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CAMOGIE AFFAIRS by Mary Newman McCarthy



Cork 1997 All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions: Back row (L to R): Eithne Duggan, Sinead O'Callaghan, Vivienne Harris, Irene O'Keeffe, Sandie Fitzgibbon. Front Row (L to R): Mags Finn, Mary O'Connor, Cora Keohane, Linda Mellerick (Capt.), Denise Cronin, Lynn Dunlea and Fiona O'Driscoll.

A CLEAN SWEEP FOR THE TEAM THAT REFUSED TO DIE

The dawning of 1997 saw several changes in the Cork camogie scene in what many regarded as a make or break year ahead for the county. Following on the traumatic loss in the previous year's All-Ireland senior final it was widely felt that the county was about to go through a recession and it would be without a title for a few years, but how wrong they were. They predicted without knowing the spirit, determination and loyalty of the women of Cork who set about their task of regaining their title under the captaincy of Linda Mellerick and guidance of selectors Rose Mackey, Angela Higgins and Tom Nott and the sponsorship of A.C.C. Bank.

A training schedule which was not too intense ensured the girls were at the perfect fitness level when they took on Kilkenny in the National league final at Páirc Uí Rinn on June 8th. A superb performance ensured the league title stayed Leaside but what was more pleasing for the selectors was the performance of newcomers to the senior team Cora Keohane, Sinead O'Callaghan, Eileen Buckley and Hilda Kenneally. The girls

took on a Clare side in their opening game of the championship and after a tough encounter qualified to meet Wexford in the semi-final, again a flawless display saw Cork qualify at ease to set up a meeting with arch rivals Galway and a chance to redeem last year's defeat.

The display in Croke Park on Sept 7th was a magnificent one and in particular the performance of Lynn Dunlea scoring 9 points, Sandie Fitzgibbon at centre back who earlier in the year had retired from inter-county but had been coaxed out of retirement and in doing so won her sixth All-Ireland senior medal, whilst debutantes, Cora Keohane, and Sinead O'Callaghan were never worried by the big occasion. It's a tribute to the team and their selectors who stuck rigidly to their belief that they could win back their title and when one considers that the selectors had three players from their starting twelve the previous year retired, it's a wonderful achievement to take national league and All-Ireland honours and to cap a wonderful year the Munster title was also added to the list, a wonderful achievement from a team who refused to die.

Having won the Junior title in '96 the county was graded Intermediate for '97. With a new look junior team which was mainly made up of the successful Under 18 of '96 and this season's minors, the selectors, Sile Golden, Kay Dunne and Denis Dineen set out in search of Munster honours in an exciting contest at Mayfield. The teenyboppers of Cork ran out comfortable winners to set up a Munster final spot with Tipperary and despite being underdogs gave a marvellous display to crown themselves Munster champions against all the odds and set us on the road to Loughrea to take on a super Galway side who were confident of joining their seniors in Croke Park on the first Sunday in September but they reckoned without this Cork junior side who's determination had to be seen to be believed, in what was for me one of the best camogie games seen in a long time. Cork ran out 3-11 to 4-7 winners and in doing so knocked Galway a little off stride and gave the senior girls a great confidence booster for the senior showdown.

In the junior final we came up against an extremely talented Antrim side who on the day took the title, however this young Cork side managed to put 2-10 on the scoreboard and no doubt but they will be back in the near future to take an All-Ireland title. To have reached the final one year after taking a title and to be fielding a new team is a remarkable achievement, the year can only serve as a learning process for what is an extremely young junior side.

The minors were not going to be the odd ones out for the year 1997 and in fact were the ones to get the show on the road with a magnificent victory over arch rivals Tipperary in the Munster final with Tipp the holders going for five in a row. Cork were fired up and ready, a superb team performance saw us through to meet Dublin in the semi-final and after a flawless performance, a final place with Galway was booked. With home advantage of Páirc Uí Rinn it promised to be a great day but it wasn't to be and Galway retained their title much to the disappointment of a Cork side who had put in so much, great credit due also to selectors Ted Roche, Rob Lotty, who incidentally emigrated to Aman after the game for a year, inter-county seniors, Fiona O'Driscoll and Mary O'Connor, who put in endless hours training the team, they are both an example for their dedication when one considers the amount of effort they themselves have to put in as inter-county players and with their own senior club teams. Hopefully in the year ahead we will go one step closer and bring back a minor title.

For our Intermediate side, participating in the higher grade following their success at junior level the previous year, their championship encounter with Tipperary was to be their exit from the series, Tipperary went on to win the All-Ireland so the year ahead may hold better fortunes for the Intermediates. The team did, in the earlier part of the year, compete successfully in the Junior National league and were unlucky to lose at the semi-final stage, to Antrim who later in the year took the double in league and championship honours.

At the time of writing our under 18 team are in the process of defending their Munster championship crown and take on Tipperary in the Munster final, a win here would ensure a clean sweep in Munster for Cork.

On the Inter-provincial stage it was once again a superb year for Munster with honours coming in the senior and junior grades with Cork having the added honour of supplying the two victorious captains.

The local scene continues to grow with over fifty clubs now registered with the Cork County Board. The Board caters

for competition from under 12 upwards whilst the divisional committees in the Carrigdhoun and Scandun divisions are very active and promote their own leagues in the U11, U13 and U15 age brackets.

For one club 1997 will long be remembered as a special one for it was the year that Bishopstown finally made the breakthrough by taking the Senior county championship after an exciting final with Fr O' Neills, they ran out winners on a 3-6 to 0-6 scoreline. Fr O' Neills had knocked out holders Glen Rovers in the semi-final, Glen were going for a record breaking eight titles in a row but failed to achieve their aim, however one must pay tribute to their achievement in taking seven consecutive senior titles in a row. The senior 'B' title was won by Newtownshandrum competing in Cork for the first time, previously Newtownshandrum had competed in Limerick and their players had fielded with the Limerick county sides however a decision was taken by the club to compete in Cork and they are a welcome addition to the county.

In the Intermediate grade Eire Og proved that a club can indeed be rebuilt and after several years without an adult trophy took the Intermediate championship in style by defeating Valley Rovers.

At underage level the most disappointing event was the failure of the organising committee of Feile na nGael to allow a Cork team entry to the national Feile competition. Only a certain number of counties can be catered for and Cork were the unlucky county to lose out and not be allocated a place, a strange decision when one considers that Cork teams have almost always reached the concluding stages of the national competition. Maybe it's time to look for venues that are capable of hosting 32 counties at what is a national sports event for youth from all counties and not the ones lucky enough to be drawn from a hat. On a lighter note Cork did hold a local Feile Na nGael competition and in what was a top class final Barryroe emerged winners over Aghabullogue.

In the Cork skills competition Ballygarvan took the honours in the U 14 'A' league whilst Milford in their first year in competitive camogie took the U14 'B' and U12 titles, a remarkable debut and a great achievement. At community games level Milford were again successful and won out the competition.

Sciath na Scol continues to be the showpiece of primary schools competition with the finals this year being held in Páirc Uí Rinn where the excitement and atmosphere has to be experienced to be appreciated. The section 1 final was an exciting affair with Scoil Oilibheir,



Captain
Linda Mellerick
proudly displays the
O'Duffy Cup following Cork's victory
in the '97 All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final.

Dublin Hill, once again taking the title, section 2 went to Maria Assumpta, Ballyphehane, section 3 to Ballyheda, section 4 to gael scoil Carraig Uí Leighin, section 5 to Glounthaune, section 6 to Aghabullogue and section 7 to Vicarstown. Great work is being done with these competitions and hopefully many of the young camogie players will be seen in their club and county colours in the years to come.

In the month of June, Lynn Dunlea was honoured with a Jurys award, Vivien Harris had the honour of being chosen player of the match in the All-Ireland senior final, and to cap a marvellous year the senior team in a joint award for September with the victorious Cork U21 hurling side were honoured by Jurys. We add our congratulations to the U 21 on reaching the magical 100th for the county.

All -Ireland final day was also a nostalgic occasion for Sandie Fitzgibbon who formally announced her retirement from Inter-county camogie after the game. Sandie has rendered the county outstanding service over a long and distinguished career and was an inspiration to a legion of younger players in that time and it is only fitting that she should leave the scene she graced so well with her sixth All-Ireland senior medal.

As '97 gives way to '98 and fresh challenges lie ahead, Cork camogie can look back with pride on the year gone by and with confidence to the year ahead.

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Imagine winning two Junior All Ireland Medals, two Senior All Ireland Titles, three All Ireland Seven-a-sides, throw in a few Munster and Cork Colleges medals and you have won every medal competitive Post Primary Camogie has to offer. Is this merely the stuff that dreams are made of? No! Attend St. Mary's Secondary School Charleville and this dream may become a reality.

