley, Linda O'Sullivan, Tricia Doyle, Catherine O'Leary and Mary O'Connor.

## Camogie fixtures

Saturday October 7th

Under 16 "A"  
Cloughduv V Courcy  
Rovers at Cloughduv at 3.30:

Ref. G Barry Murphy  
Sunday October 8th -  
Munster U18 Championship

Cork V Limerick at  
Mary Immaculate College  
Grounds at 3 o'clock  
Junior "B" Championship

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Glen Rovers V Cobh at  
Mayfield at 5.30:

Ref. Susan Barrett  
Under 16 "B" Championship

Cloyne V Eire Og at  
Cloyne at 12 noon:  
Valley Rovers V Sarsfields at Sarsfields at 5.30:

Ref. Mary O'Sullivan  
Fr O'Neills V Mallow at Mallow at 12 noon:

## Cork swamp Limerick

**LIMERICK 1-6, CORK 4-10**

A superb second-half performance enabled Cork to crush Limerick in the Munster under-18 championship semi-final in Limerick yesterday.

The winners will meet either Clare or Tipperary in the final.

The sides were level at four points each at half-time but, with Vivienne Harris in superb scoring form, Cork were the complete masters in a one-sided second half. Harris finished with a total of 1-7 to her credit while Liz O'Sullivan contributed two goals.

Cork — V Harris 1-7; L O'Sullivan 2-0; J Morrissey 1-0; C O'Leary 0-2; J Hannon 0-1  
Limerick — V Sheehan 1-2; S O'Callaghan 0-2; J Cullinane and B O'Brien 0-1 each

Cork — L Nolan; T Doyle, N Buckley, N Brady, M O'Connor, M O'Sullivan, J Hannon, V Harris, T Roche, C O'Leary, J Morrissey, L O'Sullivan; Subs— L Kelleher for N Buckley; J Browne for C O'Leary

Limerick — M Keane; B O'Brien, C Hayes, D Sheehan, M Harrington, J Cullinane, C Dore, S O'Kelly, M Casey, S O'Callaghan, M Foley, V Sheehan; Subs— C Carroll for Hayes; M Neville for Foley; C Harrington for Carey. Ref— S Delaney (Tipperary).

## Under 15 blitz a great draw

Last weekend's Under 15 inter-divisional Blitz proved to be a great success with Seandun being the eventual winners. The purpose of this blitz was to pick a panel of players for next years Cork Minor panel so hopefully it proved to be a useful exercise.

Pick of the games was

the clash of Seandun and Muskerry which was the first game of the competition and it was a pity to see no one of these sides making such an early exit as a final between these two sides would certainly have brought out the best in all players. With the expectation of the Muskerry game Seandun ran out easy winners with victories over Avondhu and Carrigdhoun in the final proper. At the end of the game Sheila Golden Chairperson of the Board presented the Cup to Karen Riordan captain of Seandun and a member of this years Cork Minor team while others to catch eye for Seandun were Catherine Barrett, Mayfield, Sabrina Buckley and Jackie O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons, Amanda O'Regan, Douglas, Sandra Ricken, St Vincents and St Finbarrs player Linda O'Connell.

## Glen Rovers take on Cobh in Junior B.

At Club level Glen Rovers and Cobh clash in the Junior "B" Championship on Sunday at Mayfield at 5.30 and here Cobh prove too strong for a young Glen Rovers side while in the Under 16 Championship we should have victories for Cloughduv, Eire Og, Valley Rovers and Fr O'Neills.

On this Sunday at Pairc Ui Chaoimh the Camogie Board will take up a collection during half time of the Senior Football Final. As this is one of the main fund raising events of the year each Club will be expected to supply as many collectors as possible. The co-operation of all clubs is absolutely necessary to ensure that this event is a success.

Collectors are asked to report to Gate 10 at 2 o'clock sharp.

### CAMOGIE

**MUNSTER MINOR SEMI-FINAL**  
LIMERICK 1-6 CORK 4-10

CORK turned in a sparkling second half performance to qualify for the Munster Minor Championship final against either Clare or Tipperary when the trounced Limerick yesterday. The sides were level at four points each at half-time, but Vivienne Harris with a personal tally of 1-7 paved the way for Cork's success.

Cork: V Harris 1-7, L O'Sullivan 2-0, J Morrissey 1-0, C O'Leary 0-2, J Hannon 0-1. Limerick: V Sheehan 1-2, S O'Callaghan 0-2, J Cullinane, B O'Brien 0-1 each.

Connacht Senior Club Championship  
Final: Davitts Galway 5-17, Dras Roscommon 0-7.

Ulster Senior Final: Down 2-13; Antrim 1-8.



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# Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

**C**lub Championships in provinces are nearing completion. Down champions Leitrim / Fontenoy's are the Ulster Champions having got the better of Lavey, Derry in the final at Slaughtneil. This is Leitrim's second title. They won their first in 1984 and were beaten in the final last year by Dunloy, Antrim.

The Derry club were the better side in a closely contested first half and led 1-6 to 0-5 at the break. In the second half Leitrim got the upper hand, with Mairin McAleenan their scoring ace as usual, and ran out winners on a score of 3-11 to 1-11.

Scorers: Leitrim: Mairin McAleenan 1-10, Bernie Kelly and Monica McCartan 1-0 each, Nuala McGee 0-1. Lavey: Martina Mulholland 0-10, Helan Mulholland 1-0, Janette McCann 0-1.

Wexford champions, Rathnure proved too strong for Myshall, Carlow in this Leinster Club Championship final played at Myshall.

The Rathnure girls produced lots of flair and determination that Myshall could not match and by half time had built up a lead of 2-8 to 0-1.

Despite some good efforts by the Carlow champions in the second half, the winners were never worried as they coasted to victory 5-18 to 2-3. Scorers: Rathnure: Geraldine Codd 2-7, Catherine Murphy 1-6, Michelle O'Leary and Bernie Higgins 1-0 each, Mary Hayden 0-2, Claire O'Connor, Aoife O'Connor and Anne Reddy 0-1 each. Myshall: Nuala Quirke 1-2, Margaret Hogan 1-1.

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin. Toomevara, Tipperary reached the Munster Club final by virtue of a two point victory over Limerick champions Croach/Kilfinney. Toomevara, without two of their key players, Marie Ryan and Stobhan Cusack, who were both injured in the All-Ireland Intermediate final, had their work cut out for them against the Limerick club who were fielding a number of their county players. This was a real thriller with both sides on level terms at the break 3-2 each. Toomevara's goals coming from Noelle Kennedy (2) and Grainne Shanahan (1).

In the second half the scene

the first introduction to camogie in the area and members were affiliated from all over New England. During the past eighteen years, the club has been very successful in the North American Camogie Association Championship. They were the first team to win the John Greene Memorial Cup in 1990, which is now the perpetual trophy for the North American Senior Championship. John Greene, at the time of his death, was Vice-President of the North American Board and Manager/Trainer of Éire Óg. John did trojan work for the club and for camogie in Boston.

In 1992 Éire Óg beat New York New Irish Sports at St. Barnabus Field ("Paddy's Field") in New York in the Shield Competition and brought back to Boston with them, the Conroy Shield. In 1994 they beat N.Y. Young Irelands in the NACA Final at Dilboy Stadium, Boston and they hope

## Club Championships Nearing Completion

was set for an exciting half. Deirdre Hughes goaled on the 10th minute to give Toomevara the edge, but Croach never gave up and piled on the pressure. However, the Toomevara girls had victory written all over them and were not going to lose on home ground. With two minutes to go and five points in arrears Croach were awarded a free which they blasted to the net. Toomevara just held on to their two point lead. Final score: Toomevara 4-7, Croach 4-5.

This week we have some news on clubs in Boston. Éire Óg was founded in Brighton, Boston in 1977. The club was

to do well this year.

Another club doing well is Emerald Isle, Boston, founded in 1984. They affiliated to the NACA in '85 but did not reach the Championship final that year. However, in '85 they were crowned New England champions and in '88 they won that division. That same year they won the NACA Junior Championship. In '86 and '87 Emerald Isle combined with two other teams from New England to form the Boston Shamrocks and win the NACA Senior Championship final in 1986. They won the NACA Senior title again in 1992 and 1993 and they have great hopes for 1995.



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Cork captain Maire Browne (left) and Fiona O'Driscoll, winner of a senior All-Ireland camogie medal last week, with the junior ladies football trophy at Croke Park yesterday.

## Toomevara tops

Toomevara 4-13 Wolfe Tones, Shannon 0-14

TOOMEVARA, first round conquerors of champions Glen Rovers, had 11 points to spare over Wolfe Tones, Shannon in the Munster Senior Camogie Club final at Toomevara.

In what was always an interesting game, Toomevara took over in the second-half, extending an interal lead of just two points, 1-4 to 0-5, helped on the way by three great goals.

A feature of the hour was the brilliant point-scoring of Noelle Kennedy. Ten in all she sent over and this coupled with a brace of goal from Josie Browne as well as fiercely determined play from Suzanne Kelly, Deirdre Hughes and Cora Kennedy proved too much for the visitors.

In their line-up Shannon had Clodagh Lennon, a grand-daughter of the legendary Mick Mackey.

Scorers for Toomevara — N. Kennedy 0-10, J. Browne 2-0, T. Hughes 1-3, L. Maxwell 1-0.

Shannon F. Phelan 0-4, S. O'Brien 0-4, M. McMahon 0-3, T. Naughton, D. McDonagh 0-1 each.

TOOMEVARA: N. Dwan; S. Cusack, A. Delany, C. Kennedy; R. O'Mara, M. Ryan, S. Kelly; M. Maxwell, J. Browne; D. Hughes, A. Gleeson, N. Kennedy. Subs. S. Maxwell for M. Ryan, L. Maxwell for J. Browne, G. Shanahan for A. Gleeson.

WOLFE TONES: A. McCormack; D. Kelly, K. Cullen, D. McDonagh, M. Costelloe (Captain), M. McMahon, C. Lennon, F. Phelan, T. Naughton, L. McGrath, M. McGrath, S. O'Brien.

Referee: C. Dooley (Limerick).

## Oran out to make history

WHAT a year for Munster! If provincial club champions Toomevara can add the All-Ireland club crown they will complete a virtual clean sweep of national titles for the province.

Munster have already secured five major titles. Cork bagged the O'Duffy cup and the National League. Clare collected the Intermediate crown while Limerick enjoyed an All-Ireland Junior victory. Apart from all this, Munster remain inter-provincial champions.

### CAMOGIE LATEST

Toomevara became the first Tipperary club since 1973 to take the provincial title when they defeated Clare club Wolf Tones 3-13 to 0-14.

Next Sunday the Connacht representative will be decided when the club championship final takes place between Davitt's (Galway) and Oran (Roscommon), Oran 3-0.

Oran will field nine of the Roscommon team who put in a good performance against Limerick in the All-Ireland Junior final.

Oran are trying to create history by bringing the first Connacht club championship to Roscommon. However, Davitt's should shade it to set up an All-Ireland quarter-final berth away to the London champions on Sunday week.

National Junior league zones, commencing October 15 — Zone A: Kilkenny, Cork, Wexford, Limerick, Tipperary. Zone B: Antrim, Dublin, Derry, Monaghan, Tyrone. Zone C: Armagh, Cavan, Carlow, Kildare, Down. Zone D: Clare, Galway, Roscommon, Offaly.

## Colleges Camogie Draws

THE annual general meeting of the Munster Colleges camogie section was held last week when draws were made for this season's competitions.

Three of the eight schools competing in the senior championship are from Clare and there will be an all Clare clash in the first round. Scariff Community College will take on St. Pats from Shannon with the winners meeting either St. Mary's Charleville or St. Mary's Cashel in the semi-final. Clare's other representatives will be St. Caimins who will take on St. Mary's Nenagh in the first round for the right to play Our Lady's Templemore or St. Pats from Cork in the semi-final.

In the senior league there will be two groups as follows: Northern section, St. Mary's Nenagh, Scariff Community College, St. Pats Shannon and Templemore.

Southern Section, Cashel, Coachford, St. Pats Cork and St. Mary's Charleville.

There will be eight groups in the junior championship and all five Clare representatives will be in group 8. Tulla will play St. Caimins with the winners to play St. Pats from Shannon. Colaiste Mhuire will play Scariff and the winners will advance to the quarter finals.

The junior championship will start at the end of September and the senior championship will commence in the middle of October.



# A camogie double header

**INTERESTING DOUBLE** There will be an interesting double header at Littleton on Sunday next when two Cork camogie teams are in action.

Opening the programme at 12.30 the Under 18 team play Tipperary in the Munster Final while at 2 o'clock the seniors will also take on Tipperary in the Munster Senior Final.

Fresh from their victory over Limerick last Sunday the Cork Under 18 team will be making the journey to Tipperary on Sunday hopeful of success. Cork are the reigning champions but on Sunday they face a difficult task. Tipp won the

corresponding Munster Minor Championship two years ago and will be fancied to take the honours again on Sunday particularly now that they are favoured with a home venue.

However this present Cork side are certainly not lacking in skill and are a very committed bunch of players. Last Sunday they found Limerick quite a handful in the first half but settled down considerably in the second half and went on to win fairly comfortably. Both the selectors and players will have learned a lot from this

game and all involved will be very much aware that they will have to up their performance for next Sunday's clash if they are to succeed.

While the Selectors have not named their side it is expected to be along the same lines as last Sunday with players like goalkeeper Leona Nolan, Vivienne Harris, Jill Hannon, Linda O'Sullivan, Catherine O'Leary, Tina Roche, Mary O'Connor, and Tricia Doyle all retaining their places. All these players are experienced performers and if midfielders Vivienne Harris and Jill Hannon and centre back Mary O'Connor play as well as last Sunday then Cork must be in there with a great chance of success.

The second game at

Littleton brings together the senior teams of Cork and Tipperary where they will battle it to decide the destination of the Munster Senior title for 95. Due to the fact that the All Ireland Senior Championship is an open draw the Munster Championship is a separate competition and this season this final was delayed because of Cork's involvement in the All Ireland Senior Final.

However now that Cork have been crowned All Ireland Senior Champions they will certainly not want to be defeated by Tipperary on Sunday next with every respect.

The Cork selectors have not yet named their side but it is expected to be similar to

the All Ireland winning side with players like Denise Cronin, captain of the side, Linda Mellerick, Lyn and Stephanie Dunlea, Mags Finn, Paula Goggins, Fiona O'Driscoll, Kathleen Costine and Eithne Duggan all retaining their places.

At club level the replay of the Junior B championship between Bishopstown and St Catherines at Ballynoe on Sunday evening will dominate the fixture list this coming weekend.

The drawn game was a closely contested affair with St Catherines looking destined for victory before Bishopstown equalised in the final seconds. On this occasion St Catherines will have home advantage and this could

prove vital. The Ballynoe based side are fairly experienced bunch with fine performers in June Flannagan, Helen Lane, Lourdie O'Sullivan and Lisa Higgins but these girls will certainly have to be at their best if they are to curtail this present Bishopstown side.

## Based

The city based side can call on the experience of Edel Kearney, a member of last seasons U.C.C. team, Dierdra Ni Croinin, Linda Hefernan and Ann Creed and if these girls play to form on the day then the home side could be Sunday October 15th Munster Senior Championship Final Cork v Tipperary at Littleton at 3 o'clock Munster Under 18

## Championship Final

Cork v Tipperary at Littleton at 12.30 Junior F Championship

Bishopstown v St Catherines at Ballynoe at 3pm

Under 16 B Championship

Carrigaline v Cobh at Carrigaline at 12 noon Ref. Ballygarvan

St Fannahans v Bandon at St Fannahans at 3pm Ref. Brian Dillons

Ballincollig v Watergrasshill at Ballincollig at 3pm Ref. Eire Og

Under 14 A League Semi Final Aghabullogue v Brian Dillons at Coachford at 12 noon Ref. M. Corkery, Cloughduv

## Champions take honours in style

### Cork 3-20 Tipperary 3-7

ALL-IRELAND champions Cork had an easy win over Tipperary in the delayed Munster Senior Camogie final at Littleton yesterday, and were not flattered by a 13-point margin.

Cork stamped their control on the game from the start and were six points clear without reply from Tipperary inside ten minutes. Though Aish Delaney had a goal for Tipperary in the 24th minute, Therese O'Callaghan responded immediately with a Cork goal.

An improving Tipperary had a further Delaney goal in the 26th minute but Cork, thanks to a Fiona O'Driscoll goal in the 29th minute led at half-time by 2-14 to 2-5.

Tipperary did better for a time after the re-start and had a Deirdre Hughes

goal in the 12th minute but Lynn Dunlea's 22nd minute goal for Cork killed off the Tipperary challenge and left Cork comfortable winners. For Cork Eithne Duggan, Paula Goggins, Therese O'Callaghan, Lynn Dunlea and Irene O'Keefe scored. While for Tipperary Maire Madden, Deirdre Hughes, Claire Delaney and Nora Dwyer tried hard. Scores for Cork: L. Dunlea 11, E. O'Keefe 1-2, T. O'Callaghan 1-1, F. O'Keefe 0-4, L. Mollerick 0-2, Tipperary: D. Hughes 1-3, A. Dwyer 2-4, N. Kennedy 0-2, H. Kelly 0-1, M. Dwyer 0-1 each.

Referee: M. Pollard

## Cork's goal spree

### Cork 4-13 Tipperary 2-7

THREE goals in four minutes at the start of the second half paved the way for Cork's comfortable win over Tipperary in the Munster U-18 Camogie final at Littleton yesterday.

Holders Cork dominated the first quarter and with a goal from Catherine O'Leary in the seventh minute led 1-4 to no score.

Tipp fought back well however and goals by Clara Gaynor and Cairiona Hennessy enabled them to draw level 2-3 to 1-6 at the interval.

Goals by Gillian Morrissey, Vivienne Harris and Linda O'Sullivan between the third and seventh minute of the second half set Cork up for a victory that was never subsequently in doubt.