St. Mary's A School of Champions

By Muireann Harrington

The words "you have to lose one to win one" have become synonymous with All Ireland Finals for the navy and blue clad players of St. Mary's. In 1993 St. Mary's suffered a double defeat in it's bid to capture both Junior and Senior All Ireland titles on the same day; a feat achieved previously by only St. Raphael's Loughrea. The Juniors stormed back the following year to capture the title which had been snatched from them by Bunclogh in '93 with a resounding win over Magherafelt. The strength of camogie in the area paved the way for another attempt to capture both Junior and Senior titles on the same day the following year. The Junior Cup again returned to Charleville in 1995. St. Mary's unfortunate opponents were Magherafelt, again. One half of the double was obtained but a goal favouring Presentation Kilkenny was the winning margin which yet again deprived the Senior team from All Ireland glory and completing the elusive double.

This heartbreaking loss spurred St. Mary's Seniors on to reach yet another All Ireland final; the team's third All Ireland in four years. Was this to be the year when the girls would be "third time lucky"? On the path to Birr the Seniors again overcame the challenge of Magherafelt in a tense nailbiting game in Magherafelt. One minute into injury time Charleville were facing a five point deficit and all glimmers of All Ireland glory rapidly diminishing. However, a minute later the skill of crafty Eileen O'Brien cut that deficit to two points with a smashing goal. Indeed Eileen proved to be the saviour of the '96 campaign when in the third minute of injury time she struck between the posts yet again to pluck victory from the jaws of defeat. St. Mary's captain Deidre Sheehan went on to raise the All Ireland Senior cup for the first time in the school's history on a day when St. Mary's



JUNIOR TEAM: back row (left to right): Gemma Roynane, Sandra Halloran, Edwina Boyce, Aoife Dillon, Kathryn Leslie, Siobhan Lenihan, Aine Kelleher, Catherine O'Connell, Claire Brown, Denise O'Connor. Front row: (left to right): Maire Cullinane, Una Harrington, Patricia O'Callaghan, Niamh Bowles, Eileen O'Brien (Captain), Noelle O'Riordan, Jennifer Reidy, Alison White, Ciara O'Shea, Laura O'Brien.

scored the most points ever in a game at that level.

Templemore were first to fall as St Mary's set out to defend it's first Senior title: one the girls would not relinquish easily. Accurate scoring and tight defensive work allowed the Charleville girls to emerge victorious on a scoreline of 4-20 to 0-6. Nenagh proved to be a much tougher obstacle for Charleville to surmount. In miserable conditions St. Mary's overcame this challenge by 1-11 to 0-9 to ensure it's place in the Senior Munster Final.

The Munster Final also loomed for the Juniors who had easily beaten Hospital, Bruff and Kilfinnane before facing perhaps their toughest challenge to date. Nenagh threatened to destroy this young team's hope for a place in the All Ireland Final. This young team sported only three Junior Cert Students, the remainder consisting of Second Years and a single first year; Aine Kelleher. The Charleville girls were not daunted by this onerous task. An especially impressive

performance by the defenders and captain Eileen O'Brien ensured victory by a slim margin of four points.

Both teams faced into a winters hard training. Chiblain and red noses were soon forgotten as running up the Ballyhouras and around the inevitable "square" in the home pitch increased player's fitness levels and focused player's minds on the impending games. Numerous challenge games were played during the holidays. Perhaps the most impressive of these was the Senior's victory over Ashbourne holders UCC. Charleville played UCC on two occasions, first being beaten by a mere two points, but claiming victory on the second occasion. These tough games were perfect preparation for the Senior Final played in Whitegate. St. Mary's dominated throughout the game dispensing with Scariff by 3-17 to 0-4. The Junior Munster Final was an equally high scoring game as St. Mary's stormed to victory over Cashel by 3-11 to 1-4.

However, before both teams could book a place in Tullamore on 12 April



SENIOR TEAM: back row (left to right): Pauline Lynch, Georgina Frawley, Jordana Dolan, Laura Leslie, Marie O'Brien, Sinead O'Callaghan, Katie O'Shea, Jean Cullinane, Angela Sheehy, Sarah Reidy, Cara Manton. Front row (left to right): Clare Lenihan, Brid Keane, Vera Sheehan (Captain) Sharon O'Kelly, Caoimhe Harrington, Lisa Maloney, Eileen O'Brien, Caroline Giltinnane, Clare Walsh, Niamh Bowles.

they first had to overcome the challenges of Bunclody and Loretto Kilkenny. A telling victory over Bunclody ensured the Juniors an appearance on All Ireland Final day while also sufficing as a balm for the wounds inflicted when Bunclody deprived St. Mary's of a Junior title in 1993. Loretto Kilkenny stood in the path to Tullamore for the Seniors. This game mirrored one played three years previously when the juniors beat this same team on their successful path to All Ireland glory in '94. History repeated itself and the team, which comprised of players drawn from two All Ireland Junior back to back winning teams, was again to contest another All Ireland final.

It was the third occasion in five years when both Junior and Senior teams would contest All Ireland finals on the same day. The Junior team were up against Mounthelaw, a school from Galway. A close exciting game in which both sides were evenly matched came to a nailbiting finish when in the dying seconds Charleville were leading by a point. At the final whistle the sides were level at 1-6 apiece. Eileen O'Brien was once again Charleville's top scorer with 1-3. Niamh Bowles scored the remaining 0-3.

This year the Colleges and Vocational competitions were united introducing a number of new teams to the competition. Senior Colleges All Ireland Champions St. Mary's Charleville found itself facing four times Vocational All Ireland Champions Loughrea. St. Mary's began the game strongly scoring 1-3 without reply. An assault on the Charleville goal led by Denise Gilligan soon cut Charleville's lead to a minimum. Having exchanged scores until half time the

teams left the field with St. Mary's in the lead by a few points.

The second half proved to be a much more one sided affair in which Charleville dominated. The understanding between these players born from having played together for so long resulted in some great scores and ultimately in victory. A sea of blue and navy flag carriers invaded the field as players and supporters alike celebrated the fantastic win. Emotions ran high as Vera Sheehan lifted the Senior cup just as her sister had done the year before.

The task of bringing home All Ireland glory still faced the Juniors and they faced into another weeks training before they again attempted to overcome Mounthelaw. Class concentration was down to a minimum as everyone prepared for another day out with the team. Ennis was the venue for the replay but alas the Galway girls got the upper hand scoring 2-4 to Charleville's 1-5.

The All Ireland Seven-a-side competition is no stranger to St. Mary's dominance. Since its instigation in 1987 St. Mary's have won a total of eight Munster titles. The teams have also managed to win seven All Ireland titles, beating many of the teams which they competed against in the Colleges competitions. St. Mary's at present hold a five year unbeaten record at Munster and, more importantly, at All Ireland level.

When the girls of St. Mary's first wore the blue and navy in 1986 little did they know that they had begun what was to become an almost impenetrable fortress of camogie strength not only in Munster but in all of Ireland's provinces.

One must indeed wonder why more people have not heard of the North Cork school where camogie successes are so widespread and plentiful at All Ireland as well as Munster and County levels. The girls of St. Mary's fight equally as hard as any other All Ireland winning team but say their achievements are not as widely recognised in the media as some. Perhaps the future will bring some changes?

Behind every All Ireland winning team there is a strong network of management and trainers. These people all too often tend to fade into the background as all the attention focuses on the players. This is a great injustice to the commitment which these people give to the teams. The driving forces behind St. Mary's teams for the past few years have been Ann-Marie O'Keefe and Vincent Harrington. While Vincent may have been in control of team tactics the fitness training undertaken by Ann-Marie was undoubtedly essential to victory. They put the teams first, before family and friends. Without them St. Mary's would not be as successful as it is today.

The future is very bright for the school which has the pick of two counties to fill its teams. The number of strong camogie clubs in the area contribute greatly to the choice of camogie talent. The school must also look to the youth of last year's Junior team to bring All Ireland honours back to the school this year. The Seniors too will hope to retain the cup for the third successive year as only four of last years' team have left the school. Who knows what next year will bring? Maybe this time Charleville will bring home the double.

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THE DEMISE OF SOUTH PRES

R.T.E Commentator, Ger Canning, laments the closing of South Presentation Secondary School and recalls some of the outstanding camogie stars who passed through its portals.

South Presentation Secondary school closed its doors for the last time in June. Not a lot of people know, but I spent from 1973 to 1990 teaching in the school. When I arrived first I felt very lucky, this was surely the job for life. I didn't quite realise the payment structure. My first pay packet came to £32. Not much chance there of buying my very first car! I was soon to realise that that was the convent's 'contribution.' A fortnight later...on the 12th, each month...a further £82 was paid over by the Department.

I was employed by two wonderful nuns, Mother Agnes and Sr. Gertrude. I can recall 'losing' my voice the first day. I had never had to talk as much! But it was good training for a guy who was about to make his living out of.....talking!

There was one other man on the staff, an old friend of mine, John Gargan, who now teaches in Carrigaline. John taught me camogie. He worked solidly with the school's teams achieving great results, although the big local 'achievers' were St. Als. and North Pres., coached at times by Canon Michael O'Brien.

As an educational institution, South Pres. achieved a great deal. It was the second biggest secondary school in the country when I arrived, by the time I left it was being squeezed out by pressure of numbers due to population change.

Camogie survived in South Pres. in spite of the fact that there was no proper sports field. The girls trained in the 'plot', adjacent to the grave of Nano Nagle. It was possible to play six-a-side reasonably comfortably, but a full class involvement in a game ran the risk of crowd(ing) trouble.

My wife, Yvonne was the centre half forward at one stage during her schooling, later her sister, Denise went on to play for both school and Glen Rovers. She won a minor All-Ireland medal with Cork in 1984

Camogie/Hurling had been in her blood. Denis Cotter, her dad, had played with Mayfield and was an All-Ireland junior hurling medalist. Her aunties (on her father's side) Joan and Kitty Cotter were the first sisters to win All-Ireland medals. Joan won in 1935, 1939, 1940 and 1941, and Kitty in 1936. Kitty was captain that year. However, she took a blow to the head with 10 minutes of the final remaining -and never went up to receive the cup!

One of the greats of Cork Camogie was Marion McCarthy of South Pres. Past Pupils and Eire Og. She holds 8 All-Ireland Senior medals. She won the first four in outfield positions and the remaining four as a goalkeeper. And the name 'Barry Murphy' also figures in the annals of South Pres. camogie. Kitty Barry Murphy won a Gael Linn medal with Munster. Her father Dinny Captained Cork's 1929 All-Ireland winning hurling team.

South Pres P.P. won their only county championships in 1969, 1970 and 1971. Those teams contained many well known names in Cork camogie, including the Chairperson of the Cork County Board, Sheila Golden and Kay Dunne.

Sheila told me that her abiding memory of a lifetime in the sport was that first county win up the Mardyke against St. Als. "We'd been there for a long time without making the breakthrough. When it came it was fantastic. I remember it was a very close game, probably only a couple of points between us at the end".

She played in the backline in that three-in-a-row team, while also 'doubling-up' as secretary of the County Board.

Kay Dunne was up in the forwards at that time."My job was scoring the goals. In that first final I got two goals. But it was a great team. We had Eleanor Cummins in goal. She was a great goalie, winning three county medals with us, and then winning two All-Irelands with Cork." "You didn't really

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South Presentation School Team, 1955/56



South Pres. Past Pupils, Cork Co. Champions, 1969.

Back Row (L to R): A. Comerford, K. Dunne, E. Hurley, R. Nagle, E. Cummins, M. Whelton, B. Sugrue, H. Dineen. Front Row (L to R): I. O'Halloran, M. McCarthy, B. Gibbons, M. Crowley (Captain), J. Fitzpatrick, A. Cronin and S. O'Sullivan



have to be a past pupil to play with South Pres. P.P. For instance Hanna Dinneen went to school in Bandon, came to U.C.C., but played with us. There was also Betty Sugrue, Anne Comerford, Emer Hurley, daughter of Jim and Marion Keoghane. We had the Nano Nagle spirit....don't turn anyone down!"

Other very accomplished players were Sr. Mary John, who does trojan work with the handicapped, and was principal of the primary school. Also the late Sr. Peter (Sr. Margaret O'Driscoll) a great old friend of the writer of this piece.

Sheila Golden recalls going to school in the '50's and having some "fantastic teachers". Sr. Eucharist taught her all through first year. Then she came under the influence of the legendary Sr. Dominic, Miss

O'Leary for English, and Mother Ursula for Maths.

"I came from Berrings. So that meant packing my bag, getting my hurley, and leaving on the 7.50 bus each morning. The Head, 'old' Sr. Peter would give them a half day if there was a match. After that it was a case of getting the 6.15 bus back home again".

"The pitch we trained in was in Church Rd., Blackrock, right next to where the Rockies are at present. We never thought of it as being a major disadvantage in not having a pitch of our own. We played hard and came close on a few occasions".

Sheila and Kay typify the spirit that was South Pres. I'm proud to have been a small part at one stage. The more recent pupils will be all the more saddened as they get older and drive past Douglas St. to realise the great old educational venue, started by Nano Nagle, is now silent.

Nelson's Wait is Over

by Seamus McAleenan

Eight years ago, Jim Nelson bridged a 46-year gap by leading Antrim hurlers back into the All Ireland final. In 1997, he took the Antrim camogie side back into Croke Park on All Ireland finals' day after a gap of sixteen years - and lifted the New Ireland Cup for the county for the first time ever. On the way, Antrim were surprise winners of the Junior National League title, picking off Down in a high-scoring Casement Park final by 5-12 to 3-16. It was Down's third successive league final defeat and their fifth in ten seasons.

Back in February, when the Antrim County Board approached Jim Nelson, he and his assistant John Crossey were heavily involved with UUJ and the Ashbourne Cup. UUJ went on to lift the oldest trophy in the game for the third time six years, with Down's Edel Mason voted Player of the Tournament, while five of her team-mates were given recognition on the All Star side. Mason scored 0-12 in the quarter-final defeat of UCD (1-15 to 1-7), and followed up with 0-7 in the final with Limerick. A week later, UUJ added the league title after beating UCG by 3-7 to 1-5. February had started well for Ulster, with Queens lifting the Purcell Cup, and Down's Jennifer Braniff voted the Top Player after scoring 0-7 in the final with Coleraine. Carmel Darcy added two goals.

At colleges' level, there were two great battles in Bellaghy between St Marys, Magherafelt, and St Patricks, Maghera, which ultimately decided the Senior competition. St Marys progressed to easily defeat debutant Ulster finalists Our



Lord Mayor of Belfast, Alban Maguinness congratulating Jim Nelson and Player of the Match Denise O'Boyle on their All Ireland win.

Ladys, Newry. St Pats gained revenge by relieving St Marys of their All Ireland Junior crown and then taking eventual winners Holy Rosary, Mountmellick, to a replay in the All Ireland series.

Elsewhere, Antrim took a second successive Ulster minor title, convincingly beating Derry in the final. Jane Adams, Kerri O'Neill and Collette Downey look set to enjoy further success at senior inter-county level, while Paula McAtamney is showing great promise for Swatragh and Derry. The Oak Leaf added another Under-14 title at the expense of Down.

At club level, Loughgiel Shamrocks reclaimed the Antrim county championship after a four-year absence, and then destroyed the champions for the past two seasons Liatroim Fontenoy's in the Ulster final. Grace McMullan was the architect of the club successes, as she had been for Jim Nelson at both county and Ashbourne Cup level. Mairin McAleenan though must have set some kind of scoring record for a

provincial semi-final, claiming 4-13 from Liatroim's 5-14 against Iniskeen.

At club level generally, there was plenty of change. Keady returned with a vengeance in Armagh and ran Loughgiel to a late point in the Ulster semi-final. And Swatragh won back the Derry title in a replay with Ballinascreen, while Castletara and Iniskeen returned in Cavan and Monaghan respectively. Eglish might have won the Tyrone championship, but a young Ardboe side collected the League title for the first time.

Liatroim Fontenoy's won back the Ulster Sevens' title at Easter and then took the Kilmacud Crokes All Ireland in September - only the second Ulster victory in the competition. The big disappointment however has been the inter-provincial team. With our top county teams not looking capable of making any impression on the O'Duffy Cup race at the moment, the Gael-Linn looks to be the best competition for our top players to take on the rest and win. It is

sad therefore to see so many of those players decline the opportunity to play for their province. The fact that Loughgiel and Dunloy played one of the top club championship games at the same time as Ulster was going close to a Gael-Linn semi-final means there needs to be a fundamental change in how some players view the provincial side.

Looking back over the nineties, there have been big strides for the game of camogie in Ulster. Queens recorded the first Ulster victory in the Ashbourne Cup in 1991, and UUJ have won the title on three occasions since. Three counties - Down (1991), Armagh (1993) and now Antrim (1997) - have won the All Ireland Junior, with Armagh carrying the momentum through to the Intermediate title in 1994, and a first ever appearance in the Senior National League final. Last year, St Marys, Magherafelt, lifted a first ever All Ireland colleges title.