Leona Nolan, Gillian Morrissey, Vivienne Harris, Gillian Morrissey and Catherine O'Leary were among the prominent for Cork while for Tipperary, Elaine Fitzgerald, Maire Corran, Marie Harkin and Jacqueline O'Connor tried hard. Scores for Cork: V. Harris 1-11, C. O'Leary 1-1, G. Morrissey 0-1, L. O'Sullivan 1-4, M. O'Connor 0-1. Tipperary: C. Hennessy 1-5, C. Gaynor 1-1, T. Brophy 0-1.

Referee: M. Pollard

## CAMOGIE

Admission Cork Camogie quarter-final — Senior Duca Casey 3.15, 15s, 10s, 13s.



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# Tipperary in double Munster final clash

TIPPERARY under-18 county team had a comprehensive victory over Clare on Sunday last which now sees them pitted against Cork in the Munster final on Sunday next in Littleton as a curtain raiser to the Munster senior camogie final with Tipperary and Cork also involved. The under-18 game will be played at 12.30 followed by the senior at 2 pm.

On Sunday last Tipperary under-18 team travelled to Newmarket-on-Fergus to take on Clare in the Munster semi-final. This encounter was a very lack-lustre affair with Tipperary in full command throughout the entire hour.

Ciara Gaynor had Tipperary three points in front inside the first six minutes and again was involved in the first goal in the 8th minute when she set up Patricia Carroll. Again Ciara Gaynor got possession in the 9th minute and once more the Clare net was rattled. Two further goals from Patricia Carroll and Ciara Gaynor with Cathriona Hennessy scoring the other three points left Tipperary ahead at the interval by 4-6 to 0-1.

The second half saw Tipperary go even further ahead with two quick goals by Patricia Carroll and Cathriona Hennessy as Clare seemed to have less and less to offer. Tipperary goalkeeper Susan Kineally, the defence of Elaine Fitzgerald, Marie White, Meadhb Corcoran and Marie Harkin when tested proved their ability and conceded only 1-1 from play.

The midfield trio, Jacqueline O'Connor, Theresa Brophy and Emily Hayden made certain that there was going to be no Clare revival. Up front the scoreline speaks for itself. All forwards, Cathriona Hennessy, Mary Looby,

Ciara Gaynor and Patricia Carroll played as a real team and passed the ball around intelligently which led to some fine scores. When introduced, Grainne Shanahan, who replaced Meadhb Corcoran through injury, played excellent camogie and certainly is fighting for a place on this team. Caroline O'Connor replaced Ciara Gaynor and Eileen Ryan replaced Emily Hayden and both played their part in this fine win over Clare which saw Tipperary reach the under-18 Munster final by 4-13 to 1-2.

## TIPPERARY TAKE ON ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Tipperary will take on the cream of camogie on Sunday next when they play All-Ireland champions, Cork, in the Munster senior final in Littleton at 2 pm. This competition is confined to Munster as the senior All-Ireland competition is run on an open draw system. Having drawn with Cork in the final last year and, unfortunately, been beaten in the replay, Tipperary will, no doubt, be fighting for revenge on Sunday. With the Toomevara squad home from their break in the Canaries, they should be well rested and with the rest of the Tipperary team available this should be a very good game.

## UNDER-16 'B' FINAL

Templemore ..... 0-6  
Hollycross-Ballycahill..... 1-3

THIS under-16 'B' final played in the Camogie Grounds on Sunday proved to be a real thriller.

Hollycross-Ballycahill played with the strong wind in the first half made the opening score early with a point from Siobhan Ryan. Hollycross-Ballycahill continued to pile on the pressure but the Templemore backline stood

firm and it was twenty minutes before Hollycross-Ballycahill got the break with a well taken goal by Caroline Bourke. Siobhan Ryan got the second point for Hollycross-Ballycahill, while Linda Grogan was the scorer of Templemore's lone point of the first half, to leave the score at the interval - Hollycross-Ballycahill 1-2; Templemore 0-1.

On the resumption and with the gale force wind in their backs, it was Templemore's turn to pile on the pressure and here again the Hollycross-Ballycahill backs were stalwart. This was a complete team effort by both sides with either team giving very little away. Linda Grogan had two points and Carol Stapleton one point for Templemore to leave the sides level with ten minutes to go. Linda Grogan once more got possession and put Templemore ahead with a point. Hollycross-Ballycahill backs and midfield were under fierce pressure and play was going from end to end. Hollycross-Ballycahill were awarded a 30m free in the dying moments of the game and Siobhan Ryan lifted with ease and sent the ball over to leave the teams locked together once again. Time was ticking away and to be fair to both sides a draw was a fair result with the sides together - Templemore 0-6; Hollycross-Ballycahill 1-3.

## UNDER-12 BLITZ

The county under-12 blitz will be held on Saturday next. Games will be played in Ballycahill, the Camogie Grounds and Drom. The games in Ballycahill and the Camogie Grounds will commence at 11 am, while the games in Drom will commence at 10.30 am. All clubs are requested to be in the proper pitches thirty minutes before the appointed time.



## Congratulations Gillian

Secretary of the Cork County Camogie Board, Tracey Sheehan, and the captain of the Cork Senior Camogie Team, Denise Cronin, are both expected to attend.

The Under-18 Championship is the second honour the club has collected in its four-year history.

Two years ago the Under-14 A team won their league.

They also reached the Feile na nGael final and were unlucky to lose out in the end.

That team also made it to the league final last year, as did the under-16 A team, but both lost.

So in their fourth year of existence, it was with great joy that the Under-18 team achieved glory.

KNOCKNAHENEY girl Gillian Morrissey will captain the Cork Under-18 camogie team, pictured, when they take on Tipperary in the Munster Final tomorrow.

The committee of St. Vincent's Camogie Club and all the girls of the club will be fully behind Gillian, wishing her every success.

The honour of captaining the Cork team fell to Gillian as St. Vincent's won the Cork County Championships earlier this year after a showdown with Brian Dillons.

Whatever the result, the club will be celebrating on Friday night, October 20, at their base on Blarney Road.

A special night for the Under-18 Championship team will be held.



Action from the '95 All-Ireland camogie decider between Cork and Kilkenny.





● Cork, All-Ireland Senior Camogie champions 1995 — Back row, from left, Mary Newman McCarthy, PRO County Board, Angela Higgins-Sheehan (selector), Hilda Kenneally, Therese O'Callaghan, Mary Kennefick, Fiona O'Driscoll, Vivienne Harris, Collette O'Mahony, Rose Mackey (selector), Tracey Sheehan (secretary). Middle row, Lily O'Sullivan (registrar), Tom Nott (coach), Miriam Deasy, Rose Desmond, Sheena Morley, Mary McSweeney (treasurer), Kathleen Costine, Paula Goggins, Miriam Murphy (selector), Marian McCarthy (vice-chairperson). Front row, Stephanie Dunlea, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Denise Cronin (capt.), Sheila Golden (chairperson), Eithne Duggan, Margaret Finn, Irene O'Keefe and Sandy Fitzgibbon.



# Barrs and Fr O'Neills to battle it out in Carrigtwohill

THE Senior "B" Championship final will dominate the camogie Fixture List this coming weekend. Tomorrow at Carrigtwohill at 3pm the girls from St. Finbarrs and Fr. O'Neills will battle it out at Carrigtwohill. Throw in is at 3pm. Because of the Glen's dominance at senior level in the past decade the remaining senior clubs in Cork felt for the sake of the game there was a great need for the introduction of a Senior "B" competition. This is only the second year of the competition and it has proved to be a very worthwhile.

Sundays game should be another closely contested affair with Fr. O'Neills slightly tipped to take the honours. The Ballymacoda based side can call on two of the All Ireland winning Cork senior team in Fiona O'Driscoll and Mags Finn who was a regular on the Cork senior team for the first time this season.

Their path to the final included victories over Inniscarra, Aghabullogue and Killeagh and while they easily accounted for Inniscarra and Aghabullogue they certainly had to en-

dure some heart stopping moments before eventually overcoming Killeagh.

Last season Fr. O'Neills lost out to the eventual winners Bishopstown after a first round replay so no doubt this season they are determined to go all the way. In addition to captain Sharon Meade they have other fine performers in Mary Kennefick, Sharon McCarthy, Nora Aherne a member of this seasons Cork Minor team, goalkeeper Ann Marie Brennan and full back Frances Hennessy.

## Problems

All these girls have been through the mill before and are certainly no strangers to the big occasion. If they produce the goods on Sunday they could cause problems for the city side.

However the Barrs make no secret of the fact that they will be giving it their all on Sunday. The famed club has won championship honours at all levels in camogie but to date a senior title has eluded them. They did contest two senior finals in 1990 and 92 but

were defeated by Glen Rovers so they will be hoping that it will be third time lucky.

In their first round game they defeated Brian Dillons but in their semi final clash with Sars the real character of the team came through when they had to withstand tremendous pressure in dying minutes before winning. They will be hoping for a repeat performance on this occasion and this is certainly not beyond them. The Barrs will be captained by Colette O'Mahony. They have other fine performers in Colette Cronin, goalkeeper Marie O'Sullivan, Dierdre Clarke, Roisin O'Donovan, Marie O'Dea and Clare Barry. All these girls have served the Barrs and will certainly not give into defeat too easily. If they produce the goods on Sunday we could have a nail biting finish in a game that has all the ingredients of a great contest.

In the remaining games of the weekend Valley Rovers spearheaded by the Shiels sisters, Nancy O'Donovan and Fionnuala Calnan should have the edge over Cobh in the Junior "B" quarter finals we should have victories

for Sarsfields over Ballygarvan while there should be very little between St. Catherines and Courcy Rovers.

Sunday will also see two Under 16 "A" quarter finals decided and here St. Vincents will be fancied to overcome Inniscarra while Aghabullogue should have too much in hand for Bishopstown.

## FIXTURES

Tomorrow  
Senior "B" Championship final: St Finbarrs v Fr O'Neills at Carrigtwohill at 3pm

Junior 'B' Championship: Valley Rovers v Cobh at Tracton at 2 o'clock Ref. William Flynn

Sarsfields v Ballygarvan at Mayfield at 12 noon Ref. Susan Barrett

St Catherines v Courcy Rovers at Watergrasshill 1.30.

Under 16 "A" Championship: St Vincents v Inniscarra at St Vincents at 12 noon

Aghabullogue v Bishopstown at Coachford at 12 noon

# Fr. O'Neill's champions

Fr. O'Neills 4-5

St. Finbarr's 1-6

ANY aspirations St. Finbarr's had of joining Glen Rovers in next year's Senior A camogie Championship were shattered by a magnificent Fr. O'Neills, who captured the County "B" title in fine style at Carrigtwohill yesterday.

While the twin strike-force of their Cork players, Mary Kennefick and Fiona O'Driscoll, played a major

part in Fr. O'Neill's victory, it was the dominance of Mags Finn, Sharon Meade and the solid full-back play of Frances Hennessy, that pointed them to a comfortable win.

After two minutes Mary Kennefick pointed a free for the winners and four minutes later Fiona O'Driscoll's superb pass was finished to the net by Kennefick.

Collette O'Mahony pointed two frees to keep the Barr's in touch, but O'Neills that looked the better side

and a magnificent goal from Fiona O'Driscoll opened a six points gap.

However, just before the break Colette O'Mahony's long-range free was deflected to the net to leave Fr. O'Neills ahead at half time by 2-3 to 1-3.

St. Finbarr's tale of woe continued early in the second half when a Nora Aherne sideline puck was flashed to the net by the vigilant Mary Kennefick. Another great goal from O'Driscoll killed off the St. Finbarr's challenge.

Scorers for Fr. O'Neills — M. Kennefick 2-5 (0-5 frees), F. O'Driscoll 2-0.

St. Finbarr's — C. O'Mahony 1-4 (all frees), E. Kelleher and C. Kirby 0-1 each.

FR O'NEILL'S: A. M. Brennan, F. Hennessy, M. Aherne, M. Finn, E. Hennessy, N. Aherne, S. Meade (Capt.), C. Shanahan, S. McCarthy, F. O'Driscoll, M. Kennefick, A. Hennessy. Subs. A. Walsh for N. Aherne, M. Slocum for A. Hennessy.

ST. FINBARR'S: M. O'Sullivan, C. Cronin, C. Barry, M. O'Dea, D. Clarke, J. Duffy, C. O'Mahony (Capt.), R. O'Donovan, P. Hegarty, E. Kelleher, Clare Kirby, C. McCarthy. Subs. Collette Kirby for C. McCarthy, F. O'Sullivan for Clare Kirby. Referee — Oliver Webb (Carrigaline).

Fr. O'Neill's win County Senior 'B' Camogie Championship — Sheila Golden Chairperson of Cork County Camogie Board presents the County Senior 'B' Championship Cup to Sharon Meade, captain of Fr. O'Neill's team.



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# Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

## ANOTHER GLORIOUS FEAT FOR TOOMEVARA

**T**oomevara, Tipperary Senior champions added another glorious chapter to their career when they took the Munster Club Championship final from the hands of Wolfe Tones, Clare, in convincing style with eleven points to spare at Toomevara. It's been twenty-two years since a Tipperary club took this title, when Thurles were the title holders in 1973, but the manner in which they finally bridged that gap will long live in the memory of those who witnessed it. With both sides sporting a number of County Players who had previously clashed in the All-Ireland Intermediate Final a few weeks ago when Clare eventually emerged winners.

Noelle Kennedy was first to point for Toomevara in the first minute from play. Wolfe Tones replied immediately with a similar score by Moira McMahon. Deirdre Hughes added a point in the 5th minute and this was again cancelled by Wolfe Tones Sharon McGrath. This was the course of the play for the first twenty minutes with both sides exchanging points, until Josie Browne broke clear for Toomevara and sent the ball crashing to the net in the 27th minute to leave the half time score: Toomevara 1-4, Wolfe Tones 0-5.

With just two points separating the sides it looked like the second half was going to be a cracker and for the first 15 minutes it was action packed all the way with points being exchanged by both teams the sides were locked half ways through 1-6 to 0-9. With Noelle Kennedy on target, Toomevara edged three points ahead from frees. Noelle again gained possession hand-passed to Deirdre Hughes who found the net, minutes later Deirdre Hughes set up Josie Browne for

an unstoppable third goal for Toomevara, who were now in full flight and Wolfe Tones were powerless to catch them. The young Louise Maxwell replaced Ann Gleeson, and no sooner was she in when she blasted the ball to the Wolfe Tones net. By now Toomevara were home and dry and to complete the scoring Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes added two further points to leave the full time score: Toomevara 4-13 Wolfe Tones 0-14.

Down got through to the Ulster Senior Championship when they got the better of Armagh in this semi final played at Leitrim. Armagh, the holders, playing with the wind in the first half made better use of their chances.

A goal by Down's Majella Murray gave her side a 1-2 to 0-3 lead at the break. As play resumed Armagh were on the attack and picked off some well taken points before Mary Donnelly goalied. In the closing stages Mairin McAleenan sent to the net from a close in free to put the sides on level terms. Substitute Valeria Hynds sent over the winning point for Down. Full time score: Down 2-5, Armagh 1-7.

Teams and scorers: Down: Laura Smyth, Nuala McGee, Pauleen Greene, Coleen Hynds, Cathy Mulholland, Deirdre Savage 0-1, Monica McCartan, Majella Murray 1-0.

Dolores Smyth 0-1, Mairin McAleenan (Capt.) 1-2, Jennifer Braniff, Donna Greeran. Subs: Valeria Hynds 0-1 for Pauleen Greene.

Armagh: Margaret McKee, Margaret Moriarity, Coline McGreary, Colette Byrne, Orlagh Murphy, Bernie McBride, Mary Black (Capt.), Donna McCusker 0-1, Deirdre Connolly, Patricia McEvoy 0-1, Ursula McGivern 0-3, Mary Donnelly 1-1. Subs: Olive McGeown 0-1 for U. McGivern.

What a year for Munster: If the Provincial Club champions Toomevara can add the All-Ireland Club Crown they will complete an almost clean sweep of National titles for the Province. Munster have already secured five major titles. Cork bagged the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship and the National League. Clare collected the Intermediate Crown while Limerick enjoyed an All-Ireland Junior victory. Apart from all this Munster remain Gael Linn Inter-Provincial champions.

The 1995 / '96 National Junior League gets underway on Sunday October 22nd.

The following are the zones:

**ZONE A:** Kilkenny, Cork, Wexford, Limerick, Tipperary

**ZONE B:** Antrim, Dublin, Derry, Monaghan, Tyrone

**ZONE C:** Armagh, Cavan, Carlow, Kildare, Down

**ZONE D:** Clare, Galway, Roscommon, Offaly

The top two teams from each zone go through to the quarter finals.



Munster, Senior Gael Linn Inter-Provincial Title Holders



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Lynn Dunlea is the Jurys Hotel September Sports Star. Star of the Cork Camogie team which won the All-Ireland final, Ms Dunlea was presented with the award by hotel general manager Joe Quinn. Picture: Ted McCarthy

## Award for Cork's queen of camogie

by T. P. O'Mahony

LYNN DUNLEA—the woman widely regarded as the current queen of camogie—was awarded the Jurys Hotel Cork, Sportstar Award yesterday.

The star of Cork's victory in the All-Ireland Final against Kilkenny, Lynn was praised yesterday for her commitment, her dedication and, above all, her exceptional skills.

She played a key role in the defeat of Kilkenny, and showed in the process why she is now the most exciting camogie player in the country.

General manager of Jurys, Mr Joe Quinn, who presented the award, said she deserved it for her display and her performance as top scorer of the team.

"It has been 21 years since the Leesiders had beaten Kilkenny in the final, but the manner in which they finally bridged that gap will long live in the memory."

"After playing second fiddle to the defending champions for the entire first half, they picked themselves up superbly in the second period, and even though they were still three points in arrears after 50 minutes, their unrelenting pressure finally ground Kilkenny into submission in the last action-packed minutes", Mr. Quinn said.