There have been a number of near misses - in colleges, with Down in the Junior League and Intermediate championship, and with Ulster last year losing the Gael-Linn in extra-time. The dark eighties are long gone, but how far away is the Big Breakthrough?

All Ireland Junior Championship

Quarter-final

Antrim 7-10 London 1-1

Semi-final

Antrim 2-11 Carlow 1-8

Final

Antrim 7-11 Cork 2-10



Above: The McMullan family in Croke Park. Antrim camogie captain Sinead has the All Ireland Junior cup after the victory over Cork, but Majella had the misfortune to break her ankle in the pre-match warm-up. Their brother, Seamus, plays for Dunloy and Antrim.

Below: The Antrim team who beat Cork in the All Ireland Junior final in Croke Park.



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Above: Champions! Antrim captain Sinead McMullan with the New Ireland Cup.

Victory Dance!

Left: Loughgiel players Rosie Boyle, Carmel McGarry and Colette Traynor after they had beaten Leitrim in the Ulster Club Championship.



Colleges Camogie Champions!

Above: St Marys Magherafelt won their fourth Ulster Senior Colleges Championship in five years.
Back, Left to Right: M.McAnley, N.O'Neill, M.Shivers, S.Forbes, B.Mulholland, C.Gormley, P.Bateson. Middle Row: P.Toner, P.Scullion, AM Bateson, C.McCann, MJ Walls, M.McGuckin, U.Walls. Front Row: E.Hurley, B.Quinn, E.O'Neill (c), C.O'Kane, O.Donnelly, T.McAteer.

Below: The Antrim All Ireland Junior winning squad in Belfast City Hall with the Lord Mayor, Alban Maguinness.



Below: St Pats, Maghera won the Ulster Junior Colleges title.



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CAMOGIE STATISTICS

Ulster in All Ireland Junior Finals

1968	Down	2-3	Cork	1-1
1969	Derry	4-2	Cork	2-4
1970	Dublin	4-2	Armagh	3-3
1975	Dublin	5-0	Down	0-3
1976	Down	3-4	Wexford	3-3
1978	Derry	3-4	Cork	1-4
1980	Cork	4-4	Tyrone	1-4
1981	Clare	3-2	Antrim	0-7
1984	Cork	5-8	Cavan	2-2
1985	Galway	8-7	Armagh	3-7
1987	Kildare	2-10	Armagh	0-7
1991	Down	3-13	Tipperary	2-14
1993	Armagh	2-10	Galway	0-6 (R)
1997	Antrim	7-11	Cork	2-10

Winning Teams

Down, 1968: Noleen McKenna, Patricia McGrady, Róisín McCann, Eileen Coulter, Noleen Sands, Rita Walsh, Moira Caldwell (c), Barbara Sands, C. Reid, Pat Crangle, Anne Kelly, Eucharía Turley.

Derry, 1969: B. McCann, K. McDonald, M. McNally, I. McErlan, P. Downey, S. McErlan, Kathleen O'Hagan (c), C. Kelly, K. McPeake, Aileen McGurk, E. McErlan, M. McPeake.

Down, 1976: Eileen Hamill, Brigid Maginn, Elizabeth Gibson, Joan Hamilton, Stephanie Kelly, Bernadette Brown, Marion McGarvey (c), Anne Rooney, Kathleen Rice, Susan Lively, Mary McGrath and Lil Kane.

Derry, 1978: Patricia McCloskey, Mary Lee, Brigid McLaughlin (c), Sarah Ann Quinn, Eileen McQuillan, Margaret Convery, Brid McWilliams, Sharon Loftus, Kathleen Marrion, Caroline McWilliams, Brigid McCloskey and Bernadette Deigham.

Down, 1991: Laura O'Prey, Anne Coyle (c), Pauline Greene, Teresa Allen, Dolores Smith, Bernie Kelly, Nuala McCartan, Isobel Oakes, Maureen O'Higgins, Máirín McAleenan, Noreen O'Prey, Veronica McGreevey, Subs: Donna Greeran, Valerie Hynds, Bridgeen Sands.

Armagh, 1993: Margaret McKee, Margaret Moriarty, Sally McCone, Celine McGeary, Orlagh Murphy, Collette Byrnes, Mary Black, Aine Lennon, Bernie McBride, Ursula McGivern (c), Donna McCusker, Patricia McAvooy, Subs: Anne Donnelly, Mary Donnelly, Teresa McNally, Olive McGeown.

Antrim, 1997: Karen Coyle, Brenda McNeill, Mary Connolly, Sinéad McMullan (c), Maureen Barry, Brónagh O'Neill, Denise O'Boyle, Claire McGarry, Anne McKeown, Grace McMullan, Cártriona

Connolly for M. Connolly, Donagh Elliott for C. McGarry, Carla Doherty for D. Heatley, Majella McMullan (inj), Hannah Healey, Jane Adams, Ursula Cuthbertson, Ciara Nelson.

Ulster in All Ireland Intermediate Finals

1992	Dublin	4-11	Down	4-4
1994	Armagh	7-11	Kildare	3-11
1996	Limerick	2-10	Down	1-6

Winning Team

Armagh: Margaret McKee, Margaret Moriarty, Geraldine Haughey, Celine McGeary, Orlagh Murphy, Olive McGeown, Mary Black (c), Aine French, Bernie McBride, Collette Byrne, Ursula McGivern, Mary Donnelly, Subs: Helen Mone, Deirdre Connolly, Patricia McAvooy, Siobhán Smyth.

Note: The Intermediate championship was inaugurated in 1991 in an expansion to the competitive scene, between Junior and Senior. Before then, the Junior champions went straight into Senior. Down were the first team to be graded Intermediate by winning the previous years' Junior All Ireland. Other teams to make up the competition were senior teams who were defeated in the First Round of the Open Draw Senior championship.

Ulster in All Ireland Senior Finals

1944	Dublin	5-4	Antrim	0-0
1945	Antrim	5-2	Waterford	3-2
1946	Antrim	4-1	Galway	2-3
1947	Antrim	2-4	Dublin	2-1
1948	Dublin	11-4	Down	4-2
1949	Dublin	8-6	Tipperary	4-1
1950	Dublin	6-5	Antrim	4-1
1951	Dublin	8-6	Antrim	4-1
1952	Dublin	5-1	Antrim	4-2
1954	Dublin	10-4	Derry	4-2
1956	Antrim	5-3	Cork	4-2
1957	Dublin	3-3	Antrim	3-1
1963	Dublin	7-3	Antrim	2-5
1964	Dublin	7-4	Antri	3-1
1966	Dublin	2-2	Antrim	0-6
1967	Antrim	3-9	Dubli	4-2(R)
1969	Wexford	4-4	Antrim	4-2
1973	Cork	2-5	Antrim	3-1
1979	Antrim	2-3	Tipperary	1-3

Winning Teams

Antrim, 1945: Patsy Smith, Cella Quinn, Kathleen Rainey, Maire O'Gorman (c), Marjorie Griffin, Peg Dooley, Clare McDermott, Winnie Storey, Sue McKeown, Mavis Madden, Rosalene McCamphill, Rita

McFerran, Vera McLarnon.

Antrim, 1946: Mary Anne Donnelly, C. Quinn, K. Rainey, Kathleen Dooley, M. Griffin (c), N. Mulligan, P. Smith, Ita O'Reilly, W. Storey, M. Madden, S. McKeown, Eithne Henry, Subs: Sarah O'Neill, P. Dooley, Mary McFall.

Antrim, 1947: Kathleen Madden, C. Quinn (c), N. Mulligan, K. Dooley, M. Griffin, K. Rainey, M. Madden, Mary McGarry, Mary Keenan, Rita McGarry, S. McKeown, B. O'Neill, Subs: I. O'Reilly, S. O'Neill, Lily Spence, Elizabeth Smyth.

Antrim, 1956: Teresa Kearns, Moya Forde, Eithne Dougan, Winnie Kearns, Deirdre O'Gorman, Ellis McCamphill, I. O'Reilly, Maeve Gilroy, Marion Kearns, Madge Rainey (c), Chris Hughes, Grace Connolly, Subs: Agnes Dillon, Margo Kane, Lil Forrester.

Antrim, 1967: Teresa Cassidy, Moya Forde, E. Dougan, M. Gilroy, Kathleen Kelly, Máiréad Carabine, Sue Cashman (c), Máiréad McAtamney, Marion McFetridge, Máiréad Quinn, Eileen Collins Lily Scullion, Subs: Shiela Maguire, Eileen McGrogan, Mary Phil Jameson.

Antrim, 1979: Carol Blaney, Máiréad Donnelly, Mary McMullan, Jo McClements, Jackie McAtamney, Siobhán McAtamney, Máiréad Magill (c), Rita Moran, Philomena Gillespie, Máiréad Quinn, Ann McAllister, Kathleen McCaughey, Subs: Sue Dillon, K. Kelly, Eithne McIlroy, Maeve O'Hagan, Ann Marie O'Neill.

Ulster in All Ireland Minor Finals

1974	Down	3-0	Cork	0-1
1976	Cork	4-6	Down	2-1
1979	Cork	5-3	Cavan	3-0
1980	Cork	5-5	Cavan	0-2
1981	Galway	3-4	Antrim	3-3
1988	Kilkenny	5-6	Armagh	2-5

Winning Team

Down, 1974: Christine Rooney, Teresa Gilchrist, Stephanie Kelly, Carmel Courtney, Shiela McCartan, Maria Finnegan, Susan Lively (c), Margaret Montgomery, Bernadette Malone, Rita Neeson, Mary McGrath, Cathy O'Hare.

Ulster in National Junior League Finals

1980	Armagh	2-5	Kildare	2-3
1981	Cavan	0-4	Louth	0-2
1982	Dublin	6-9	Tyrone	0-2
1984	Dublin	2-4	Armagh	1-3
1988	Armagh	1-9	Down	0-6
1989	Kildare	2-14	Armagh	3-8

1992	Limerick	4-13	Down	2-6
1993	Armagh	3-8	Dublin	2-1
1994	Armagh	1-18	Cork	1-2(R)
1995	Galway	4-13	Down	2-6(R)
1996	L'rick	5-10	Down	3-7
1997	Antrim	5-12	Down	3-16

Winning Teams

Armagh, 1980: Bernie McNally, Margaret Moriarty (c), Bernie O'Hanlon, Bernie Molloy, Anne Murphy, Pat Crangle, Paula Brown, Sally McCone, Angela Toal, Rita McGuigan, Denise McStay, Lily McGuinness, Subs: Pauline O'Hare, Teresa Valley, Peggy Molloy, Siobhán Quinn, Teresa Curry, Brid Lewis, Christine Lynch.

Cavan, 1981: Anne McKiernan (c), Catherine Smith, Catherine Cusack, Mary McMullan, Lorraine O'Neill, Catherine Clarke, Martina McDermott (capt), Noeleen McKiernan, Bernie O'Callaghan, Anne Sullivan, Ita Cusack, Eileen Clarke.

Armagh, 1988: B. McNally, Teresa McNally, Siobhán O'Toole, S. McCone, Ellen Donnelly, Fionnuala O'Connor, P. Brown, Collette McDowell, Mary Black, Ursula McGivern, Olive Leonard, D. McStay, Subs: Mary Donnelly, M. Moriarty, Brenda Jordan.

Armagh, 1993: Margaret McKee, Orlagh Murphy, M. Moriarty, Geraldine Haughey, Anne Donnelly, Celine McGeary, Collette Byrne, M. Black, Aine Lennon, Bernie McBride, U. McGivern (c), Joan Rice, Donna McCusker, Patricia McAvooy, M. Donnelly, Subs: S. McCone, T. McNally, Pauline Smith, Máiréad Donnelly.

Armagh, 1994: M. McKee, Cathy Brown, M. Moriarty, G. Haughey, C. Byrne, C. McGeary, O. Murphy, M. Black (c), O. McGeown, B. McBride, U. McGivern, Aine French, Deirdre Connolly, M. Donnelly, P. McAvooy, Subs: Helen Mone, Ellen Donnelly, S. McCone, Colette Conway, Rosie McClelland, D. McCusker.

Antrim, 1997: Karen Coyle, Brenda McNeill, Mary Connolly, Sinéad McMullan (c), Máirín Barry, Brónagh O'Neill, Denise O'Boyle, Majella McMullan, Deirdre Heatley, Grace McMullan, Anne McKee, Carla Doherty, Subs: Jane Adams, Claire McGarry, Kerry O'Neill, Aileen Moore, Oonagh Elliott, Tara Lundy, Una Brady, Ciara McGinley.

Ulster in National Senior League Final

1995	Cork	5-16	Armagh	3-4
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Ulster in All Ireland Club Finals

1964	Celtic, Dublin	5-2
	Deirdre, Belfast	1-0
1965	St. Pats, Glengoose	3-3
	Deirdre, Belfast	2-3
1970/1	St. Paul's, Kilkenny	6-5
	Bellaghy	2-0
1972/3	A. Stacks, Dublin	4-2
	Portlengone	2-0
1977/8	Athenry	10-5
	Portlengone	1-1
1991	Mullagh, Galway	4-13
	Eglis, Tyrone	0-2

Colleges

All Ireland Senior Finals

1971	St. Clares, Newry	3-2
	Pres. Mountmellick	1-1(R)
1972	Pres. Oranmore	6-1
	St. Louis, Killeel	4-4
1978	Pres. Athenry	2-3
	Loreto, Coleraine	2-2
1989	St. Raphaels, Loughrea	5-9
	St. Patricks, Keady	2-10
1994	St. Marys, Nenagh	1-10
	St. Patricks, Maghera	1-2

Winning Team

Newry, 1971: Helen Lambie, M. McPartland, Lucy O'Rourke, Marion Courtney, Anne McCone (c), Ann McGuinness, Vicki Cummins, Anne Rooney, S. Byrne, Kathleen McAulity, Bernie Burke, Celia McConville, Coaches: Sr Mark and Fr. A. Davies.

All Ireland Junior Finals

1978	Scoil Mhuire	2-3
	Vocational, Bawnboy	0-1
1983	Mercy, Roscommon	7-1
	St. Pauls, Killea	1-3
1989	St. Raphaels, L'rea	4-0
	St. Pats, Maghera	0-1
1990	Scoil Bhrid, Callan	5-8
	St. Pats, Maghera	1-4
1992	St. Marys, Nenagh	2-6
	St. Marys, M'felt	0-8(R)
1994	St. Marys, Charleville	3-7
	St. Marys, M'felt	1-6
1996	St. Marys, M'felt	1-10
	FCJ, Bunclody	0-4

Winning Team

Magherafelt, 1996: Rowena Cassidy, Martina McGuckin, Eimear Totten, Maura McAuley, Sinéad Heffron, Bernadine Quinn, Simone Forbes (c), Maoliosa Shivers, Claire Gormley, Denise McCann, Amanda Kennedy, Marie Therese McCann, Subs: Lorna Mulholland for Gormley.

Ursula Walls, Fiona Hughes, Paula Bateson, Patricia Bateson, Aine O'Kane, Shauna Mulholland, Ciara O'Donnell, Coaches: Rita Moran and Patricia Cooney.

Further Education Colleges

Ashbourne Cup Finals

1984	UCD	bt	Queens
1986	UCD	bt	Queens
1991	Queens	bt	UCG
1992	UUJ	bt	Queens
1993	UUJ	bt	Queens
1994	UCG	3-5	UUJ 1-9
1996	UCC	bt	UUJ
1997	UUJ	0-18	U. Limerick 1-9

Winning Teams

Queens, 1991: Lorraine Finn, Lorraine Devlin, Róisín O'Neill, Deirdre Cuning, Brigid McCorry, Mary Black, Brónagh McCorry, Monica McCartan, Orlaith Higgins, Joan Tobin, Deirdri O'Doherty, Brónagh McCann.

UUJ, 1992: Fiona Quigley, Celine McGeary, Fiona McBurney, Brenda Donnelly, Siobhán Convery, Christine McCamphill, Denise Brown, Cártriona Higgins, Pauline Quinn, Grace McMullan, Brónagh Birt, Marlene McCusker, Sub: Guinevere Carr.

UUJ, 1993: F. Quigley, Susan McErlan, F. McBurney, C. McGeary, S. Convery, C. McCamphill, C. Higgins, Patricia Breen, G. McMullan, Claire Mulholland, B. Birt, G. Carr, Subs: Bronagh Cullen for McBurney, Deirdre Connolly for Mulholland.

Purcell Cup

1979	Ulster Polytechnic, Jordanstown
1982	St. Mary's, Belfast
1984	Ulster Polytechnic, Jordanstown
1996	Pats. Maynooth 1-9 Queens 1-6
1997	Queens 3-14 UU C'raine 1-1

Winning Team

Queens, 1997: Teresa McGowan, Nikki Magee, Brid McCorry, Ciara McGinley, Claire Scullion, Jennifer Braniff, Róisín O'Neill, Geraldine McGarry, Donna McCusker, Elaine Dowds (c), Glenda Fitzpatrick, Carmel Darcy, Subs: Paula Ruddy for Darcy, Claire Brennan for O'Neill, Gemma McCaffrey for Fitzpatrick.