In thanking Jurys for the award, Ms Dunlea said Cork's success in the All-Ireland senior championship was a team effort, and her colleagues, mentors and selectors deserved the real credit.

## O'Neills celebrate

By Conor George.

Fr. O'Neills broke the hearts of St. Finbarrs camogie players when they captured the County Senior B camogie title on a scoreline of 4-5 to 1-6 at Carrigtwohill yesterday.

Fr. O'Neills took the lead as early as the second minute when Cork's Mary Kennefick pointed from a free which she quickly followed up with a goal after a superb pass from Fiona O'Driscoll.

St. Finbarrs kept in touch with two pointed frees from Collette O'Mahony but Fr. O'Neills were always on top and never looked like relinquishing their stranglehold on the game.

Collette O'Mahony gave the Barrs a small hope of rescuing the game when her long-range free was deflected into the net but after the break Kennefick was on hand once again in the second half to score a goal after collecting a side-line puck from Nora Aherne.

Cork's and Fr. O'Neill's Fiona O'Driscoll pounced near the end to nearly burst the back of the net to finally kill off the Barr's challenge and condemn to another year in the B grade.

## Limerick aim to double up with league glory

NEWLY crowned All-Ireland junior champions Limerick will turn their thoughts to league glory when they travel to Kilkenny next Sunday for the start of the National Junior League.

There are sure to be several new faces on the Kilkenny side as some players have been promoted to the senior ranks.

Limerick, in contrast, can rely on the experience of Pauline McCarthy, Helen Clifford McCarthy, Ada Quaid, Kay Burke and Vera Sheehan. They must be favourites to take the points.

### CAMOGIE FOCUS

By PJ FULLAM

The clash between Kildare and Down, last season's beaten finalists, should go down to the wire. Since meeting in the league semi-final Kildare have been regraded from senior.

Dublin travel north to face Antrim. The metropolitans have not been much to the fore in recent times and Antrim should shade this contest.

Tipperary will host Wexford in a potential thriller. Tipp won by 4-7 to 1-8 when the sides met in the league last year and will be hard to overcome on home ground.

Monaghan, despite home advantage, are likely to find Derry too hot to handle. Armagh and Cavan should be a good tussle. Cavan lost their Ulster title this year but should collect the points here.

### FIXTURES

Sunday — National Junior League: Kilkenny v Limerick, Ballyragget, 2.30; Kildare v Down, Clane, 1.30; Antrim v Dublin, Casement Park, 1.0; Tipperary v Wexford, The Ragg Thistles, 2.0; Monaghan v Derry, Traugh, 2.30; Armagh v Cavan, Derrydoone, 3.0.



# The big battle is at Ballinspittle

PICK of the games on the Camogie front this weekend will be the semi-final of the Junior "A" Championship which will see Barryroe and St Vincents in opposition on Monday at 12 noon at Ballinspittle while on Sunday Ballygarvan and Courcy Rovers will battle it out in the Junior "B" semi-final at Tracton at 2.30pm.

Ballinspittle is the venue on Monday for the clash of Barryroe and St Vincents in the Junior "A" semi final and this game could be a close one. Barryroe fancied to win last season's championship were surprisingly defeated by the eventual winners Ballinora in the semi final so no doubt this season they will be hoping to do well and on this occasion they will be slightly fancied to advance. They have very experienced performers in the Keohane sisters Sharon and Cora, Elaine McCarthy, Ann Sheehy and Colette Cahalane and if these girls play to form they could prove very difficult opponents for St Vincents.

The city side suffered a severe blow last weekend with the news that their goalkeeper Sandra Ricken will be out of action for the rest of the season because of injury. She will not be easily replaced. However, they can still call on players like Gillian Morrissey who recently captained the Cork Under-18 team to Munster Championship victory.



A CUP OF CHEER: The All-Ireland camogie trophy pictured at the Bishopstown club. Team members Sheenagh Morley, Rose Desmond, Eithne Duggan and Vivienne Harris are seen with club officials Neil De Faoite, Mary O'Hea, Irene Higgins and Pat Murray

## COURCY ROVERS AND BALLYGARVAN

THE Junior "B" Championship semi final will see two South East Clubs Courcy Rovers and Ballygarvan in opposition on Sunday at Tracton at 2.30 and there should be plenty of keen rivalry here.

Courcy Rovers surprisingly defeated by Ballinhassig in last years decider will no doubt be very anxious to make amends this season and on form if it is difficult to see them being halted. They appear to be the more experienced outfit and have gained valuable experience by their participation in the Junior "A" League this season where they lost out in only one game to St Finbarrs in their section.

Their path to the

semi final included victories over St Vincents, Watergrasshill and St Catherines.

### Fight

While their victories over St Vincents and Watergrasshill came easy they certainly had to fight very hard before eventually overcoming St Catherines last weekend.

On this performance, and if players like

Rachel Moloney, Bernadine O'Donovan, Cora Murphy, Sarah Hayes, and Niamh Downing produce the goods the Ballinspittle side certainly look like advancing but they would not want to underestimate this present Ballygarvan side.

Ballygarvan a very young side but looked very determined in their victories over St Fannahans and Sara-

fields in earlier rounds. They will look mainly to the experience of Norma Brady a member of the Cork under 18 team which recently won the Munster Championship. Noelle Bouse, Patricia Madden, Elaine Carolan, Nora Hallahan and the youthful Emer Dillon. If these girls play to form who knows a surprise could be on the cards.

### CAMOGIE FIXTURES

Sunday October 29  
Junior "B" Championship Semi Final - Courcy Rovers V Ballygarvan at Tracton at 2.30 - Ref. Mary McSwiney

Under 16 "B" Championship - Carrigaline V Youghal at Carrigaline at 2 O'Clock Ref. Tracton - Valley Rovers V St Fannahans at Mitchelstown at 2.30 - Ref. Marie Kearney

Monday October 30  
Junior "A" Championship Semi Final - Barryroe V St Vincents at Courcy Rovers at 12 noon - Ref. Niall Kennedy, Under 16 "B" Championship - Fr O'Neills V Eira Og at Fr O'Neills at 3 p.m.

Tuesday October 31  
Under 16 "A" Championship - St Finbarrs V Brian Dillons at St Finbarrs at 2 O'Clock - Rose Desmond



Fr. O'Neills' Nora Aherne

## Tough contest in store for Youghal girls

IN the under 16 Championship there are some interesting ties down for decision.

On Sunday at Carrigaline the home side play Youghal and here Emma Green and team-mates should have too much in hand for Youghal while at Mitchelstown Valley Rovers will be expected to account for the home club St Fannahans.

On Monday Eire Og travel to Ballymacoda to play Fr. O Neills and here Eire Og who have two Cork Minors in their side Deirdre Healy and Deirdre O'Sullivan will be expected to advance.

### Great

On Tuesday at St Finbarrs grounds the Barrs play Brian Dillons in the quarter final of the under 16 "A" Championship and this game has all the ingredients of a great contest.

Both teams have some great players with the Barrs hoping for top class performances from Laura Kelleher, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Maria McCarthy, Linda O'Connell and Barbara Ann Coreoran while Dillons will be looking to players like Sabrina Buckley, Jackie O'Sullivan, Therese Drummond and Gillian Ryan to carry them through.

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# Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

**D**own's great experience and teamwork was rewarded when they secured the Ulster Senior Championship by defeating a gallant Antrim side in this final played at Corrigan Park. Antrim provided stiff opposition for almost three quarters of the game. After a hard fought first half they led 0-6 to 0-4 at the break. Seven minutes into the second half they were level at seven points each. Then the tide turned in the Mourne girls favour when Mairin McAleenan goaled. This was followed by some well taken points by Jennifer Branniff, Coleen Hynds and substitute Dolores Smyth. But back came Antrim's Oonagh Elliott with a goal to lift her side. Down's second goal came minutes later from Coleen Hynds to put her side on the road to victory. Final Score: Down 2-13, Antrim 1-8.

Team and scorers: Down: Laura Smyth, Edel Mason, Pauleen Green, Nuala McGee, Cathy Mulholland, Deirdre Savage 0-1, Monica McCartan, Majella Murray 0-1, Valerie Hunds 0-1, Mairin McAleenan, Capt. 1-2, Jennifer Branniff 0-4, Coleen Hynds 1-3. Subs: Dolores Smyth 0-1 for V. Hynds, V. Hynds for P. Green, injured. Antrim: Karen Coyles, Brenda McCollum, Tara Lundy, Sinead McMullan 0-1, Donna McLaughlin, Majella McMullan, Brona McCorry 0-2, Deirdre Cuning, Maureen Barry 0-2, Ann McKee 0-1, Oonagh Elliott 1-0, Elaine Dowds 0-2, capt. Subs: Ciara McGarry for M. McMullan, Carla Doherty for D. Cuning. Referee: Eithne Hanson, Derry.

Laois collected their first brace of points when they got the better of Westmeath in a Leinster League tie played at Cullion, Westmeath. It was an entertaining tussle all the way through. The home side led by 1-0 to 0-2 at the break and stretched it to a three point lead early in the second half. Then came a flurry of goals by Laois when they caught the young Westmeath defence off balance. However, the Midland County

fought back well with their scoring ace Annette Heffernan notching 1-11 of their tally and were getting the upperhand in the closing stages but the final whistle came too soon. Final score: Laois 5-7 Westmeath 2-12.

Scorers: Laois: Paula Cuddy 1-2, Sandra Culleton and Tish Cuddy 1-1 each, Marie Dowling and Catherine Coss 1-0 each, Sinead Cuddy 0-2, Nicci Ryan 0-1. Westmeath: Annette Heffernan 1-11, Aileen Lawlor 1-0, Doreen Egan 0-1. Referee: Paddy Brady, Meath.

Louth proved too strong for Wicklow in this Leinster League match at Knockbridge. They dominated the game from start to finish to run out winners on a score of 3-15 to 0-3.

## Down Rewarded With Ulster Senior Title

Scorers: Louth: Voreen Quigley 2-10, Mairead Quigley 1-1, Teresa Bates 0-2, Lorraine Callan and Anne McDonald 0-1 each. Wicklow: Mary Whelan 0-3. Referee: Paddy Brady, Meath.

Davitts, Galway are the Connacht Senior champions having had an impressive win over Oran, Roscommon 5-12 to 0-6.

Scorers: Davitts: Claire Lynch 4-2, Olivia Broderick 0-9, Brenda Daniels 1-1. Oran: Liz Hanley 0-4, Ursula Hussey and Charmaine Cooney 0-1 each.

On Sunday next the National Junior League gets underway. There are some very interesting encounters down for decision. Newly crowned All-Ireland Junior champions Limerick travel to take on Kilkenny. There are sure to be a number of new faces on the Kilkenny side as some players have been brought on to Senior ranks.

Limerick have the experience, with players such as Pauleen McCarthy, Helen McClifford-McCarthy, Aoda Quaid, Kay Burke and Vera Sheehan they must be favourites to take the points.

Kildare host Down, last season's beaten finalists in what should be an entertaining tussle between two evenly matched sides. Since their last meeting in the League semi final Kildare have been regraded from Senior. They will have strong players in Miriam Malone, Anna Dargan, Michelle Aspel, Melanie Treacy and Liz O'Donoghue.

The Down girls have been busy in the Ulster Senior Championship and have showed no lack of scoring power. Their captain Mairin McAleenan is in great scoring form and is sure to get plenty of assistance from Coleen Hynds, Monica McCartan, Edel Mason and Pauleen Green. This one should go down to the wire.

Dublin make their journey up North to tussle with Antrim. The Metropolitan side have not been much to the fore in recent times. The Glensiders should shade this one.

Tipperary will show their hospitality to Wexford in what should be an entertaining affair. When the sides met in the League last year Tipperary were victorious 4-7 to 1-8. They have prominent players in Nuala Neilan, Paula Bulfin, Helen Grogan and Aine Hogan.

Wexford will be depending on Bernie Higgins, Marguirite Doyle, Aine Codd, Geraldine O'Grady and Aideen Gordon to take the points but the Premier County will be hard to overcome on home ground.

Monaghan will meet with a formidable force when they host Derry. The Oak Leaf County may carry too much strength on the day.

Armagh and Cavan should be an entertaining tussle at an Armagh venue. Cavan lost their Ulster title this year and will be going all out to give a good display in the League but may find it hard enough to overcome the Orchard County.



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# History Of Camogie

By: P.J. Fulham

**B**ecause of the Bank Holiday there are no fixtures on this weekend which gives us the opportunity to take a brief look at the history of Camogie.

Camogie was born in 1904, just twenty years after the G.A.A. The first public Camogie match was played between two Dublin clubs Cuchulainns and Keatings as one of the main attractions at a Gaelic League Aeridheacht in Navan on Sunday July 17th 1904. An Cumann Camogaiochta was officially inaugurated at 8 North Frederick Street, Dublin on February 25th 1905 with Maire Ní Chinnéide as its first Uachtarán.

The original playing rules stipulated that the Camóg should not weigh more than 32 ounces with the ball 4 to 5 ounces and measuring 7 to 9 inches in circumference. Listed among the fouls was the deliberate stopping of the ball with ankle length skirts which were then in vogue. An item of interest in the Gaelic Athletic Annual 1907 / 8 was an advertisement for Ladies Camógs 24/- per dozen or 2/6 each by post.

The first real attempt to establish Camogie in a Nationwide contest was made in 1911, when a meeting organised by Sean O'Duffy refounded the Camogie Association at 25 Rutland Square, Dublin (now Parnell Square). Eleanor Dowager, Countess of Fingal, one of the most progressive ladies of her time, was elected Uachtarán.

1912 saw the first official Intercounty game when, on July 12th Dublin defeated Louth by 2-1 to 0-0 at Jones's Road (now Croke Park).

A year later on July 20th a large crowd witnessed Munster's first intercounty contest. A first class game, Cork defeated their Kilkenny visitors 2-2 to 1-0. Gate receipts were £60 and the day was rounded off with a Ceilidh for both teams in the Gaelic League rooms.

In 1914 the first University Club was founded in U.C.C. 1915 / 16 marked the inauguration of the

oldest National Competition of which the game can boast: Comortas Mhic Giolla Bhríde, the Ashbourne Cup for Inter-Varsity competitions. Although the majority of activities were halted during the "Fight for Freedom", the Ashbourne Cup matches went on annually.

The first Ardchomhairle took office in January 1923 under the guidance of Maire Gill, Dublin, Uachtarán.

The present Phoenix Park Camogie Pitch was acquired the following year.

A special Convention held in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin on April 25th 1932 with 60 delegates marked the arrival of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael as we know it today.

The All-Ireland Championship came into being in 1932 although the final was not staged until August '33 at Galway when Dublin, captained by the Association's President Máire Gill became the first holder of the O'Duffy Cup, defeating their hosts Galway 3-2 to 0-2.

In 1934 Congress banned Camogie players from playing foreign games. This ban extended to foreign dances the following year.

Congress '35 recorded the affiliation of 28 counties, 423 teams and 1,000 players and by 1938 all 32 counties were affiliated.

In 1942 Dublin and Cork played the first ever draw in a final, with the former winning the replay before a record crowd at Croke Park. That final was the first to be broadcast, a task undertaken by the Publicity Officer Riobáird Ó Bramhain.

Shiela McNulty, Down became Uachtarán in 1949.

In the Golden Jubilee year, 1954 the first match was commemorated by a Jubilee game staged at the same pitch in Navan with a Leinster selection defeating their Ulster counterparts. So successful was the Jubilee game that an Annual Interprovincial competition was established. In the inaugural

final in 1956 at Knockbridge, Louth, Leinster won the Gael Linn Cup for the first time when they defeated Ulster 7-1 to 3-0.

One of the most outstanding players of the game, Kathleen Mills of Dublin, won the last of her record 15 All-Irelands medal when her county beat Tipperary 7-2 to 4-1 in the 1961 All-Ireland final.

1964 marked the Diamond Jubilee of the Association and the inauguration of the All-Ireland Club Championship. Celtic, Dublin and Deirdre, Antrim contested the final. Cork born Mary Moran accepted the cup on behalf of Celtic while Deirdre were led by Nancy Murray. Both captains were subsequently to become Presidents of the Association.

1966 saw one of the most foremost players of the time Una O'Connor, Dublin receive the Texaco Award. Sue Cashman, Antrim was honoured by CALTEX the following year. They are the only two Camogie players ever chosen for these awards.

Down carved a niche for themselves by winning the first All-Ireland Junior Championship in '68 while Presentation, Kilkenny did likewise when taking the All-Ireland Colleges Championship Trophy in the final of 1969 / 70 season.

1970 was a memorable year during which the first National Coaching Course was held in Gormanston. Coaching and Referees Seminars were held throughout the country and an All-Ireland Colleges Council was set up under the Presidency of Lily Spence, Antrim.

At National level, Camogie was given a considerable boost with the appointment of the Ard Rúnaí, Shiela McNulty to COSAC, the new Sports Council set up by the Government. Shiela's term on that Council established a relationship which would contribute in no small measure to the future development and streamlining of CUMANN CAMOGAIOCHTA na nGAEL.



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# Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

**A**ll-Ireland Junior champions, Limerick collected the points when they got the upper hand of Kilkenny in this National League tie played at Ballyraggett. Kilkenny were much the better side in the opening half and looked like coasting to an easy win. Two cracking goals by Imelda Kennedy gave the 'Noresiders' a 2-6 to 0-4 lead at the break.

In the second half the game turned in Limerick's favour while Kilkenny failed to raise a flag in this thirty minutes. Final Score - Limerick 3-8, Kilkenny 2-6. Scorers: Limerick - Pauleen McCarthy 1-4, Kay Burke 1-1, Vera Sheehan 1-0, Mairead Cagney 0-2, Deirdre Sheehan 0-1. Kilkenny - Imelda Kennedy 2-2, Caitriona Carey 0-3, Mairead Costello 0-1.