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Camogie

by P.J. Fulham

Cork secured the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship title when they defeated the holders Galway in the final in Croke Park. This was Bord na Gaeilge's third year to sponsor the championship and Cork appeared in all three finals, winning two.

Lynn Dunlea's ten point tally and Cora Keohane's brilliant save from a Therese Maher shot five minutes into injury time were major contributions to Cork's victory. On the path to the final, Cork defeated Clare 3-13 to 1-9 and Wexford in the semi-final 3-22 to 1-7. Galway had a 5-23 to 1-6 win over Armagh and a 4-14 to 2-11 victory over Kilkenny in the semi-final.

There was an attendance of 10,300 at the decider. Scores were level three times during the first eleven minutes. Sharon Glynn at midfield was the key player for Galway. Sharon, who recorded a personal tally of 4-26 in the previous outings, was recovering from a recent illness and did not perform to her usual standard. She was off target with a number of frees. Cork showed more hunger and at the break the scoreboard read Cork 0-9, Galway 0-3.

After the break Galway cut the leeway with a magnificent goal by Denise Gilligan. Seven points separated the sides when Galway produced their second goal on the 55th minute. Lynn Dunlea sent over the last score of the match to give her side a four point victory by 0-15 to 2-5.

Tipperary won their first A.I.B. All-Ireland Intermediate Championship title with a good win over a fancied Clare side in the final played at the 'Ragg' in Thurles. This championship for An Corn Púceil was started in 1992. Clare won in 1993 and 1995 when their opponents were Tipperary. Tipperary, fielding eight players from the '95 side were out for revenge, while Clare retained nine of that team.

Noelle Kennedy was the 'Premier County's' scoring ace with a personal tally of 1-18 (1-16 from frees). It was a power-packed match from the start to finish with little separating the sides at any time. Tipperary led 0-13 to 0-6 at the break with Clare's goal coming from Catherine O'Loughlin.

The second half was a thrilling encounter with further points



Lynn Dunlea, Cork in action against Tracey Labeen, Galway in the All-Ireland Camogie Final

goals by Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes that sealed victory for Tipperary by 2-19 to 2-12.

Antrim take first All-Ireland Junior Championship

In the All-Ireland junior decider, Antrim defeated the holders Cork in the curtain raiser to the Bord na Gaeilge senior final to take the New Ireland Cup for the first time. It was a case of third time lucky for Antrim who were defeated by Roscommon for the past two years in the All-Ireland semi-final, each time by one point after a replay.

Antrim completely outclassed Cork. The sliotar had hardly been thrown in when Grace McMullan raced through to give Cork goalie Sandra Ricken no chance from close range. Caoimhe Harrington opened Cork's account with a point ten minutes later but it was Antrim that did most of the attacking. At half time, the game was over as a contest with the Glensiders leading 4-7 to 0-4.

The second half was one way traffic as Antrim ran out comfortable winners 7-11 to 2-10.

Galway retain All-Ireland Minor Title

Galway retained the All-Ireland Championship when they overcame a strong challenge from Cork. They were six points up before Cork made their mark with a Rachel Moloney point in the 12th minute. At the break, Galway led 0-9 to 0-5.

In the second half, Veronica Sweeney and Therese Maher dominated centre field for Galway. The final score was Galway 2-14 Cork 1-6.

Pearses, Galway 1996 Club Champions

Pearses, Galway won the 1996 All-Ireland Club Championship title with a two point win over Munster Champions Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick by 1-8 to 2-3.

National Leagues

Cork, the holders swamped Kilkenny in the national senior league final at Páirc Uí Rinn. Cork were in top form and never gave their opponents a chance to settle into the game. First half goals by Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea and Vivienne Harris gave Cork a 3-5 to 0-7 lead at the break with Marina Downey accounting for all Kilkenny's tally. The rebel County continued to dominate the second half to run out easy winners 4-12 to 0-9.

Antrim are the National Junior League Champions for the first time. They got the upperhand of the favourites Down in the final at Casement Park, Belfast.

Munster take both Gael Linn titles

Munster retained the Gael Linn Inter-Provincial titles in senior and junior bringing their total titles to twenty-four, twelve senior and twelve junior.

Toomevara won the 24th Annual Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Sevens, sponsored by 'Whirlpool'.

Results: Cup semi-finals: St. Brigids, Kilkenny 2-6 Eire Og, Cork 2-2 Toomevara, Tipperary 1-7 Celtic, Dublin 2-2
Final: Toomevara 3-6 St. Brigids 2-8

Shield Semi finals: Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down 7-3 Broadford, Kildare 1-2, Castletara, Cavan 3-5 Leighlinbridge, Carlow 2-2.
Final: Leitrim/Fontenoy's 3-5 Castletara 0-6.

To commemorate the late Kathleen Mills, holder of a record 15 All-Ireland senior Championship medals with Dublin, a replica of the O'Duffy Cup, sponsored by Kathleen's husband George, will be awarded to the captain of the winning All-Ireland senior Championship team every year. Linda Mellerick was the first player to receive the award when she captained Cork to win the 1997 Bord na Gaeilge Championship.

Tipp take title in extra time thriller

Tipperary 0-18; Cork 0-17

Cork relinquished their Munster Under-18 Camogie crown in a heart stopping encounter at St. Finbarrs on Sunday October 26th, 1997.

Scorers for Cork: C. Harte 0-12 (0-9 frees), S. O'Callaghan 0-4, C. Harrington 0-1

Tipperary: C. Hennessey 0-9 (0-6 frees, 0-1 from 30), S. Ryan 0-4, U. O'Dwyer 0-3, J. Ryan, E. Donnell 0-1 each.

Camogie Roll of Honour

Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior Championship:

Cork 0-15; Galway 2-5

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship:

Tipperary 2-19; Clare 2-12

All-Ireland Junior Championship:

Antrim 4-7; Cork 0-4

All-Ireland Minor Championship:

Galway 2-14; Cork 1-6

1996 All-Ireland Clubs Championship:

Pearses, Galway 1-8; Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick 2-3

National Senior League:

Cork 4-12; Kilkenny 0-9

National Junior League:

Antrim 5-12; Down 3-16

Senior Gael Linn:

Munster 4-18; Leinster 2-11 (A.E.T.)

Junior Gael Linn:

Munster 3-11; Leinster 2-10

Ashbourne Cup:

U.U.J. 0-18; U.L. 1-9

Ashbourne Shield:

Waterford R.T.C. 3-7; U.C.D. 1-9

Purcell Cup:

Q.U.B. 3-14; U.U.C. 1-1

Purcell Shield:

Tralee R.T.C. 3-4; St. Mary's Belfast 2-5

All-Ireland Senior Colleges:

St. Mary's Charleville 2-16; St. Brigid's, Loughrea 4-2

All-Ireland Junior Colleges:

Holy Rosary, Mountbellow 2-4; St. Mary's Charleville 1-5RP

National Feile na nGael

Div. 1 Athenry, Galway 2-5; Rathnure, Wexford 0-4
Div. 2 Freshford, Kilkenny 5-1; Naomh Mearnog, Dublin 2-1
Div. 3 Kinnitty, Offaly 5-2; Teemore, Fermanagh 2-4
Div. 4 Wolfe Tones, Clare 3-6; Kildavin, Carlow 0-0
Skills Star: Nicky Keddy, Wicklow.

Ceol Caint agus Damhsa Results:

Rince Foirne: Ben Dearg, An Dun
Ceol Uirlis Aonair: Aoibheann Ni Dhuinn, Naomh Dominick, Roscommon
Aithriseoireacht: Treasa Ni Locklainn, Cill Chua, An Dun
Trath na gCeist: Cluan Daimh, An Dun
Grúpaí Ceoil: Ben Dearg, An Dun
Amhránaíocht Aonair: Niamh ni Ri, Cluan Daimh, An Dun
Rince Seil: Cluan Daimh, An Dun



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CORK SECURE THE BORD NA GAEILGE ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Cork secured the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship title when they defeated the holders, Galway, in the final in Croke Park. This was the third year for Bord na Gaeilge to sponsor the championship and Cork have appeared in all three finals winning two.

The taste of victory was not unfamiliar to Cork. They have contested 32 finals and have taken the O'Duffy Cup on 18 occasions, the first coming with their maiden appearance in 1934 when they went on to become the first county to win three titles in a row.

They now lie next to Dublin on the honours list - Dublin hold a record 26 titles.

Galway were appearing in their 11th decider and share with Dublin the distinction of contesting the first two All-Irelands back in 1932 and '33 and treasurer their historic first title last year.