Down collected two points from Kildare in their National League tie at Clane. This was a game that Kildare were expected to win, fielding a number of players who had been regraded from Senior. They looked a strong squad but it was the Mourne girls who dictated matters and led 3-5 to 1-5 at the break.

Kildare's second goal by Marianne Feeney early in the second half put them in with a chance. But the sheer fitness and determination of the Down side gave them a 6-10 to 2-6 victory.

Scorers: Down - Sinead McGovern 3-1, Coleen Hynds 1-3, Ciara McGovern 2-0, Jennifer Branniff 0-3, Monica McCartan, Deirdre Savage and Majella Murray 0-1 each. Kildare - Bernie Farrelly 0-4, Marianne Feeney 1-1, Marian Parsons 1-0, Miriam Malone 0-1.

Dublin found Antrim too strong in this League encounter at Casement Park, Belfast. Antrim led 3-7 to 1-6 at the break and continued to notch a further 2-10 in the second half without a reply from Dublin.

Final score: Antrim - 5-17 Dublin - 1-6.

Scorers: Antrim - Oonagh Elliott 3-0, Bronagh McCorry 0-9, Elaine Dowds 1-4, Majella McMullan and Maureen Barry 0-2 each.

Dublin - Irene Kirwan 1-3, Marie Byrne 0-2, Valerie Reaney 0-1.

Four goals by Armagh in the final seven minutes was not enough to give them victory over Cavan in this National League match at Derrynoose. The game was played in poor weather conditions and Cavan dominated up to the final seven minutes. They led 2-9 to 0-2 at the break.

Final score: Cavan 3-12 Armagh 4-5. Scorers: Cavan - Ita Kiernan 2-4, Marie Prior 1-2, Eimear Brennan 0-3, Majella Prior 0-2. Armagh - Colleen Convery 1-3, Colette Convery and Avoreen Kearney 1-1 each, Martina Bellew 1-0.

On Sunday next, the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship semi-finals are down for decision. Wexford champions, Rathnure travel to face Down champions, Leitrim/Fontenoy's at Leitrim, 2 pm.

Wexford look the most experienced side, having reached the final in '92, where they lost to Glen Rovers, Cork 1-9 to 0-2.

In the Leinster final they accounted for Myshall, Carlow 5-18 to 2-3. They have experienced players in Catherine Murphy, Mary Hayden, Ann Reddy, Bernie Higgins, Geraldine Codd and Marguirite Sommers.

Leitrim/Fontenoy's are contesting their second All-Ireland semi-final, the first coming in '84. They defeated Lavey, Derry in the Ulster final 3-11 to 1-11. They are a team that are sure to produce lots of flair and determination and can call on players such as Bernie Kelly, captain, Mairin McAleenan, Monica McCartan, Nuala McGee, Majella Murray and Lil Cunningham. It all points to an excellent tussle. Leitrim will be hard to overcome on home ground. However, Rathnure may shade it to the final.

In the other semi-final Davitt's, Galway host Toomevara, Tipperary. This is both sides' first appearance in an All-Ireland semi-final. Davitts defeated Oran, Roscommon in the Connacht final 5-12 to 0-6 and went on to dispose of Tara, London in an All-Ireland quarter-final tie 3-15 to 1-3.

They are a good young panel which include three members of Galway's Senior team Ann, Broderick, Olivia Broderick and Claire Lynch.

Toomevara is the first club to come out of Tipperary since Thurles in 1973. In their campaign they surprisingly disposed of Glen Rovers, Cork 2-13 to 0-16 and went on to defeat Limerick champions, Croagh/Kilfinney 4-7 to 4-5. They had a 4-13 to 0-14 victory over Wolfe Tones, Clare in the final. They field eight of the team who were defeated by Clare in the All-Ireland Intermediate final. They have star performers in Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy, Cora Kennedy and Ailish Delaney. If they play to form the Galway club will get it hard to stop them.

Also on Sunday there are three National Junior League fixtures. Dublin have Monaghan on home ground, Naomh Brid, 2pm. The Metropolitan side should collect the points here.

Tyrone travel to take on Derry who have already collected their first points from Monaghan and should continue on the winning trail. Cavan are at home to Carlow. This is Carlow's first outing while Cavan have two points in the bag and are set to collect two more.

## LIMERICK Get Upper Hand On KILKENNY



# St Finbarrs take on Dillons in junior A championship

Mayfield is the venue on Sunday next for the clash of the Barrs and Brian Dillons in the Junior "A" Championship semi-final. A thriller is predicted.

## Ball probe

The Pakistan cricket team is facing a possible investigation into ball-tampering after the Australian Cricket Board impounded a ball Pakistan used in a recent tour match against Western Australia. The Australian newspaper said today.

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has taken possession of a ball used by Pakistan in the tour match which they drew against Western Australia in Perth this week. The Australian said.

It is understood that one side of the ball shows signs of excessive scarring inconsistent with customary wear. The newspaper said.

The match umpires had written a letter to the ACB expressing concern about possible ball-tampering, the newspaper said.

Both these clubs met in the first round of the Senior Championship when the Barrs emerged victorious but on this occasion Dillons will be the fancied team to advance.

## Position

The Dillons Cross based side are in a position to call on the experience of Cork Junior player Niamh O'Regan who missed the Senior Championship game and her presence will no doubt have a big bearing on the outcome.

They have other fine performers in Louise Flemming, Jackie O'Sullivan, Therese Drummond and Gillian Ryan and on form these girls will no doubt provide stiff opposition for their Southside opponents.

For Sunday's game the Barrs will field a very young side and will look mainly to players like Joanne Browne, Karen Buckley, Teresa Twohig and Amanda O'Donoghue to carry them through.

In the remaining games of the weekend Ballygarvan are hosts

to Watergrasshill in the quarter final of the Under 16 'B' league finals and no doubt a win at Under-16 level would be the icing on the cake. They will be looking to players like Maura Lane, Claire Barrett, Catriona Kelly and Emer Dillon to carry them through but they can expect a tough challenge from a Watergrasshill side who have shown great improvement in recent outings of late.

In the Junior 'B' League semi-final the clash of St. Catherine's and Cobh could be close but should result in a victory for the Conna side while in the Intermediate League Newcestown should get the better of Eire Og.

St. Finbarrs Qualify for Under-14 "A" League Final

On Saturday last at Ballygarvan, St. Finbarrs qualified for the final of the Under-14 "A" League with a comprehensive victory over Eire Og.

From the throw in the Barrs were in command



Denise Cronin captain Cork All Ireland Camogie team, Sharon Meade, captain of Fr O'Neills county champions and Maria Browne, captain Cork Junior Ladies football team

an never looked like being defeated with players like Linda O Connell, Bernadine Maher, Miriam Sheehan, Rachel Myers and Leanne Pumphrey playing magnificently to ensure what was a well deserved victory for the Blues.

They will now go on to meet Brian Dillons

in the final which is scheduled for Ballygarvan on Saturday next November 11th at 12 noon.

Cork Colleges Draws 1995/96

The Cork Colleges Camogie draws were made recently with a total of twenty five schools entering competitions. The various

grades include Senior, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, U-15A, U-15B, U-15C, First year A and First Year B. Sunday, November 5th

Junior "A" Championship Semi final: St. Finbarrs V Brian Dillons at Mayfield at 2.30. Ref. Tracy Sheehana.

Under 16 "B" Cham-

pionship: Ballygarvan v Watergrasshill at Ballygarvan at 12 noon. Ref. Courcy Rovers.

Intermediate League: Newcestown v Eire Og at Eire Og at 2.30. Ref. Cloughduv.

Junior "B" League Semi-final: St. Catherine's v Cobh at St. Catherine's at 2.30. Ref. Kil-dorrery.

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By: P.J. Fulham

**T**ipperary, bravely though they tried, had no answer to the might of All-Ireland Senior champions Cork in the delayed Munster Senior Championship final at Littleton. With most of their All-Ireland team on duty, Cork had the confidence and cohesion to stamp their authority on the game from the start and by the end of the first quarter were 0-8 to 0-1 ahead.

Tipperary were slower to settle and an Ailish Delaney goal in the 24th minute gave them heart. But Cork responded immediately with a Therese O'Callaghan goal only for Ailish Delaney to bang home her second.

However, Cork had the last significant say of the half, Fiona O'Driscoll netting to leave them 2-14 to 2-5 clear at the break.

On the resumption, Tipperary did better for a time but they missed some likely chances before Deirdre Hughes had a goal in the twelfth minute. However, it was a measure of Cork's superiority that any time their control was challenged, they were able to respond. They shot four points without reply before Lynn Dunlea scored their third goal in the 22nd minute, which killed off Tipperary's challenge. The Leesiders coasted to a 3-20 to 3-7 victory. Cork were well served by Eithne Duggan, Paula Goggins, Therese O'Callaghan, Irene O'Keeffe and Lynn Dunlea.

The following Tipperary players were worthy of note: Nora Dwan, Claire Madden, Deirdre Hughes and Ailish Delaney.

Cork team and scorers: Kathleen Costine, Eithne Duggan, Paula Goggins, Stephanie Dunlea, Mags Finn, Linda Mellerick 0-2, Denise Cronin, Miriam Deasy, Fiona O'Driscoll 1-2, Therese O'Callaghan 1-1, Irene O'Keeffe 0-4, Lynn Dunlea 1-11.

Tipperary - Nora Dwan, Therese Burke, Kaiffie Moloney, Cora Kennedy, Claire Madden, Catherine Burke, Suzanne Kelly, Meadh Stokes 0-1, Noelle Kennedy 0-2, Helen Kiely 0-1, Ailish Delaney 2-0,

Deirdre Hughes 1-3.

Referee - Marie Pollard, Waterford. Cork 4-13 Tipperary 2-7

A purple patch by Cork's Under 18 squad between the third and the seventh minutes of the second half which yielded three goals decided a well contested Munster Under 18 final at Littleton. Holders Cork were well fancied going into the final and they justified that rating with a splendid performance. They needed to be at their best to get the better of a spirited Tipperary side who went ahead only to be hit again by a hat-trick of Cork goals. Cork were

mood to relinquish their hold and finished most comfortable winners. Cork had stars in Vivienne Harris, Leona Nolan, Gillian Hannon, Gillian Morrissey and Catherine O'Leary. Meadh Corcoran, Marie Harkin, Jacqueline O'Connor, Caitriona Hennessy and Elaine Fitzgerald tried hard for Tipperary.

Cork team and scorers: L Nolan, N Brady, T Doyle, S Morgan, M O'Connor 0-1, G Hannon 0-1, V Harris 1-11, M O'Sullivan, T Roache, L O'Sullivan 1-0, G Morrissey 1-0, C O'Leary 1-0. Subs - D O'Leary for T Roache, I Browne for C O'Leary.

Tipperary - S Kinneally, E Fitzgerald, M White, M Corcoran, M Harkin, J O'Connor, T Brophy 0-1, E Hayden, C Hennessy 1-5, C Gaynor 1-1, M Looby, P Carroll. Sub: C Ryan.

Referee - Marie Pollard, Waterford.

On Sunday next Eamon Cregan's charge, Limerick have the venue against old rivals Cork in a National Junior League tie that should produce lots of sparkle. This is Cork's first outing in the competition, while Limerick have two points from their game against Kilkenny. Limerick look all set to collect a further two points with home advantage. However, Cork will be no push over. They have put together a very useful squad. They have a confident goalie in Lillian Zinkant and should be well served by Hilda Kenneally, Antoinette O'Connell, Collette Cronin, Jill Hannon and Mary O'Connor.

All-Ireland champions Limerick will be depending on the experience of Pauleen McCarthy, Helen Clifford/McCarthy, A. Quaid and Kay Burke to snatch the points. In the only other National League tie Tyrone play host to Antrim in what should be an entertaining affair. Antrim are seeking their second brace of points on the trot. They had a convincing win over Dublin and have good performers in Brona McCorry, Karen Coyles, Anne McKee, Donagh Elliott and Sinead McMullan. They may carry too much strength for their hosts on the day.

## Rathnure aiming to bridge gap

WEXFORD and Leinster champions Rathnure hope to bridge a gap of over a decade and reach the All-Ireland club final when they face Down's Leitrim/Fontenoy in the penultimate stage on Sunday.

Rathnure haven't reached a final since 1982 when they were eventually hammered by Cork side Glen Rovers. But the signs are good for the Wexford women this year, having shown excellent form in the provincial championship, especially in their drubbing of Myshall in the Leinster final.

Leitrim Fontenoy last contested an All-Ireland semi-final in '84. They defeated Lavey, Derry well in the Ulster final and they will be hard to overcome on home ground. But Rathnure's strength should shade it for them.

In the other semi-final Davitts, Galway host Toomevara, Tipperary. This is both sides first appearance at this stage of the competition.

**FIXTURES - Sunday** - All-Ireland senior club championships semi-finals, at Craughwell. Toomevara v Davitts 2.0. Leitrim (Go Down) Rathnure v Leitrim Fontenoy 2.0. N.I. - At Nijohn Gird. Bancharstown v Dublin v Monaghan 2.0. M. Coolinagh v Glenties 1.30.

## BRAVE TIPP HAVE NO ANSWER TO MIGHT OF CHAMPS

quickly into their stride with Vivienne Harris punishing some foolish Tipperary indiscretions as they built a 1-4 to 0-0 lead inside ten minutes. Ciara Gaynor got Tipperary going with a goal and Caitriona Hennessy pointed three frees as the Tipperary girls warmed to their task. Two minutes from half time Caitriona Hennessy netted from a free to leave the sides all square at the break 2-3 to 1-6.

Tipperary's recovery fostered thoughts of a victory but all that changed suddenly and sadly. Ciara Gaynor had a Tipperary point inside a minute, but then came a Cork goal blitz which decided the issue, as slack Tipperary defending was punished by goals in the 3rd, 6th and 7th minutes to put Cork 4-6 to 2-4 ahead. With a huge uphill battle facing them Tipperary strove bravely to get back into the game, but Cork were in no

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#### ALL-IRELAND CLUB SEMI-FINALS

**TOOMEVARA 4-6 DAVITTS 3-7**  
Tipperary side Toomevara needed extra time to overcome Davitts Galway in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club championship semi-final at Craughwell yesterday.

A late point from Deirdre Hughes of Toomevara forced the game into extra time and the same player put the Tipperary side in the driving seat with a goal.

Toomevara: D. Hughes 3-1, N. Kennedy 0-5, G. Shanahan 1-0. Davitts: O. Broderick 1-5, C. Lynch 0-2, B. Daniels, J. Frost 1-0 each.

#### RATHNURE 5-11 LEITRIM 1-9

WEXFORD side Rathnure booked their place in the All-Ireland senior club championship final with a convincing win over Leitrim Fontenoy of Down at Littleton yesterday. Rathnure led 2-7 to 0-4 at the break and a hat-trick of second half goals by Aine Reddy killed off any chance Leitrim had.

Rathnure: A. Reddy 4-1, G. Codd 1-10. Leitrim Fontenoy: M. McEneaney 0-7, N. McGee 1-2.

#### National Junior League: Dublin 7-7

Monaghan 1-1. Leinster League: Louth 1-5. Wexford 0-0.

**CAMOGIE J "A" C. Semi-final** - Brian Dillon 2-9 St. Finbarrs 3-2  
**I. League Final** Newcastle 2-2 Eire Og 1-1. **U-16 Championship**  
Ballygarvan 2-1 Watergrasshill 1-1; Camlaghine 9-3 Youghal 0-2;  
Valley Rovers 4-4 St. Finbarrs 2-4; Brian Dillon 2-5 St. Finbarrs 2-0.  
**J "B" League semi-final** - Cobh 3-3 St. Catherine's 1-3. **J "A"**  
**Championship semi-final** Brian Dillon 2-9 St. Finbarrs 3-2.

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## ECHO FOCUS ON CAMOGIE

# Inniscarra meet Cloughduv for final spot

The remaining games of the weekend will be dominated by the Under 16 "A" and "B" Championships. In the "A" Championship there should be plenty of keen rivalry when near neighbours Inniscarra and Cloughduv battle it out for a place in the final. Inniscarra who will be spearheaded by players like Siobhan O'Leary, Criona Harte and Catriona Hogan could have their work cut out against and ever improving Cloughduv side.

In the first of the "B" semi finals Carrig-

aline and Eire Og will be in action at Douglas at 12.30 and this could be a close one. Carrigaline despite their short time in existence have made great strides in particular at Under 16 level. They look mainly to players like Emma Green a member of this years Cork Minor team, Avril Cooney, Cloughduv Fitzgerald and Suzanne McCarthy to carry them through but these girls will no doubt be up against it. They face an Eire Og side that can call on very experienced performers in Deirdre Healy and Deirdre O'S-

Sullivan and if these girls produce the goods it should be a great contest.

In the second semi final Valley Rovers will be in action again when they take on Ballygarvan at Minane Bridge at 1 o'clock and no doubt the Innishannon girls will be anxious for a win here. This game will be the curtainraiser to the Junior "B" final involving their Junior team and a win here would certainly set the scene for what could be a very successful day for Valley Rovers Club.

# Stage is set for a cracking 'B' final

**On Sunday next South East sides Valley Rovers and Courcy Rovers meet**

They will contest the final of the Junior "B" Championship. The fact that the two clubs come from neighbouring parishes must surely indicate that there will be intense rivalry between the sides and the game should attract a huge South East following to Minane Bridge.

Both clubs are no strangers to the final and have been knocking on the door of this championship for the past number of years. In fact for the past three years the Junior "B" Final has been contested by two South East teams. In 1993 Valley Rovers were defeated by Tracton in the final and last year were defeated by Ballinhassig in the semi final while Courcy Rovers will be contesting their second final in a row having been surprisingly defeated by Ballinhassig in last years decider.