Lynn Dunlea's 10-point tally and Cora Keohane's brilliant save from a Therese Maher shot five minutes into injury time were major contributions to Cork's victory. On the path to the final, Cork defeated Clare, 3-13 to 1-9, and Wexford in the semi-final, 3-22 to 1-7. Galway had a 5-23 to 1-6 win over Armagh and a 4-14 to 2-11 victory over Kilkenny in the semi-final.

The scene was set before an attendance of 10,300 for the decider. Cork played against the wind in the first half. Scores were level three times during the first 11 minutes. Sharon Glynn at midfield was the player on whom Galway depended a lot. Sharon, who recorded a personal tally of 4-26 in the two previous outings was recovering from a recent illness and did not perform to her usual



President of the Camogie Association Fileas Ni Bhreaslain presents An Corn Kay Mills to Cork captain Linda Mellerick following Cork's victory in the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Camogie final

standard, being off target with a number of frees. Cork showed more hunger for possession and at the break the scoreboard read Cork 0-9 Galway 0-3.

As play resumed Galway cut the leeway with a magnificent goal by Denise Gilligan. Seven points separated the sides when Galway produced their second goal on the 55th minute. Lynn Dunlea sent over the last score of the match to give her side a four-point victory.

Final score: Cork 0-15, Galway 2-5.
Player of the Match: Vivienne Harris (Cork). Referee: Biddy Phillips (Tipperary).

This was only the third final where the winning team scored points only. The others were Kilkenny 0-6 Dublin 1-2 in 1976 and Kilkenny 0-13 Dublin 1-5 in 1985.

Cork's centre back Sandy Fitzgibbon who collected her 6th All-Ireland senior championship medal said after the match "This was my last game for Cork and I am going out on a winning note". Sandy, an international basketball player, captained Cork in 1992. She is a staunch member of Glen Rovers Club and is the first player to win three All-Ireland minor championship medals.

Captain Linda Mellerick, holder of four All-Ireland senior championship medals, threatened to retire before the final, but afterwards said she is keeping her options open. Linda is the only Cork player to captain two winning All-Ireland senior championship teams. The other occasion was also against Galway in 1993.

A disappointed Sharon Glynn said "If I can get to as many All-Irelands as Sandy and Linda by the time I'm finished I will not complain".

FIRST ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE TITLE FOR TIPP

Tipperary won their first AIB All-Ireland intermediate championship title with a good win over a fancied Clare side in the final played at the 'Ragg' Thurlies. This championship for An Corn Púceil was started in 1992. Clare won two in 1993 and in 1995 when their opponents were also Tipperary and the winning margin was only one point, 1-10 to 1-9.

Tipperary, fielding eight players from the '95 side, were out for revenge while Clare fielded nine of their '95 team. On the path to the final, Clare accounted for first Limerick

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All-Ireland senior final referee Brid Mhic Philip of Tipperary Kennedy (Tipperary). Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).

and then Down in the All-Ireland semi-final 5-14 to 4-5. Tipperary defeated Cork in Munster and Armagh in the semi-final by 4-15 to 3-11. Noelle Kennedy was the Premier County's scoring ace with a personal tally of 1-18 (1-16 from frees). It was a power-packed encounter from start to finish with little separating the sides at any time. Tipperary led 0-13 to 1-6 at the break with Clare's goal coming from Catherine O'Loughlin.

The second half continued to be a ding-dong affair with further points from Catherine O'Loughlin and Moira McMahon but it was a brace of goals by Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes that sealed victory for Tipperary.

Final Score: Tipperary 2-19, Clare 2-12.
Armagh Crystal Player of the Match: Noelle

ANTRIM TAKE FIRST ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

In the All-Ireland junior decider Antrim defeated the holders, Cork, in the curtain raiser to the Bord na Gaeilge senior final to take the New Ireland Cup for the first time.

It was the case of third time lucky for Antrim having been defeated by Roscommon for the past two years in the All-Ireland semi-final each time after a replay and by only one point. Antrim have six All-Ireland senior titles to their credit, the last was won in 1979. They were appearing in their second junior decider having been defeated by Clare in 1981.

On the path to the final Antrim secured the Ulster crown by a 5-8 to 1-12 win over Down. They overcame London in the quarter-final and Carlow in the semi-final, beating them by 2-11 to 1-8. Cork accounted for Galway by just one point in the other semi-final, 3-11 to 4-7.

Antrim completely outclassed Cork. The sliothar had hardly been thrown in when Grace McMullan raced through to give Cork goalie Sandra Ricken no chance from close range. Caoimhe Harrington opened Cork's account with a point minutes later but it was Antrim that did most of the attacking. At half-time the game was over as a contest with the Glensiders leading, 4-7 to 0-4 and the second half was one way traffic as Antrim ran out conformable winners.

Final score: Antrim 7-11, Cork 2-10.
Armagh Crystal Player of the Match: Denise O'Boyle (Antrim). Referee: Maire

GALWAY RETAIN ALL-IRELAND MINOR TITLE

Galway retained the All-Ireland minor championship when they overcame a strong challenge from Cork. This was the fifth meeting of the two counties in the All-Ireland minor final and brings Galway's total victories to six.

En route to the final, Galway recorded a massive 7-19 to 4-2 over Antrim in the semi-final while Cork, Munster champions for the first time since 1991 also had an easy passage over Leinster champions Dublin, 3-10 to 0-4.

The final was played at Paire Uí Rinn. Galway were a well balanced side and got off to a good start. They were six point up before Cork made their mark with a Rachel Moloney point in the 12th minute. At the break Galway led 0-9 to 0-5.

In the second half Veronica Sweeney and Theresa Maher laid Galway's foundation for success at centre field, also in excellent form was Lourda Kavanagh keeping Cork's defence under severe pressure for most of the game.

Final score: Galway 2-14, Cork 1-6.



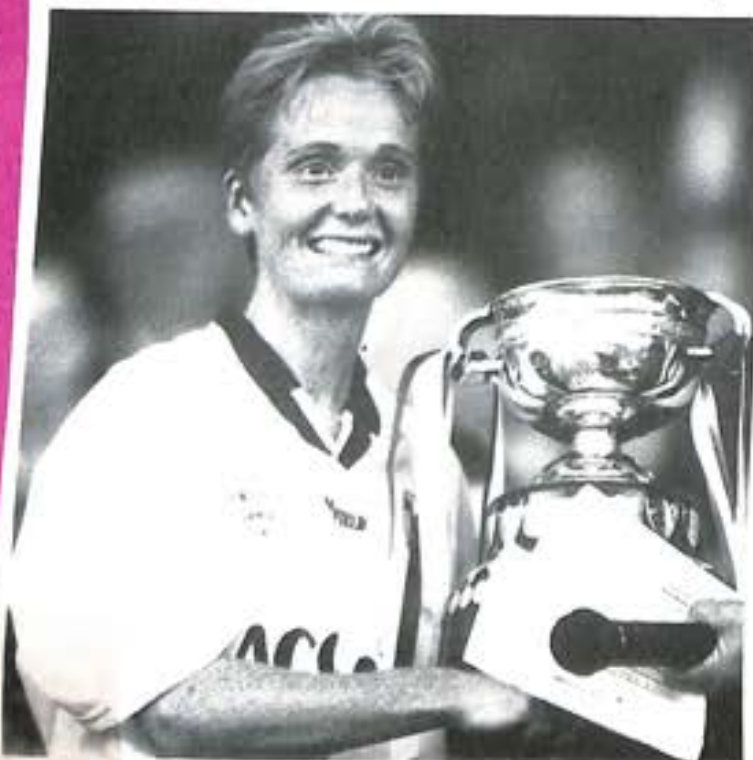
Antrim captain Sinead Mullan lifts the All-Ireland Junior Camogie trophy

Armagh Crystal Player of the Match: Veronica Sweeney (Galway). Referee: Biddy Phillips (Tipperary).

PEARSE'S CLAIM 1996 ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Pearse's Camogie Club of Galway secured the 1996 All-Ireland club championship title with a two-point win over the Limerick and Munster champions, Granagh/Ballingarry.

In the semi-final Pearse's dethroned Rathmore of Wexford by 3-14 to 3-1 while Granagh/Ballingarry proved too strong for



Linda Mellerick proudly accepts the O'Duffy Cup after Cork claimed the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship



All-Ireland junior final referee Maire Uí Chonchubhair of Louth

Dec 1991



Fileas Ni Bhreaslain, President of the Camogie Association, with Seosaimhin Nic Uailldrich and Sile de Bhailis

Ireland final. The competition has grown from strength to strength, now accommodating 48 teams in two divisions.