Both teams have been impressive in their games leading up to this final. Valley Rovers accounted for Mayfield, Kilbrittain, St Finbarrs and Cobh and seem to be reaping the rewards of the huge effort they have put into winning the championship this season. They certainly appear eager this year and make no secret of the fact that the winning of the championship is their goal. Because of this they will go into Sundays game as slight favourites to succeed. They have a panel of 21 players to choose from and while their team has not



A quarter of Valley Rovers players who will be in action tomorrow in the County B Final at Minane Bridge. Caroline O'Riordan, Sinead Burke, Claire O'Mahony and Josie McCarthy.

yet been named it is certainly to include captain of the side Bernie Shiels, Fionnuala Calnan, Catherine Shiels, Helena Bugler, Helena Kiely, Sharon Shiels and former Eire Og player Nancy O'Donovan. If these girls produce the goods they must surely

be in with a great chance of success.

### Ideas

However I am sure Courcies will have other ideas about this. They were bitterly disappointed with their defeat in last years final but seemed to have picked up the pieces

again this season. Their path to the final included victories over St Vincents, Watergrasshill, St Catherine's and Ballygarvan and in these games looked strong in all sectors. Their team for Sundays game will be basically a very young side and they will be looking to

players like Bernadine O'Donovan, the Moloney sisters Rachel and Shirley, Cora Murphy and Eileen McCarthy to carry them through and if these girls play to form we could be in for a great contest with victory in doubt to the final whistle.

## All the Cork camogie Board fixtures

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12th**  
**JUNIOR "B" CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL**  
Courcy Rovers v Valley Rovers at Tracton at 2.30 — Ref. Tracy Sheehan.

**UNDER 16 "B" CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS**

Carrigaline v Eire Og at Douglas at 12.30 — Ref. Marie Kearney.  
Ballygarvan v Valley Rovers at Tracton at 1 o'clock — Ref. Mary McSweeney.

**UNDER 16 "A" CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL**  
Inniscarra v Cloughduv.



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Valley Rovers who won the Cork County camogie B championship.



Above Bernie shields of Valley Rovers raises the Country Junior B Trophy after their win over Courcey Rovers. Left John Middleton presents the Carrighoun junior hurling trophy to Crosshaven captain Martin McMullen.

#### Limerick 2-9 Cork 1-8

ALL-IRELAND junior champions Limerick made it two wins in two games in the National League when they beat Cork in an entertaining contest in Limerick yesterday.

Vera Sheehan was the Limerick star and she scored two of their goals.

Scorers for Limerick: V Sheehan 2-0, L O'Riordan K Burke M Burke 0-2 each, P McCarthy J Cullinan D Geary 0-1 each.

Cork: M Kennefick 1-5, M O'Connor H Kennedy A O'Connell 0-1 each.



Anne-Marie Nolan and Carol Hannon who will be in action for Courcey Rovers in the County B final.

## Valley Rovers celebrate

### Valley Rovers 3-6, Courcey Rovers 0-2

VALLEY ROVERS were crowned Cork County Junior B camogie champions at Tracton yesterday when they defeated Courcey Rovers in an entertaining game.

Toast of Innishannon will be Helena Kieley who contributed 3-1 to her side's total.

Leading at half-time by 1-3 to 0-1, Valley Rovers again took control on the resumption and with Kieley adding a further two goals and a point plus four points from Bernie Shields and a point from Nancy O'Driscoll, they were totally in command.

Shirley Moloney had a point for Courcey Rovers to add to Eileen McCarthy's first-half score but the day most definitely belonged to Valley Rovers.



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By: P.J. Fulham

**T**oomevara, Tipperary, gained a two point victory over Davitts, Galway after extra time in this keenly contested All-Ireland Senior Club Championship semi-final played at Craughwell. Toomevara came behind with a goal by Deirdre Hughes to put the match into extra time. It was a close encounter all the way. A goal by Olivia Broderick gave Davitt's a 1-5 to 1-3 lead at the break.

A brace of goals by Deirdre Hughes in the second half kept her team in touch, and at the end of normal time the scoreboard read, Toomevara 3-4 Davitts 2-7. Deirdre Hughes was Toomevara's girl of the match as she got the most vital score, a goal in the opening half of extra time. Despite great work by Olivia Broderick, for Davitts, the Tipperary club held on to a two point victory. Final Score: Toomevara 4-6 Davitts 3-7.

Scorers: Toomevara - Deirdre Hughes 3-1, Noelle Kennedy 0-5, Grainne Shanahan 1-0.

Davitts - Olivia Broderick 1-5, Brenda Daniels and Joanne Frost 1-0 each, Claire Lynch 0-2. Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

Rathnure, Wexford had a comprehensive win over Ulster champions, Leitrim Fontenoy's, Down in this semi-final played at Leitrim. The Wexford side produced great speed and determination and led 2-7 to 0-4 at the interval. A hat-trick of goals midway through the second half by Ann Reddy wiped out any chance that the Down club had of reaching their first All-Ireland final.

Final score: Rathnure 5-11 Leitrim 1-9

Scorers: Rathnure - Ann Reddy 4-1, Geraldine Codd 1-10. Leitrim - Mairin McAleenan 0-7, Nuala McGee 1-2. Referee: Mary Connor, Louth.

Carlow failed by the minimum score to Cavan in this National Junior League tie played at Cootehill. Carlow were well on top in the opening half. Goals by Mary Coady and Olivia Maye gave them a 2-8 to 1-3 advantage at the break. In the second half two goals by Cavan's Ita Kiernan and Ola O'Sullivan in the closing stages gave them a one point victory, as Carlow just added one point in this half. Final Score: Cavan 3-7 Carlow 2-9.

Scorers: Cavan - Ita Kiernan 1-3, Nola McDermott and Ola O'Sullivan

1-0 each, Majella Prior 0-2, Eimear Brennan and Marie Brady 0-1 each.

Carlow - Valerie Crean 0-5, Olivia Maye 1-1, Mary Coady 1-0, Marie Sheehan 0-3. Referee: Brendan Beatty, Down.

Dublin collected their first brace of points in style with a convincing win over Monaghan in this National League encounter played at Naomh Brid, Blanchardstown. The winners led 3-4 to 0-1 at the break. Final Score: Dublin 7-7 Monaghan 1-3

Scorers: Dublin - Paula Carey 4-2, Anita O'Hara 2-1, Irene Kirwan 1-2, Sharon Hilliard and Mary McCarthy 0-1 each.

Monaghan - Joanne Kelly 1-0, Michelle Deery 0-2, Orla McCarthy 0-1.

Referee - John Furlong, Wexford.

In the Leinster League Louth had a 1-5 to 0-0 victory over Westmeath at Cullion. Although the Midlanders did not score they held their more experienced and stronger opponents well.

Scorers: Louth - Lorraine Callan 1-0, Voreen Quigley 0-2, Ann McDonald, Donna Crehan and Terese Bates 0-1 each.

Referee - Valerie Delaney, Dublin.

Meath recorded a 5-15 to 0-0 win over Wicklow at Donaghmore.

Scorers: Meath - Ann Marie Dennehy 1-4, Christine O'Brien and Susan Kelly 1-3 each, Lynn Winters 2-2, Christine Ralleigh 0-3.

Referee - Christy Rispin, Meath.

In the "Milk Cup" Tournament, Kilkenny, Louth retained the title when they defeated Killyon, Meath in the final at Donaghmore.

Final score: Kilkenny 1-11 Killyon 0-2. Scorers: Kilkenny - Voreen Quigley 0-6, Terese Bates 1-0, Lorraine Callan 0-2, Roisin Mulholland, Anne McDonald and Yvonne Quigley 0-1 each. Killyon - Laura Carney and Michelle Lucy 0-1 each.

Referee - Paddy Brady, Meath.

Player of the Match award went to Kilkenny's full back Mary McGivern.

In the C.C.I.A. Freshers 7-a-side,

UCD had a 4-6 to 0-1 victory over UUJ. UCD Scorers - Mary Coady 3-1, Maureen Dooley 1-1, Ruth Treacy 0-2, Naoimi Treacy and Eleanor Walsh 0-1 each.

On Sunday next the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship final takes place. Wexford champions Rathnure travel to take on Toomevara, Tipperary at Toomevara 2.30pm in what should be an entertaining encounter.

For Toomevara it is their first All-Ireland final and they aim to bridge a 29 year gap since the last Tipperary clubs success in 1966 when Glengoose won its second All-Ireland title in succession. Thurles was the last Tipperary club to contest an All-Ireland in '71.

This year Toomevara's campaign commenced with a surprise win over Glen Rovers, Cork who had dominated the Munster Championship in recent years. The Tipperary club went on to show their mettle by defeating the Limerick champions Croagh/Kilfinney and Wolfe Tones, Clare in the Munster final 4-13 to 0-14. They field five All-Ireland Junior medal holders: Regina O'Meara, Cora Kennedy, Noelle Kennedy, Deirdre Hughes and Ann Gleeson.

Rathnure contested the '92 decider, going under to Glen Rovers 1-9 to 0-2. The last Wexford club to win the title was Buffers Alley (who hold five titles in all), in 1984. Rathnure will be boosted by four players who represented Wexford against Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Senior final last year: Ann Reddy, Catherine Murphy, Mary Hayden and Geraldine Codd.

In the path to the final they disposed of Marino, Dublin and Myshall, Carlow in the Leinster decider 5-18 to 2-3.

Leinster clubs hold the highest number of All-Ireland club titles (19). Munster are next with (9). In the Munster v Leinster derbys, Leinster have won seven and Munster have won six.

Rathnure are slight favourites but Toomevara must not be underestimated. It should be a close final.

## Our Lady's defeat Macroom

In the Munster junior camogie quarter-final Our Lady's had a comprehensive victory over St. Mary's, Macroom, in Elton, on Wednesday last on the score 8-11 to 1-2. They led 6-6 to 1-1 at half time.

They now take on Charleville in the Munster semi-final.

Team: Ciara Ormond (Templemore), Michelle Purcell (do.), Patricia O'Brien (do.), Niamh Harkins (Drom), Siobhan Bourke (Templemore), Elizabeth O'Connor 0-1 (Borrisoleigh), Helen Collier 0-1 (Templemore), Maire Brennan (do.), Cathriona Hennessy 3-6, 0-5 from frees (Drom), Linda Grogan (Templemore), Deirdre Delaney 1-0 (Borrisoleigh), Carol Stapleton 4-2. Subs: Elizabeth Jones 0-1 (Templemore), Ailish Meagher (do.), Edel McDermott (do.), Lorraine Bourke (Castleiney), Sorcha Loughnane (Templemore), Mairead Bourke (Clonmore).

### CAMOGIE CLUB

The club's five week draw is now in progress with the five weeks draws taking place on December 9th.

Under-12 league on Saturday next at 2 p.m.

Under-14 / u-16 league on Saturday next at 3.30 p.m.

### CAMOGIE

**KILCORMAC VS2-2 BALLYHALE VS2-1**  
TWO goal hero Karen Nugent is the toast of Kilcormac following her side's historic 2-2 to 2-1 victory over Ballyhale in the final of the Leinster Vocational Schools Junior camogie championship played at Rathdown yesterday.

Ballyhale held a 1-1 to 1-0 interval lead but Kilcormac fought back to lead by a single point with minutes remaining. Then a solo effort by Ballyhale's Grace Fennelly saw her find the net before Karen Nugent's heroic effort which gave her side their first title.

**SCORERS** — Kilcormac: K. Nugent 2-0, E. Dermody 0-2. Ballyhale: I. Connolly 1-0, G. Fennelly 1-0, C. Fennelly 0-1.

## Toomevara Oust Davitts Of Galway



# Galway too strong for Clare

GALWAY, with experienced players such as Aine Hillary, Greta Maher and Eileen Earls in their ranks, should prove too strong for Clare when the National Junior Camogie League continues on Sunday.

Both counties will be having their first outing of the season at Shannon. Clare, who did not take part last year, are the newly crowned intermediate champions and have put together a useful second string.

However League Champions Galway looks set to secure the points.

The tussle between All-Ireland junior finalists Roscommon and Offaly in Athleague has all the makings of a good tussle. When the sides met at this stage last year, Offaly came out best by 0-18 to 2-5 but Roscommon will benefit from their good run in the championship and should be strong enough to take the honours.

Kilkenny cross swords with Wexford at Enniscorthy and after a great performance against All Ireland champions Limerick, the young Cats (or should that be Kittens) may collect the points.

## REPEAT

Kildare and Carlow meet in a repeat of this year's Leinster final. Kildare, who emerged 2-11 to 1-7 replay winners on that occasion, may find it difficult. Carlow will be hard to overcome on home ground it should be close at the finish.

Meanwhile Down, last year's League finalists, entertain Armagh. The Mourne girls have two points from their outing against Kildare while the Orchard county are still seeking their first points it will not be easy to snatch them from Down.

**FIXTURES** — Sunday — N.J.L. Roscommon v Offaly, Athleague 2.0. Down v Armagh, Lifford 12.30. Carlow v Kildare, Bagninagh 2.0. Clare v Galway, Shannon 2.0. Wexford v Kilkenny, Belfield 12.0.

## CAMOGIE

### NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

**GALWAY 3-11 CLARE 1-8**  
NATIONAL Junior League champions Galway enjoyed a convincing win over Clare at Shannon yesterday. Goals by Eileen Earls and Aine Healdman gave the champions a 2-9 to 0-3 lead at the break.

**Galway:** E. Earls 0-6, E. Earls and A. Healdman 1-3 each, S. Farrell 1-0, Hillary 0-3. **Clare:** S. O'Brien 0-4, U. McInerney 1-0, S. McGrath and M. Healdman 0-2 each.

### ROSCOMMON 5-5 OFFALY 1-8

FIRST half goals from Mary Gannon and Maive Healy paved the way for Roscommon's comfortable win over Offaly at Athleague. The all-Ireland Junior championship finalists led by 2-3 to 0-4 at the break.

**Roscommon:** M. Healy 2-2, M. Gannon 1-3, T. Muley and G. Call 1-0 each, L. Healy 0-2. **Offaly:** M. Davis 0-4, D. White 1-0, M. Lynch 0-2, M. Costigan, A. Glennon 0-1 each.

### DOWN 4-17 ARMAGH 2-1

TWO McGoheen sisters, Sheila and Claire, were in great scoring form as Down brushed aside the challenge of Armagh at Lifford yesterday. The sisters scored two goals each and the match was over long before half-time by which stage Down led by 2-8 to 0-0.

**Down:** S. McGoheen 2-2, C. McGoheen 2-0, V. Hayes 0-5, J. Bennett and M. McInerney 0-4 each, C. Hynds 0-2. **Armagh:** C. Conway 1-1, B. Burns 1-0.

**Other National Junior League results:** Carlow 2-10, Kildare 3-7, Wexford 2-5, Kilkenny 1-2.



At Guinness House where the County Camogie team were presented with helmets were: Victor Morgan, Mycro; Sheila Golden; Denise Golden; Tracy Sheehan; Barry Cremin Mycro

## Another instalment

Both of the Under 16 "B" Championship semi-finals will be decided on Sunday next and will see Eire Og and Carrigaline in action in a replay at Mayfield at 2 o'clock while at Ballygarvan the homeside play Valley Rovers at 2.30.

Pick of these games must surely be the replay of the Carrigaline/Eire Og game.

Last Sunday both these sides finished all square after fifty minutes of hard fought camogie with never more than a puck of a ball separating the sides at all times.

Eire Og will once again be looking to the experience of Deirdre O'Sullivan, Deirdre Healy, the Foley sisters Siobhan and Emily and Sandra Reck to carry them through but they will certainly be up against it in a Carrigaline team that will include such fine performers as Emma Greene, Clodagh Fitzgerald, Avril Cooney and Suzanne McCarthy.

## Second

In the second semi final Ballygarvan will be at home to Ballygarvan and this could be another close one. Valley Rovers won the Junior "B" Championship Final last Sunday and no doubt a win at under 16 level would be the icing on the cake.

# Barryroe juniors to make amends

THE stage is now set for the final of this seasons Junior "A" Championship and on Sunday next at Bandon at 3 o'clock Barryroe and Brian Dillons will battle it out to decide the destination of the title for this season.

Barryroe fancied by many to win last year's championship were defeated by Ballinora in the semi final.

So no doubt they will be hoping to make no mistake this season and on their performance to date in the campaign they must be fancied to come out on top on Sunday.

Their path to the final included victories over Watergrasshill and in the semi final St.Vincent's. During these games they looked strong in all sectors and should have too much strength for what will be a very young Brian Dillons side.

The West Cork side have a very experienced goalkeeper in Cora Keohane, full back Ann Sheehy, Elaine



Cora Keohane Barryroe

McCarthy, Colette Cahalane and Sharon Keohane and if these girls play to form they must be in there with a real chance of success and a first Junior "A" title for the club.

## Nucleus

Brian Dillons who will be hoping for their second Junior "A" title, having won their first one back in 1987, will look mainly to Niamh O'Regan and Louise Flem-

ming, both of whom missed their clubs senior championship game and they will form the nucleus of what will be a very young Brian Dillons side. Niamh has been a regular member of the Cork Junior team for the past two years and her experience could have a big bearing on the outcome of Sundays game.

## Experienced

Louise Fleming is another very experienced performer and she has been a tower of strength at centre back in all of the games leading up to the final.

The city side accounted for Inniscarra, Douglas and St.Finbarrs in the semi final.

## Fine

They have other fine performers in Aileen O'Neill, Therese Drummond and Gillian O'Connell but these girls will certainly have to be at their best if they are to curtail what appears to be a very eager and determined Barryroe side this season.

# Barryroe claim first junior title

Barryroe 2-5, Brian Dillons 1-6

BARRYROE are County Junior "A" Camogie Champions for the first time after an entertaining game at Bandon yesterday. Two goals and a point by Geraldine Collins midway through the first-half, plus two points from Michelle Fleming, saw them lead at half-time 2-3 to 0-2, the Brian Dillons scores coming from Therese Drummond.

Things were looking bad for Dillons at this stage, but the switching of Niamh O'Regan to midfield for the second-half made a vast improvement and, exerting more pressure, Lesley Wilkins then goaled. Points from Aileen O'Neill and Therese Drummond saw them within reach of Barryroe but then Deirdre Walsh added two further points to relieve the pressure on Barryroe.

Therese Drummond and Aileen O'Neill added points for Dillons to leave just two points between the sides entering the last minute and a last minute goal from Niamh O'Regan for Dillons was disallowed for a square infringement and the puck out saw the final whistle.

Scorers for Barryroe: G. Collins 2-1, M. Fleming 0-2, D. Walsh 0-2. Brian Dillons: L. Wilkins 1-9, T. Drummond 0-4, A. O'Neill 0-2. Referee: Irene O'Keeffe (Inniscarra).

# Bravo Barryroe

THE camogie players of Barryroe did Carbery proud last Sunday when Elaine McCarthy led them to victory in the county junior A camogie championship at the first time of asking.

On the day two goals from teenager Gerald-

ine Collins set them up for their historic triumph but it took all 12 plus a dedicated panel to produce the goods over the season in which coach Martin Maloney did more than his share. Final score, Barryroe 2-4, Brian Dillons 1-5.

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# Rathnure can do it!

DAVID MEDCALF

Enniscorthy

THE GREAT Rathnure travelling show will rumble into Tipperary on Sunday for the All-Ireland club camogie final. The draw has not been at all kind to the Wexford champions who have already made trips to Dublin, Carlow and Down on the way to this last showdown.

## CAMOGIE

The only home tie they have enjoyed since escaping from the county after a replay with Oulart was a match in Rackard Park against Ballycally from Kilkenny.

The venue for the All-Ireland was decided on the toss of a coin which dictated yet another day on the road for Rathnure's loyal supporters. The last



■ Ann Reddy.

Journey is a trip into the sporting unknown, to Toomevara located near to Nenagh, close by the Slieve Bloom mountains (throw-in 2.30 p.m.).

'We know absolutely nothing about them,' admitted star full back Catherine Murphy as she looked forward to the clash with the Munster representatives. Not only is Toomevara in another province but at in-

ter-county level Wexford campaign at senior level while Tipperary are graded intermediate.

In fairness, Toomevara too have had their fair share of travelling in the last few months. They pulled off the surprise of the season when they appeared in Cork and disposed of the mighty Glen Rovers after trailing by seven points at half time.

They went on to beat Limerick and Clare clubs as they emerged from Munster. But they were rated underdogs again when they went to Galway for the All-Ireland semi. They overcame that hurdle only after extra time with two points to spare after a low-scoring game.

Toomevara have won out in their county championship four years in a row and they have eight county players in their ranks,



■ Catherine Murphy.

including keeper Nora Dwan. Deirdre Hughes has a reputation as their most dangerous forward and others who will have to be watched are Cora and Noelle Kennedy.

Rathnure manager Teddy O'Connor is well aware of that Glen Rovers result, which contrasts with his own side's poor showing

against the Leesiders in the final of 1992 - the only other time they came out of Leinster. However, he expects to have a full panel at his command for Sunday's match.

Ann Reddy, now retired from inter-county camogie, hit brilliant club form in the semi-final against Leitrim, knocking in four goals. Less well established members of the squad such as Claire O'Connor and Mag Somers also revelled in the big time.

Teddy O'Connor is not at all fazed by the away draw: 'I am just as happy to travel,' says the manager. 'I expect that we will still have support.' Indeed, he has been doing his best to ensure that this is so by assuming the added role of transport commander.

He has booked a fleet of coaches and a convoy

of cars is also due to head for Nenagh on the big day. Maybe it is not such a long way to Tipperary after all!

And the girls of Rathnure are hopeful that they can go one better this time than they did three years ago in Cork, and that they will be returning from Tipperary on Sunday evening as the club champions of All-Ireland.

Rathnure panel: Mary Fleming, Anna-Mai White, Catherine Murphy, Claire O'Connor, Mary Hayden, Norma Carty, Aoife O'Connor, Marguerite Somers, Lillian Doyle, Ann Reddy, Bernie Higgins, Geraldine Codd, Michelle O'Leary, Bridget Howlin, Bridget Murphy, Orla Brady, Bernadette Holohan, Elaine Holohan, Genevieve Farrell.



■ Mary Hayden.



■ Geraldine Codd.



■ Bernie Higgins.

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## Toome Bid for All-Ireland Glory

The Toomevara senior camogie team step out against Rathnure in Toomevara on Sunday in the All-Ireland final under the capable eye of John Kennedy with the chance of doing what the parish's hurlers could not do - win the title.

The camogie team advanced to the senior grade in 1989 having won the intermediate title the previous year and since then they have contested seven senior titles, winning the last four against Cabell.

This year though the Toomevara women have gone well in the All-Ireland club scene having won the Munster final after beating Wolf Tones from Shannon in an exciting and keenly contested game.

They had already defeated Glen Rovers and Croagh-Kilfinny in the previous rounds but a stiff test was put to the Tipperary ladies in the All-Ireland semi-final when Davits were the opponents. The game went to extra time in a terrific contest and Toomevara won out by two points for a famous win.

Back into the fray for the All-Ireland final comes Josie Browne after receiving a broken thumb in the Munster final but Tipperary captain Marie Ryan is doubtful for the game and is not named in the starting line-up after picking up a serious knee injury in the All-Ireland intermediate final against Clare.

The team is:  
Nora Dwan, Siobhan Cusack, Aileen Delaney, Cora Kennedy, Regina O'Meara.

Miriam Maxwell, Suzanne Kelly (capt.), Siobhan Maxwell, Josie Browne, Deirdre Hughes, Anne Gleeson, Noelle Kennedy.  
Subs - Anne Bergin (sub goalie), Grainne Shanahan, Louise Maxwell, Lena Woods, Mary Stapleton, Triona Maxwell, Audrey Ryan, Marie Ryan.  
Sympathy is extended to Liam Hogan, Burgess and his family on the recent death of his mother.  
It was with deep regret that we learned at the weekend of the unexpected death of Jimmy Carroll. Rosemary, Jimmy had a life-long interest in camogie and was one of the founder members of the great St. Bernadette's team who have been in existence for twenty-nine years. It was all the more sad as Jimmy had only buried his brother Michael the previous week. To his nephews, nieces and fellow club members and friends we offer our deepest sympathy on their loss. At 10.15 De go raib a anam.

## PRESENTATION NIGHT

This year the county have decided to hold a presentation night instead of a dinner dance. This function will be held in Hayes Hotel, Thurles on Saturday night, 25th November, commencing at 9.30 p.m. Music is by Ebony and tickets are £5 each. Tea, sandwiches, cakes and cocktail canapés will be served. All clubs are requested to send the number of tickets allotted to them.

## Camogie- Borrisoleigh's winning streak

St. Joseph's,  
Borrisoleigh . . . . . 2-10  
De La Salle,  
Hospital . . . . . 1-2

THE girls of Borrisoleigh began the Munster intermediate League with a convincing win in Hospital, Co. Limerick. Playing against a physically stronger team, it took some time before Borrisoleigh settled. Once they started scoring there was little reply as they outplayed their opponents with skill and determination in all areas of the field.

The defence was rock solid throughout with Christine Ryan and Siobhan Maxwell to the fore. Scores up front came from Mary Looby (1-7), Cathiona Maxwell (1-1) and Louise Maxwell (0-1), who depended on good, consistent supply from Julie Delaney, Jacinta Faly (0-1) and Sinead Ryan at midfield.

St. Joseph's,  
Borrisoleigh . . . . . 12-16  
Loreto Fermoy . . . . . 0-1  
BORRISOLEIGH had another great win in the second round of the intermediate competition. They totally overwhelped a very under-strength Fermoy outfit. The Borrisoleigh forwards domi-

nated the entire game with Mary Looby in accurate form, scoring a total of 2-12. The backs had little, if any, work to do in a game which produced some great team play despite dismal weather conditions. Borrisoleigh put away scores with great fluency and the outcome was never in doubt.  
Scorers - Mary Looby 2-12; Anne Fitzpatrick 2-1; Cathiona Maxwell 5-1; Sinead Ryan 2-1; Julie Delaney 0-1.

Team - Claire Duggan (The Harps, Darrow), Catherine Ryan (Borrisoleigh), Mairead Kennedy (Temple-derry), Siobhan Maxwell (Toomevara), Pauline Kennedy (Borrisoleigh), Sinead Ryan (Borrisoleigh), Jacinta Faly (Borrisoleigh), Julie Delaney (Drom-Inch), Aine Fitzpatrick (Toomevara), Mary Looby (Drom-Inch), Louise Maxwell (Toomevara), Cathiona Maxwell (Toomevara).  
Substitutes - Marie Cowan (Borrisoleigh), Fiona Ryan (Borrisoleigh), Roberta Guest (Nenagh), Marguerite Ryan (Borrisoleigh), Jeanne Mitchell (Templederry), The v. Croome (Borrisoleigh).



## Corn Ó Cearúil

Bill Carroll, nach maireann, a bhronn An Corn do Chraobhchomórtas Idirclub na hÉireann ar Chumann Camógaíochta na nGael. Bhí Bill agus a bhean chéile, Agnes, saite sa Chamógaíocht i gcónaí, agus bhí mór-bhaint acu le Tiobraid Árann agus le Cill Chainnigh.

Áine Ní Chearúil, daughter of Bill and Agnes, captained the Naomh Pádraig, Glengoole, team when it won the Club Championship in 1965. She also played on the winning team of 1966.

Bill and Agnes were to see Ann win the cup with Naomh Pól, Cill Chainnigh, in 1968 and 1969. Ann was also on the history-making Cill Chainnigh team which won the All-Ireland Senior Championship for the first time in 1974. Between Tiobraid Árann agus Cill Chainnigh, Corn Ó Cearúil has been won on eleven occasions by Clubanna from the Counties to which Bill and Agnes devoted their time. Chuir Loch Garman le scéal an Choirn chomh maith agus ainm Buffers Alley air faoi chúig.

Beidh ainm nua inscrobhtha ar an gCorn inniu, agus bheadh fíor-áthas ar Bill Carroll go bhfuil an Chamógaíocht á leathnú amach i gcónaí, agus go bhfuil meas chomh mór sin ag na Clubanna ar an gcomórtas seo.

### Craobhchomórtas Idirclub NA BUAITEÓIRÍ

#### CÚIGE LAIGHEAN (19)

Cill Chainnigh (9) – Naomh Pól (8): 1968, 1969, 1970, 1974, 1987, 1988;  
Lios Dún Fhiach (1): 1994.

Áth Cliath (5) – Aibhistín de Staic (2): 1971, 1972; Celtic (1) 1964;  
Croimghlinn (1): 1985; Eoghan Ruadh (1): 1967.

Loch Garman (5) – Buffers Alley: 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984.

#### CÚIGE MUMHAN (9)

Corcaigh (5) – Fánaithe an Ghleanna (4): 1986, 1990, 1992, 1993;  
Cill Aodha (1): 1980.

Luimneach (2) – Béal Átha na Gráinseach (1): 1978;  
Cruach-Cill Fhionnáin (1): 1975.

Tiobraid Árann (2) – Naomh Pádraig: 1965, 1966.

#### CÚIGE CONNACHT (3)

An Ghaillimh (3) – Úrán Mór (1): 1997; Baile Átha an Rí (1): 1977;  
An Mullach (1) 1991.



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## NAOMH ÁINE, RÁTH AN IÚIR LOCH GARMAN

v.

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19 Samhain, 1995, ag 2.30 i.n.

Tuaim Uí Mheára

Clár Oifigiúil

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50p

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## NAOMH ÁINE

### Ráth an Iúir, Loch Garman

*Dathanna: Dubh is Ómra*

1  
**MÁIRE PHLÉIMEANN**  
Mary Fleming

2  
**CAITRÍONA NÍ MHURCHÚ**  
Catherine Murphy

3  
**ÁINE MÁIRE de FAOITE**  
Anna-Mai White

4  
**MÁIRE NÍ ÉIDÉAN**  
Mary Hayden

5  
**CLÁR NÍ CHONCHUBHAIR**  
Claire O'Connor

6  
**NORMA NÍ CHÁRTAIGH**  
Norma Carty

7  
**AOIFE NÍ CHONCHUBHAIR**  
Aoife O'Connor

8  
**MICHELLE NÍ LAOIRE**  
Michelle O'Leary

9  
**BRIANÍN NÍ UIGINN**  
Bernie Higgins

10  
**ÁINE NÍ ROIDIGH**  
Ann Reddy

11  
**MARGUERITA NÍ SHOMACHÁIN**  
Margaret Somers

12  
**GEARÓIDÍN NIC ÓDA**  
Geraldine Codd  
Captaen

#### IONADAITHE:

13. **BRÍD NÍ MHURCHÚ**, Bridget Murphy
14. **BRÍD HUILÍN**, Bridget Howlin
15. **SINÉAD NÍ FHEARAIL**, Jenny Farrell
16. **LÉAN NÍ UALLACHÁIN**, Elaine O'Holohan

## TUAIM UÍ MHEÁRA

### Tiobraid Árann

*Dathanna: Uaithne is Bán*

1  
**NÓRA NÍ DHUÁIN**  
Nora Dwan

2  
**SIOBHÁN CHÍOSÓG**  
Siobhán Cusack

3  
**AILEEN NÍ DHUBHLÁINE**  
Aileen Delaney

4  
**CÓRA UÍ CHINNÉIDE**  
Cora Kennedy

5  
**RÍONACH NÍ MHEÁRA**  
Regina O'Meara

6  
**MIRIAM NÍ MHEISCILL**  
Miriam Maxwell

7  
**SIOBHÁN NÍ CHEALLAIGH**  
Siobhán Kelly  
Captaen

8  
**SIOBHÁN NÍ MHEISCILL**  
Siobhán Maxwell

9  
**SEOSAIMHÍN DE BRÚN**  
Josie Browne

10  
**DEIRDRE NÍ AODHA**  
Deirdre Hughes

11  
**ÁINE NÍ GHLIASÁIN**  
Anne Gleeson

12  
**NOLLAIG NÍ CHINNÉIDE**  
Noelle Kennedy

#### IONADAITHE:

13. **ÁINE NÍ BHEIRGIN**, Ann Bergin
14. **GRÁINNE NÍ SHEANACHÁIN**, Gráinne Shanahan
15. **LOUISE NÍ MHEISCILL**, Louise Maxwell
16. **EIBHLÍN NIC CONCHOILLE**, Lena Woods

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## Naomb Áine, Ráth an Iúir

**Ar chúl (ó chlé)** – Briainín Ní Uiginn, Léan Ní Uallacháin, Sínead Ní Fhearrail, Clár Ní Chomchubhair, Michelle Ní Laoire, Briainín Ní Uallacháin.

**Sa lár (ó chlé)** – Máire Ní Éidéan, Máire Phléimseann, Áine Ní Roidigh, Norma Ní Chártaigh, Órla Ní Bhrídaigh.

**Chun tosaigh (ó chlé)** – Gearóidín Ní Óda (Captaen), Áine Máire de Faoite, Caitríona Ní Mhuirchú, Aoife Ní Chomchubhair, Marguerita Ní Shomacháin, Teddy Ó Conchubhair, Oiliúnaí.

Bunaíodh an Club seo i 1968, an bhliain inar bhuaidh Loch Garman Craobhchomórtas Sinsear na hÉireann don chéad uair ariamh. Ráth an Iúir won its first title, the County Junior Championship, in 1972, the year in which Loch Garman reached its first All-Ireland Junior Championship Final.

The captain of the victorious Senior Loch Garman team of 1968 was the late Mary Walsh, whose husband, Larry Cahill, was a founder member of the Club. Among the other founders were Marcella Redmond, Trish Codd, John Cahill, the late Syl Barron, Teddy O'Connor, the present trainer, and Jim and Margaret Sheils.

Jim's recent death in a tragic accident in October of this year has robbed the Club of an able administrator and a tireless and unselfish worker. He was Cathaoirleach of the Club at the time of his death. Go raibh suaimhneas siorraí aige, agus go raibh solás ag a bhean chéile, Máiread, atá ina Rúnaí ar an gClub.

Since winning its first title in 1972, Ráth an Iúir added six Minor County titles in the seventies, several under-age titles in the eighties, and the Intermediate County Championship in 1982.

Bliain stairiúil a bhí ann don Chlub i 1989. Ráth an Iúir joined forces with neighbours, An Chloch Bhán, and, under the guidance of Teddy O'Connor, won the Senior County Championship for the first time. This was followed by three-in-a-row Senior titles in 1991, '92 and '93. The Leinster Club title came to the club in 1992 for the first time, and it reached the All-Ireland Club Final the same year.

Imríonn gach ball den bpainéal ar fhoireann éigin de chuid Loch Garman ó leibhéal na Mionúir go dtí leibhéal na Sinsear. Ba mór ar fad ag an gClub é Craobhchomórtas Idirclub na hÉireann a bhuaicint don chéad uair ariamh, agus an corn a bhreith ar ais go Loch Garman don chéad uair ó 1984 nuair a bhuaidh Aillí na Buaire é.

## Tuaim Uí Mheára



**Ar chúl (ó chlé)** – Áine Ní Bheirgin, Aileen Ní Dhubháine, Siobhán Chlosóg, Siobhán Ní Mheiscill, Máire Ní an Ghall, Gráinne Ní Sheancháin, Córa Uí Chinnéide, Louise Ní Mheicill, Lena Ní Conchille, Máire Ní Rian, Audrey Ní Rian, Seán Ó Cinnéide, Oiliúnaí.

**Chun tosaigh (ó chlé)** – Tríona Ní Mheiscill, Josie de Brún, Deirdre Ní Aodha, Siobhán Ní Cheallaigh (Captaen), Nóra Ní Dhuinn, Áine Ní Ghliasdín, Miriam Ní Mheiscill, Nollaigh Ní Chinnéide, Rónach Ní Mheára.

Tá an Chamógaíocht á imirt i dTuaim Uí Mheára ó 1930 i leith, agus tá áit faoi leith aige i stair an Chumainn. Four members of the Club played on the Tiobraid Árann team which participated in the Tailteann Games of 1932.

Ní raibh luach a shaothair ag an gClub, áfach, go dtí na seachtóidí nuair a cuireadh ar a bhonnaibh arís i dTeampall Doire é. The Club is now based in Tuaim Uí Mheára. Although the Club had to wait until 1979 for its first title, the under-16 County Championship, its story since then has been one of success at several levels. To add to its first title, Tuaim Uí Mheára holds seven under-12 titles, won between 1987 and 1993, four under-14, four Community Games, four under-18, one All-Ireland Féile na nGael, one County Junior Championship, six County Senior League and four County Senior Championship titles.

Tháinig an Club chun blátha i 1995 nuair a buadh Craobhchomórtas na Mumhan don chéad uair ariamh. Tuaim Uí Mheára is, today, contesting its first All-Ireland Club Final.

The Club attributes its success which it now enjoys to the work done over the years by

such as the late Paddy Connors, the late Catherine Guerin, Roger Mounsey, Joan Hughes, John Joe Ryan, and to the leadership given by the present coach, John Kennedy.

Many of the Senior players are involved in coaching juvenile teams, so the Club may look forward to continued success in the future.

Imríonn an-chuid den bhfoireann le Tiobraid Árann ag na leibhéil éagsúla. Some of the players have been selected on the Munster Gael Linn teams, while others won Craobhchomórtas na n-Iarbhunscoileanna le Scoil Mhuire, Aonach Urmhumhan i 1994.

Is fada an lá é ó bhí foireann as Tiobraid Árann páirteach sa Chluiche Ceannais den chomórtas seo. Dúrlas Éile was, in 1971, the last club from the County to contest the All-Ireland Club Final. The only other Club to do so was Naomh Pádraig, Glengoose, which won the title on its first appearance in 1965, and retained it in 1966.

Cosúil le Ráth an Iúir, ba mhór ar fad ag Tuaim Uí Mheára é Corn Ó Cearúil a bhreith abhaile leis inniu.



# ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CLUB FINAL

## Rathnure pack too much power for Toome

TOOMEVARA 1-5, RATHNURE 4-9

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Miriam Maxwell (Toomevara) endeavours to get the ball away from Rathnure with Deirdre Hughes coming in to help.

A fine crowd came to the splendidly laid out Toomevara grounds, with the Rathnure team apparently having the whole parish travelling with them to give them enthusiastic vocal support.

The opening minutes were very closely contested and Toomevara managed to be level after a shaky start by the twenty fourth minute. But a minute later Rathnure got through for a goal, and finished the half with a flourish to turn over 1-5 to 0-3 ahead.

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Rathnure were on the attack from the start and won a free after just thirty two seconds which their captain, Geraldine Codd sent over the bar. After two minutes Michelle O'Leary won a 30, which Geraldine Codd again pointed.

In the ninth minute Toomevara got on the scoreboard with a point from Anne Gleeson. As they went on the attack again, Noelle Kennedy sent a volley into the side netting.

In the fourteenth minute Geraldine Codd as on target from a free after Aoife O'Connor was fouled.

Toome's second point came in the twenty first minute as Noelle Kennedy pointed following a foul on Deirdre Hughes. They levelled two minutes later as Deirdre Hughes rounded Mary Hayden to solo through for a point. But within a minute they were rocked by a Rathnure goal, a long clearance by Catherine Murphy found Geraldine Codd, who set up Anne Reddy for the score.

Noelle Kennedy failed with a Toomevara free. At the other end, Rathnure won a free in as Margaret Somers was brought down close to goal, and Geraldine Codd duly pointed. They rounded off the first half with a point from a long range free by Catherine Murphy, to have a comfortable 1-5 to 0-3 lead.

They started the second half as they did the first, with a point in less than a minute as Geraldine Codd sent over a free after Michelle O'Leary was fouled. Three minutes into the half they were in a commanding position, as a free by Geraldine Codd was finished to the net by Anne Reddy. Worse was to befall Toomevara a minute later. A fine through ball by Michelle O'Leary found Margaret Somers, and she shot the net, to make it 3-6 to 0-3.

Noelle Kennedy pointed a free for Toomevara in the ninth minute, but Geraldine Codd responded with a similar score for Rathnure.

The writing was on the wall for Toomevara in the fourteenth minute as Catherine Murphy and Margaret Somers combined to set up Bernie Higgins for the

fourth goal. Two minutes later there was brief flicker of hope as substitute Lena Woods found Deirdre Hughes who shot to the net, to make it 4-9 to 1-4. Toome tried hard over the last quarter, but they only had a further point to show, while Geraldine Codd fittingly crowned a great day for Rathnure with two points, one from a free, to stretch the margin to thirteen points.

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## First ever club title for Rathnure girls

RATHNURE.....4-9 TOOMEVARA.....1-5  
WEXFORD side Rathnure collected their first All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club championship title when they had a convincing win over Toomevara from Tipperary in Toomevara yesterday.

The first half was evenly contested until Margaret Somers sent a sizzler to the net to give Rathnure a 1-5 to 0-3 lead at the break.

Then a dramatic third quarter saw the winners crash home 3-1 inside 11 minutes, the flurry of goals coming from Bernie Higgins (2) and Ann Reddy.

**SCORERS** - Rathnure: B Higgins 2-0, A Reddy 1-3, G Codd 0-2, M Somers 1-0. Toomevara - D Hughes 1-2, N Kennedy 0-2, A Gleeson 0-1.





Rathnure captain, Geraldine Codd, celebrates the All-Ireland success with her team-mates Mary Hayden, Catherine Murphy and Mary Fleming, at the Corner House, Rathnure.

## ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CAMOGIE CLUB FINAL

# Rathnure girls country's best

DAVID MEDCALF

at Toomevara

Rathnure (Wexford) 4-9, Toomevara 1-5. The trip to Tipp took Rathnure to wonderland on Sunday as they captured the All-Ireland camogie crown in Toomevara.

The unhappy memories of the 1992 final were blown away with a performance of authority and class which left them clearly ahead by 13 points.

On a crisp winter afternoon, the sun was lighting up the Slieve Bloom mountains but the shadow of the grandstand at the St. Michael's club left part of the pitch deep frozen. Officials tackled the problem with a blow torch and the field was declared fit for play in front of a large crowd.

### Early lead

Within seconds of the start, the Wexford attack were ahead, courtesy of a Geraldine Codd free from in front of the posts. She obliged again from the 30 yard line shortly afterwards and play remained generally scrappy as both teams seemed a little overawed by the occasion.

The less experienced Toomevara girls warmed up with a goal.

of wides, scoring just one point in the first 20 minutes. But Rathnure were little better and they faded for a while as a scoring force once the flow of captain Codd's frees dried up after three successful strikes.

Toomevara's best player was centre forward Deirdre Hughes, making her presence felt with some marvellous catching. She was involved in all their points as the home team finally pulled level on 24 minutes at 0-3 each and a real contest looked to be in store.

Rathnure responded both promptly and purposefully, launching a great attack from deep in defence with a fine clearance from Catherine Murphy. Ger Codd picked it up on the gallop and slipped the ball through to Mag Somers who converted to the net from close range.

A few minutes later, Somers scampered clear once more, only to be hauled down by a rugby style tackle from behind - a penalty and no questions asked. Codd tapped the placed ball over and the lead grew to four points as half time approached.

Then came a critical patch of play as the ever

more gained possession. She wriggled her way into the square and seemed poised to strike for goal, only for young Claire O'Connor to nick the ball off her stick. It was the turning point of the match.

Rathnure rounded off the half with a great Murphy free from inside her own half and morale was high at the break. They then resumed with a magnificent run of three goals in the third quarter which secured both the match and the title.

### Spectacular

The first had an element of luck to it as Ger Codd's free dropped well short of the target. But Ann Reddy made the most of it, doubling on the ball in spectacular style. This was followed within seconds by a Bernie Higgins strike and on 44 minutes she tapped in her second.

While it was the seasoned players who took the scores, it was teenager Michelle O'Leary who drew rave reviews. Her work in midfield was delicious to watch, shimmying her way past markers who looked as though they were chasing a ghost.

Toomevara were left with no option but to go for goals but they ran

into Mary Fleming at her unflappable best. As the shots rained in, the keeper made block after block, denying sub Lena Woods twice and Deirdre Hughes twice.

Fleming was beaten once but there was no disgrace in that as Hughes' flashing drive into the top left corner was undoubtedly the goal of the game. She was given great cover by a defence in which Anna-Mai White and Claire O'Connor were absolutely tremendous.

**Rathnure:** Mary Fleming; Catherine Murphy, Anna-Mai White, Mary Hayden, Claire O'Connor; Norma Carty, Aoife O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary; Bernie Higgins (2-0), Ann Reddy (1-0), Marguerite Somers (1-0), Geraldine Codd (captain 0-8, 6 frees, 1'30"). Sub: Lillian Doyle for Higgins, 55 mins. Also on panel: Bridget Murphy, Bridget Howlin, Jenny Farrell, Elaine Holohan, Bernadette Holohan.

**Toomevara:** Nora Dwan; Siobhan Cusack, Aileen Delaney, Cora Kennedy, Regina O'Meara; Miriam Maxwell, Suzanne Kelly (captain), Siobhan Maxwell; Josephine Browne, Deirdre Hughes (1-1), Anne Gleeson (0-1), Noelle Kennedy (0-3 from frees), Sub: Lena Woods for Gleeson, 42 mins.

**Referee:** Maria Pollard (Waterford).

## Dedication the key to the success

IN THE joyful aftermath of Sunday's All-Ireland win, Rathnure captain Geraldine Codd traced the origins of success back to February. The team has been in training since then, showing a ferocious level of dedication in search of the goal which they have now achieved.

Back in December of 1992, the club reached the final of the same competition only to be sent packing by a powerful Glen Rovers combination. The awful misery of that grim experience in a Cork rainstorm only served to strengthen their resolve to go one better next time and take the Bill Carroll Cup.

The side in that final three years ago included Tish Dreehan, Eileen Dillon, Jackie Codd and Ann English - all no longer in contention. Lillian Doyle and Bridget Howlin, both veterans of 1992, were in the panel for Sunday but not included in the twelve which started.

In their place, manager Teddy O'Connor has brought in a gang of younger players, such as Michelle O'Leary, Marguerite Somers and his own daughters, Aoife and Claire. All four played starring roles in this historic success at the highest level to which a club may aspire.

Claire O'Connor, the youngest of the lot at 14, was a marvel in the first half, landing the tackles with scant respect for her elders. And in the second period it was 15 year old Michelle 'Shelly' O'Leary who had the crowd gasping at the cheeky range of her skills on the ball.

Rathnure went into the match at Toomevara with plenty of respect for their Tipperary opposition. After all, the Greyhounds (as they are nicknamed) provided the biggest shock of the Munster championship when they came back from seven points down to beat Glen Rovers.

While a margin of 13 points may have been a little flattering, there was no doubt as to which was the better team on Sunday. National camogie president Belle O'Loughlin pinpointed the difference in her speech after the game - the clinching factor was Rathnure's 'combined camogie'.

This was a compliment to Teddy O'Connor and the way that he has moulded the side into the best balanced outfit in the country. And it is encouraging for the sport in Wexford that the closest championship game they were given all season was by Model rivals Oulart.

Since the drama of that nail-biting county final and the replay that followed, Rathnure have bested opposition from Kilkenny, Dublin, Carlow, Down and now Tipperary. They would dearly love another crack at the same title next year but escaping from Wexford will be no pushover.

When Ger Codd accepted the Bill Carroll cup she was the first captain from her county to do so since Buffer's Alley ended their great run back in 1984. It was indeed a proud day for the team and their army of supporters who came in such numbers that they had more volume than the local cheerleaders.

## FAMILY AFFAIR



Teddy O'Connor, Rathnure team manager, celebrates with his daughters, Aoife (left) and Claire, both members of the winning team.





Toomevara, runners-up in the All-Ireland camogie final on Sunday.

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Siobhan Kelly (Toomevara) is pursued by two Rathnure players as she goes for the ball.



## BURGESS TAKE U/18 TITLE

Burgess 2-1 -  
St. Bernadettes 1-1.

Burgess did it all right at the Ragg. They went at Bernadettes like a crowd of insensed yellow bees. Burgess proved to have grit and bravery by the bucket full, the maniac encouraging roars of mentors although Bernadettes looked better hurlers. Burgess cleverly blocked down, flicked away to better placed comrades, and took their chances. It was a colossal effort and meant the opposition had to dig through stone, in the time honoured phrase Burgess were able to "lift it".

## CAMOGIE

A handful of great individual performances stoked Burgess. None more so than Therese Brophy. She gave the definitive performance. Whatever Bernadette tried Therese turned it to dust. In tackling she destroyed and chased ball as relentlessly as a heat seeking missile. Her opponent looked a fabulous player in the few moments she had the ball before Therese would rob her and clear, such is a mark of her greatness.

Sheena Howard and Sinead Collins are Tipperary minor reps from the club. Sinead was a reliable conveyor belt of ball to her forwards, on the ball she feinted and dummied, on aggre-

gate brilliant. Sheena looked intelligent, honest and sometimes deadly. But she was often crowded out, an exceptional talent.

Fiona Hanrahan is some competitor, her intent and fitness were brilliant. Heart personified, she harassed and hounded. In goal Karen O'Donoghue made great saves and at full back Josephine McKeogh made so many clearances I lost count.

Eimear McDonnell's brilliance denied her Birth Cert. She is 14. Her match clinching goal came 12 minutes into the second half. After a foray forward known as the surging run, she buried it.

The rest of the Burgess steam were superb, everyone of them, once in possession had opposing supporters screaming in anguish - the basic message? "Stop Her".

The match was a belter. Eimear opened the scoring with a free in

the twelfth minute. The excitement grew, with every clash of hurley or body there was a roar. It was great stuff. Bernadettes equalised but a minute later

McDonnell soloed, Howard scrambled and Lorraine Gleeson scored. Hardly a blur of a shot but it hurt the opposition.

The second half saw Bernadettes playing into the sun and finally McDonnell's goal clinched it. However the closing minutes/centuries were tight due to a late Bernadettes goal, goal line clearances and scrambles ensued, but Burgess held on.

**Burgess:** Karen O'Donoghue, Elaine O'Brien, Josephine McKeogh, Olive Slattery, Therese Brophy (Capt), Fiona Hanrahan, Sinead Collins, Eimear McDonnell, Sheena Howard, Lorraine Gleeson, Catherine Keaton, Helena Frawley.



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# Camogie World

By: P.J. Fulham

## Some Interesting Games Down For Decision On Sunday

**O**n Sunday next the National Junior League continues with some interesting games down for decision. League champions Galway travel to take on Clare. This is both counties' first outing this season. Clare did not take part last year. They are the newly crowned Intermediate champions and have put together a useful second string. However, Galway have the experience and with players such as Aine Hillary, Gretta Maher and Eileen Earls they look set to secure the points.

All-Ireland Junior finalists Roscommon host Offaly in what should be a good tussle. When the sides met at this stage of the competition last year Offaly came out best on a score of 0-18 to 2-5. Roscommon will be a more experienced side this time after their good run in the Championship and should be strong enough to take the points.

Cork have the venue against Tipperary. The Leesiders ran Limerick to four points recently and need to collect the points. Tipperary will be good opposition having won the All-Ireland Minor in '92 and '93. They have a talented squad. It should be a good tussle going down to the wire.



Junior "Player of the Match" Award being presented to Ann Lenihan, Limerick, by Uachtaran Belle O'Loughlin



Limerick All-Ireland Junior Champions 1995

Kilkenny will travel to cross swords with Wexford. This young Kilkenny side put up a great performance against All-Ireland champions Limerick and should collect the points.

Kildare and Carlow come face to face at the latter venue. The sides met in the Leinster final this year when Kildare emerged winners after a replay 2-11 to 1-7. Carlow will be hard to overcome on home ground. They have star performers in Nuala Quirke, Marie Sheehan, Valerie Crean, Aine Murphy and Olivia Maye. Kildare are sure to be well served by Miriam Malone, Bernice Farrelly, Liz O'Donoghue, Liz Doran and Marianne Feeney. It should be close at the finish.

Meanwhile, Down, last years League finalists play host to Armagh. The Mourne girls have two points from their outing against Kildare while the Orchard County are still seeking their first points. It will not be easy to snatch them from Down.

**KILKENNY CRYSTAL SPONSOR "PLAYER OF THE YEAR"**  
The All-Ireland Junior final down the years has produced much skill and excitement. In recent years very little has separated the sides. In '93 Galway and Armagh played a draw. Armagh secured the title in the replay at Brehin Park.

Last year Galway overcame Limerick by the minimum score and this year Limerick went one better with a single point victory over Roscommon. The Connacht county almost snatched a draw in the last seconds.

The player of the match, Limerick's centre back Ann Lenihan. Ann was presented with a beautiful piece of Kilkenny Crystal.

The Camogie Association are very grateful to 'Kilkenny Crystal' for their generous sponsorship.



Roscommon All-Ireland Junior Championship Runners-up 1995



# It's convention time

On Sunday at Pairc Uí Chaoimh delegates from clubs all over the county will convene at 1.30pm for the Annual Convention of the Cork County Board.

In reviewing the activities for the past year the Secretary of the Board, Tracy Sheehan, is happy to report a great year for Cork camogie.

## Historic

The Senior team recorded an historic All-Ireland victory over arch rivals Kilkenny for the first time since 1972 while the u-18s won the Munster title for the second time in a row. Also the past year the Board secured much needed sponsorship from ACC Bank and this no doubt contributed in no small way to the success of the county teams.

Also on a positive note there has been a steady growth in membership over the past year. There are 46 affiliated clubs including three new clubs Sliabh Rua, Ballinascorthy and Erins Own.

With the exception of the positions of Registrar and Fixtures Secretary all other officers are returned unopposed. The officership of the Board for 1996 will be as follows - President:

Mary Moran, St. Finbarrs; Cathaoirleach: Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Leas Cathaoirleach: Marian McCarthy, St. Finbarrs; Secretary: Tracy Sheehan, Mayfield; Treasurer: Mary McSweeney, Bandon; P.R.O.: Mary Newman McCarthy, Glen Rovers; Registrar: Contest between Lillie O'Sullivan and Kay Dunne; Fixtures Secretary: Contest between Sarah Kidney, Ballincollig and Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons.

## Selectors

The Senior Selectors for 1996 will be Miriam Murphy, Eire Og; Angela Sheehan, Watergrasshill; and these will be joined by a representative from the Senior 'A' County Champions, Glen Rovers.

One Junior selector will be chosen from the following list Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons; Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Sheila O'Brien, Eire Og; Denis Dineen, Ballinora; Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; Lillie O'Sullivan, Ballincollig; and the elected person will be joined from a



St. Finbarrs who won the u-14 County Camogie League, beating Brian Dillons in the final.

representative from both the Intermediate County Champions, Newcestown and the Junior 'A' champions, Barryroe.

Two Under-18 selectors will be chosen from Ann Ryan, Inniscarra; Tracy Sheehan, Mayfield; Mary O'Sullivan, Brian Dillons; Sheila O'Brien, Eire Og; Martin McDonald, Inniscarra and these two elected persons will be

joined from a representative from the County Under-18 champions which are not known yet.

## Chosen

From the Minor Selection Committee two persons will be chosen from the following list - Derek McCarthy, St. Finbarrs; Robert Lott, Sarsfields; Pat Murray, Bishopstown; Betty Joyce, Killeagh; Joan

O'Leary, Inniscarra and these will be joined with a representative from the Under-16 'A' County champions which are not yet known.

There are a number of interesting motions put forward by the various clubs and they will get a full airing at the meeting.

Proceedings will get underway at 1.30pm. sharp

## Mayfield AGM

The AGM of the Mayfield Camogie club was held last Sunday.

Officers elected for the coming year are: Chairperson: Carol Crowley; Vice-Chairperson: Tracy Sheehan; Secretary: Michelle Murray; Treasurer: Mary Barrett; P.R.O.: Susan Barrett; Registrar: Kathleen Field.

## Dillons to make amends

The Aghabullogue and Brian Dillons clash in The Under 16 'A' Championship Semi-Final is the only fixture listed for the weekend. (Venue not known at the time of going to press).

Brian Dillons, narrowly defeated in last Sunday's Junior 'A' final, will no doubt be hoping to make amends this weekend. Most of the girls who were in action last weekend will be lining out again on Sunday and they could prove formidable opposition for the mid-Cork side who will be favourites.

Dillons are a talented side with marvellous performers in Sabrina Buckley, Jackie O'Sullivan, Theresa Drummond and Gillian Ryan.

However, Aghabullogue are a very strong outfit and with a place in the final at stake against near neighbours and rivals Cloughduv, they will no doubt into give into defeat too easily. Spearheaded by players like Tina Roche, Louise Buckley and the Buckley sisters they look like having a slight edge.

## Cobh girls end the Valley double dream

Valley Rovers hopes of completing the 'B' County Camogie League and Championship double were foiled at Mayfield on Sunday last.

Cobh defeated them in the League final on a 1-3 to 0-5 scoreline. So Cobh atoned for their championship semi final defeat at the hands of the same opposition.

Valley Rovers, fielding five short of their championship winning side, made the early running and were 2 points to the good after 5 minutes per Josie McCarthy and Bernie Shiels.

Over the next quarter they continued to dominate but the only score they had so far their dominance was a point from Bernie Shiels after 22 minutes. But the Cobh side were on level terms at the break when they goaled from a 30 free to leave the half time score Valley Rovers 0-3 Cobh 1-0.

## Early

Cobh pointed early in the second half to take the lead but the sides were level once more in the 31st. minute when Bernie Shiels pointed a free. But from the puck

out Cobh regained the lead, which they never lost and were two points to the good after 37 minutes.

The Rovers now had a fight on their hands and to their credit took the game to their opponents but lack of finish in front of goal proved costly for them and their only reward was a point from Bernie Shiels to leave the Cobh side victorious by 1-3 to 0-5.

## Impressive

Sinead Burke, Caroline O'Riordan, Bernadette Shiels and Martina McCarthy were others to impress for Valley Rovers.

Despite this loss it was another hugely successful year for Camogie in the Carrigrohoun Division with Ballygarvan winning three County Titles at Under 12, 14 and 16 while Valley Rovers won the Junior 'B' Title and Carrigaline are still in contention for Under 16 League honours.

## Cobh defeat Valley

Cobh 1-3

Valley Rovers 0-5

IN the Junior B League Final played at Brian Dillons, Cobh defeated County Camogie champions Valley Rovers in an exciting contest. Valley Rovers dictated matters in the opening 20 minutes and were leading by three points when Ger Martin blasted the ball to the net from a 30-yard free to draw the sides level.

On the changeover Cobh took the lead thanks to Mairead Looney's point. However, Bernie Shiels drew level again for Valley Rovers. With just five minutes remaining Ger Martin levelled matters again for Cobh and with excitement at fever pitch it was Martin who again pointed to see Cobh take the title.

## Coachford advance

IN the Munster Colleges Under-15 'A' Camogie second round, Coachford College defeated the Convent, Kinsale by a scoreline of 3-4 to 0-2.

Coachford now meet St. Aloysius.



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# Cork camogie transfer rumpus

THE Cork Camogie Convention held at Pairc Uí Chaoimh was chaired by Sheila Golden and her first move was to congratulate the senior team on winning the All-Ireland, National League and Munster titles. She complimented the players officials and her fellow officers for their trollop work throughout the year.

She also expressed her disappointment at the continued shortage of referees and hoped for an improvement in the coming years. Sheila also paid tribute to the outgoing registrar Li-

lian O'Sullivan (Ballincollig) who retired from the position after 13 years.

A lively discussion took place regarding transfers with 21 applications for transfers before the meeting. Four transfers from Blackrock to St. Finbarrs, one from Bishopstown to St. Fanahan's and three from Ballyphehane to St. Finbarr's were all passed as the clubs the players were leaving had no objections. In the case of two transfers from Ballygarvan to St. Finbarrs, two from Brian Dillons to Mayfield, two from

Brian Dillon's to Glen Rover's, two from Eire Og to Bishopstown and five from Bishopstown to Ballyphehane — all were refused as the applicants' clubs refused to sign the transfers.

Miriam Murphy and Rose Desmond appealed to the clubs to support the Cork Senior players who are fundraising for a holiday following their All-Ireland success.

A motion was passed from the Bishopstown club calling for the advantage rule to apply in camogie and a motion from Glen Rovers

to have the winners of the Senior B Championship graded to Senior A was also passed.

A motion from Inniscarra to have all players' jerseys numbered and from Brian Dillons to have the closing date for affiliations changed from April 1 to February 28 were also passed.

St. Finbarr's failed in their bid to change the present transfer rule whereby a player whose club refuses to sign a transfer is forced to stay two years on the sideline. They sought to

change the rule to one year for players under 16 years.

Arising from the treasurer Mary McSweeney's report delegates expressed concern at the fact that the Board had to pay to hire training facilities for the inter-county training. However, it was unanimously agreed that it was of enormous benefit to have a regular base for training.

Officers elected: President — Mary Moran (St. Finbarrs), Chairperson — Sheila Golden (Inniscarra), Vice Chairperson — Marian

McCarthy (St. Finbarrs), Secretary, Tracey Sheehan (Mayfield), Treasurer — Mary McSweeney (Bandon), Registrar — Kay Dunne (Ballincollig), PRO — Mary Newlman McCarthy (Glen Rovers), Fixtures Secretary — Mary O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons).

Selectors: Senior — Miriam Murphy (Eire Og) Angela Sheehan (Watergrasshill) plus one from County Champions Glen Rovers. Junior — Denis Dineen (Ballinora), Mary O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons), Sheila O'Brien (Eire Og). U-18 — Tracey Sheehan (Mayfield), Ann Ryan (Inniscarra) plus one to be nominated from County champions. Minor U-16 — Joan O'Leary (Inniscarra), Rob Lotty (Sarsfields) plus one from county champions.

## Great year for Cork camogie

By MICHAEL ELLARD

CAMOGIE in Cork over the past year enjoyed spectacular success, highlighted by an historic 'first' All-Ireland senior final victory over Kilkenny.

Understandably, therefore, Cork County Board Secretary Tracy Sheehan has much to enthuse about in her report to annual convention scheduled for Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday.

"This has been a great year for us because in addition to winning the senior All-Ireland, both the seniors and U-18's regained their Munster championship titles. And it has also been a year of progress and development for our Association", reports the County Secretary.

And in her very compact report she reveals: "this year the Cork County Camogie Board has 46 affiliated clubs and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new clubs (Slabh Rua, Erins Own, Ballinascorthy) and wish them the best for the coming season."

### CONGRATULATIONS

The county secretary extends congratulations to Glen Rovers and Fr. O'Neill's on winning the respective county senior 'A' and 'B' championship finals and commiserates with defeated finalists Bishopstown and St. Finbarr's. She praises Newcestown on winning the intermediate county final and welcomes the south west club to the senior 'B' grade for 1996.

Congratulations are also extended to Clara Healy of Bishopstown on winning the Feile Skills and for representing the county so magnificently in the All-Ireland arena.

In her report, the county secretary

thanks all the clubs, the City Division Board, the County Board and both Cork RTC and UCC for the use of their grounds and facilities and appeals to them for the same co-operation in the coming year.

The county secretary also appeals to clubs to encourage more of their members and ex-players to take up refereeing. "A lot of our games are left to the same few reliable referees and the need for new referees is uttermost."

There are a number of contests down for decision at convention. Sarah Kidney (Ballincollig) and Mary O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons) are vying for the position of fixtures secretary, while Lillie O'Sullivan and Kay Dunne of Ballincollig are in the race for the post of registrar.

Six candidates are seeking one position open on the junior selection committee. They are Mary O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons), Sheila Golden (Inniscarra), Sheila O'Brien (Eire Og), Denis Dineen (Ballinora), Kay Dunne (Ballincollig), Lillie O'Sullivan (Ballincollig).

Five candidates are in the field for two positions on the U-18 selection committee. They are Anne Ryan (Inniscarra), Tracy Sheehan (Mayfield), Mary O'Sullivan (Brian Dillons), Sheila O'Brien (Eire Og), Martin McDonald (Inniscarra).

While there are also five candidates for two selectortial positions at minor and U-16. They are Derek McCarthy (St. Finbarr's), Pat Murray (Bishopstown), Betty Joyce (Killeagh), Joan O'Leary (Inniscarra) and Rob Lotty (Sarsfields).

In all a total of 17 motions are down for decision at Convention which is timed to commence at 1.30. p.m.





Barryroe, who defeated Brian Dillons to capture the Cork County junior A camogie title at Bandon. (Picture: M Walsh).

# Ballygarvan's title

## 'Garvan crown a great year

Ballygarvan 5-6  
Carrigaline 4-3

A great year for Ballygarvan was crowned by adding the U-16 B County Camogie Championship title to the U-12 and U-14 B league titles already won when they defeated Carrigaline at Tracton on a superb pitch.

At half-time Ballygarvan lead by five points 3-3 to 2-1 thanks mainly to a goal by team captain Claire Barrett virtually on the half time whistle.

On the change-over they maintained their lead but were made fight all the way for their title by a Carrigaline side who never gave up.

Both sides are to be complemented on the excellent fare served up.

Scorers- Ballygarvan- Catherine Kelly 0-5, Mary Hallane 2-0, Margaret O'Riordan 2-1, Clare Barrett 1-0

Carrigaline- Emma Green 3-0, Avril Cooney 1-3.

Ref. Rose Desmond (Bishopstown).

**T**HE Under 16 camogie players of Ballygarvan and Carrigaline served up a classic game, before a very big crowd.

The game was played at the excellent Tracton GAA

Grounds in Minane Bridge on Sunday afternoon last. At the end of the hour the title went to Ballygarvan on a 5-6 to 4-3 scoreline, the club's third County title this year having already captured the Under 12 and 14 titles.

Catriona Kelly (Ballygarvan) and Avril Cooney (Carrigaline) exchanged points in the

opening 2 minutes before Emma Greene, the most exciting player on view, put Carrigaline ahead when she goaled in the 4th. minute. Kelly pointed in the 7th. minute to reduce the deficit and a minute later Mary Hallaghan goaled for Ballygarvan to put her side a point ahead. Then followed 7 scoreless minutes be-

fore Cooney pointed a free to bring the sides level. Ballygarvan regained the lead in the 19th. minute when Margaret O'Riordan scored a fine goal but this lead was short lived as from the puck out Emma Greene gained possession and soled through the Ballygarvan defence to score a fine goal. But Ballygarvan finished the half the stronger with 2 points from Catriona Kelly and a goal on the stroke of half time by team captain Claire Barrett to leave her side 3-4 to 2-2 ahead at the interval.

Avril Cooney pointed for Carrigaline in the 4th. minute of the second half but Ballygarvan went further ahead 2 minutes later when Margaret O'Riordan goaled. After this score Ballygarvan dominated but failed to add to their total and when Avril Cooney's well struck free ended in the Ballygarvan net after 15 minutes of play Carrigaline were back in contention. But Ballygarvan consolidated their position with a point from Catriona Kelly and a goal from Mary Hallaghan to put them 8 points ahead and well on their way to the title. But Carrigaline did not give up with out a fight and when Greene

completed her trick in the 20 minute they were back in the game. Ballygarvan held firm in the closing minutes as Carrigaline tried everything to save the game. Margaret O'Riordan brought the score to a close when pointed with the puck of the game.

Ballygarvan, on day, were deserving winners of this title but they were given a stern test by a determined Carrigaline side and at the end of the day it was Camogie that was the winner. Bouquets also to the Tracton GAA Club for the excellent condition of the field.



Sheila Golden, chairperson Cork Camogie Board, with Ballygarvan captain Claire Barrett and Carrigaline captain Melanie Fitzgerald after the Cork County U-16 B Camogie Final,

Nov.

1995



Semi-final  
decider

In the only other game listed for the weekend Valley Rovers are at home to Mayfield in the Junior B League Semi Final. The Innishannon side have already won the championship and no doubt will be anxious for a double and on form they will be fancied to advance to meet Cobh who have already qualified for the final.

Both these sides met in the first round of the championship when Valley Rovers won fairly comfortably but on that occasion Mayfield were forced to field without one of their more experienced players Susan Barrett who was out through injury. However going on their championship campaign Valleys improved with every game and on this. Powered by players like Michelle Shiels and Nancy O'Donovan they should have too much in hand for Mayfield side who will be looking to players like Tracy Sheehan to carry them through.

## Local derby in U-16 final

TRACTON is the venue on Sunday for the eagerly awaited Cork County U-16 B Championship Final which brings together two neighbouring teams.

It pitches Carrigaline against Ballygarvan in what should be a keenly contested affair.

Despite their short number of years in existence Carrigaline have made great strides particularly at this level and will go into Sundays final favour-

ites to take their first ever Championship title. Their path to the final included victories over Grenagh, Cobh, Youghal and Eire Og. Their semi final clash with Eire Og went to replay when they eventually came out on top by only the narrowest of margins. They will certainly have learned a lot from these games and on form to look to be the stronger of the two sides. They will be spearheaded by Cork Minor player Emma Greene who has been their top scorer in the championship to date and she will undoubtedly have to be curtailed if Ballygarvan are to succeed. They have other fine performers in Avril Cooney, Clodagh Fitzgerald and Suzanne McCarthy and if these girls can repeat their championship form it

## FIXTURES

Sunday December 3  
Under 16 B Championship Final:

Carrigaline V Ballygarvan at Tracton at 1 o'clock Ref. Rose Desmond.

Under 16 A Championship Semi Final:

Aghabullogue V Brian Dillons at Rusheen GAA pitch at 12 noon Ref. S. O'Brien.

Junior B League Semi Final:

Valley Rovers V Mayfield at Valley Rovers at 11.30 Ref Wm. Flynn.



Lynn Dunlea and Denise Cronin, Cork camogie stars, check out the new Setanta indoor hurleys. The bas is made of white synthetic rubber and the handle is made of ash. The hurley is designed for coaching and indoor hurling. Picture: M. English.

certainly looks as if Carrigaline could be celebrating their first ever championship victory but I am sure Ballygarvan will have other ideas about this.

Ballygarvan have already won the Under 12 and Under 14 B League titles and a win at Under 16 level would really be the icing on the cake and this is certainly not

beyond their capabilities. They are a very determined bunch of girls and looked good in their recent victories over Mayfield, Watergrasshill and Valley Rovers in the semi final. They will be captained on Sunday by Clair Barrett and have other fine players in Nora Hallahan, Maura and Shella Lane, Catriona Kelly

and Emer Dillon and these girls will certainly leave no stone unturned to ensure victory. Because of the closeness of the parishes no club will want to give into defeat too easily so this game has all the ingredients of a great contest and should attract a big South East following to the Minane Bridge.

Close game  
in store

On Sunday next at Macroon at 12 noon Brian Dillons and Aghabullogue will clash to decide who goes forward to meet Cloughduv in the final of this seasons Under 16 A Championship and this game could be close.

Aghabullogue appear to be a physically stronger side and could adapt better to the present underfoot conditions but the city side are a very talented outfit and will certainly not be easily defeated.

Dillons have already been defeated in this seasons Junior A Championship Final and the Under 14 A League Final so no doubt they will be anxious to finish the year on a winning note and on form this is not beyond their capabilities. They have very experienced performers in Sabrina Buckley a member of this years Cork Minor team Sarah Mongan and if these girls produce the goods they must be in there with every chance. However it will take a mighty effort from all involved if they are to curtail the Mid Cork side.