RESULTS

Cup semi-finals: St Brigid's, Kilkenny 2-6, Eire Og, Cork 2-2; Toomevara, Tipperary 1-7, Celtic, Dublin 2-2

Final: Toomevara 3-6, St Brigid's 2-8

Shield Semi-finals: Leitrim-Fontenoy's, Down 7-3, Broadfort, Kildare 1-2; Castletara, Cavan 3-5, Leighlinbridge, Carlow 2-2

Final: Leitrim-Fontenoy's 3-5, Castletara 0-6

Player of the Tournament: Mairin McAleenan (Down)

CAMOGIE ROLL OF HONOUR FOR 1997

Bord na Gaelige All-Ireland senior championship:

Cork 0-15 Galway 2-5

All-Ireland Intermediate Championship:

Tipperary 2-19 Clare 2-12

All-Ireland Junior Championship:

Antrim 4-7 Cork 0-4

All-Ireland Minor Championship:

Galway 2-14 Cork 1-6
1996 All-Ireland Club Championship:
Pearses, Galway 1-8 Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick 2-3

National Senior League:

Cork 4-12 Kilkenny 0-9

National Junior League:

Antrim 5-12 Down 3-16

Senior Gael Linn:

Munster 4-18 Leinster 2-11

A.E.T. Junior Gael Linn:

Munster 3-11 Leinster 2-10

Ashbourne Cup:

UUJ 0-18 U.L. 1-9

Ashbourne Shield:

Waterford RTC 3-7 UCD 1-9

Purcell Cup:

QUB 3-14 UUC 1-1

Purcell Shield:

Tralee RTC 3-4, St Mary's, Belfast 2-5

All-Ireland Senior Colleges:

St Mary's, Charleville 2-16, St Brigid's Loughrea 4-2

All-Ireland Junior Colleges:

Holy Rosary, Mountbellew 2-4, St Mary's, Charleville 1-5 RP

National Feile na nGael:

Div 1: Athenry, Galway 2-5, Rathnure, Wexford 0-4

Div 2: Freshford, Kilkenny 5-1, Naomh Mearnog, Dublin 2-1

Div 3: Kinnity, Offaly 5-21, Teemore, Fermanagh 2-4

Div 4: Wolfe tones, Clare 3-6, Kildavin, Carlow 0-0

Skills Star: Nicky Keddy (Wicklow)

Ceol Caint agus Damhsa results

Rince Foinne, Ben Dearg, An Dun

Cel Uirlis Aonair: Aoihbheann ni Duhinn, Naomh Dominick, Roscoman

Aithriseoiracht: Trease Ni Lochlainn, Cill Chua, An Dun

Trath na gCeist: Cluan Daimh, An Dun

Grupai Ceoil: Ben Dearg, An Dun

Amhranaiocht Aonair: Niamh Ni Ri, Cluan Daimh, An Dun

Rince Seit: Cluan Caimh, An Dun



Holy Rosary College, Mountbellew - All-Ireland Junior Camogie champions 1997



Former President Mary Robinson meets Galway players before the 1997 All-Ireland Senior Camogie final



Pictured at Congress were: Jim Carroll; Maire Uí Scollai; Pat Rafferty Chairman of Leinster Council; Aine Derham; and Margaret Browne

cracker - Leinster winning by only one point, 3-14 to 3-13.

The final between Munster and Leinster was a nail biting affair which ended in a draw. In the extra time Leinster had no answer to Munsters scoring ability as they notched off 3-7 to Leinster's 0-3.

Final score: Munster 4-18, Leinster 2-11.

In the junior semi-finals, Munster accounted for Connacht, 3-14 to 0-6, and Leinster recorded a 1-8 to 0-7 victory over Ulster.

The Munster v Leinster final produced good fare. It was a close contest throughout and with less than five minutes remaining Munster led by a goal. Leinster missed many scoring chances and Munster edged into the lead to finish with a four-point victory.

Final score: Munster 3-11, Leinster 2-10.

ALL-IRELAND SEVENS

The 24th Annual Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland Sevens, sponsored by Whirpool, was held as usual on the eve of the All-

0-8.
In the final Pearses played with the wind advantage in the first half and led 1-4 to 0-3 at the break, the goal coming from Sharon Glynn. Early in the second half Laura Leslie goalied for the Munster club. The game was now an edge of the seat affair with just two points separating the sides. Anne Ryan-Forde increased Pearses lead to three points with seven minutes remaining. Kay Bourke rattled Pearses net to leave the sides level 1-6 to 2-3. The remaining seven minutes were hectic during which the winners added two further points.
Final Score: Pearses 1-8, Granagh/Ballingarry 2-3.
Referee: Aine Derham (Dublin).

NATIONAL LEAGUES

Cork, the holders, swamped Kilkenny in the National Senior League final played at Paire Uí Rinn. Cork were in top form and never gave their opponents a chance to settle into the game. First half goals by Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea and Vivienne Harris gave Cork a 3-5 to 0-7 lead at the break with Marina Downey accounting for all Kilkenny's tally.

The Rebel County continued to dominate the second half and eventually ran out easy winners.

Final score: Cork 4-12, Kilkenny 0-9.

Referee: Biddy Phillips (Tipperary).

Antrim are National Junior League champions for the first time ever when they got the upperhand of the favourites, Down, in the final played at Casement Park, Belfast.

Antrim got off to a great start and by half-time had built up a lead of 4-3 to 1-6. It was a sparkling second half with Down fighting their way back into the game with a goal by Joan Henderson. After an end-to-end battle Antrim held on to a two-point victory.

Final score: Antrim 5-12, Down 3-16.

Referee: Fiona McKenna (Armagh).

MUNSTER TAKE BOTH GAEL LINN TITLES

Munster retained the Gael Linn Interprovincial titles in both senior and junior bringing their total title tally to 24 - 12 senior and 12 junior.

The semi-finals and finals were played on the same day. Weather conditions were favourable and playing facilities at St Brigid's club, Russell Park, were excellent. In the semi-final Munster had a good win over Connacht 3-14 to 2-10, while Leinster's fixture against Ulster proved to be a



At the relaunched of the Bord na Gaelige All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship were: Jo Nic Uailldrich; Sile de Bhailis; Micheal O Muirheartaigh, Chairman of Bord na Gaelige; and Fileas Ni Bhreaslain, President of the Camogie Association

PLAYER PROFILE

Sandie Fitzgibbon

Sandie Fitzgibbon recently won her sixth senior All Ireland medal in the red and white of Cork. It all began for Sandie in the Glen Field when as an eight year old her sister Celia brought her along to play with the club of which she herself and her brother Michael were members. At a young age she starred for the club in Féile na nGael, which was held in Cork.

Her talent was quickly spotted and at twelve she lined out with the club's senior team.

Sandie won three All Ireland medals in a row at minor grade and was the first player in Ireland to do so. She had the added honour of being captain on one of these occasions.

In 1982 she came on as a sub in the Cork senior team, and won the first of her senior All Ireland medals that year. Senior medals also came in 1983, 1992, 1993, 1995 and 1997. She had the honour of captaining the Cork team in 1992, and thus became the first player from her club Glen Rovers to lead a Cork team to All Ireland victory.

On the club front Sandie has given great service to Glen Rovers and has always been an example to all with her dedication to her club. She captained them to senior county championship victory over Seandún in 1994, when she also led them to Munster club honours. She has won 10 county senior championship medals with the Glen, plus All Ireland club, Munster club, All Ireland seven a side, and numerous league and underage championship medals.



Sandie is also the holder of International basketball caps. She led Blarney club to National League honours and is probably the only player to have led her county to All Ireland and her basketball team to national cup honours.

In 1990 Sandie was honoured by Jurys with an award for her achievements on the camogie field and on the basketball court. It was one of those rare occasions when a person is given an award for greatness in two sports.

She is an example and an inspiration to all young girls and boys.

HURLER'S/CAMOGIE PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Show respect to your own players, officials and to your opponents.
2. Show good sportsmanship at all times.
3. Play mini-hurling/camogie for fun.
4. Accept referee's decisions and control your temper.
5. Co-operate with your coach/teacher, team mates and opponents.
6. At the end of the game, thank the officials, shake hands with your opponents and wish them well.

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER?

Write about a hurler, footballer or camogie player and you could have your story published and win a prize. Send your entry to: 'REBEL', Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Cork.

Cúrsaí Camógaíochta

1997 has been a very successful year for camogie in Cork. The senior team got the year off to a great start by winning the National League. They followed it up with the Munster Championship and in Croke Park on September 7th they brought back the All Ireland title for the 18th time with a marvellous victory over Galway. A star of that win was Lynn Dunlea who is a teacher in Coughford. She scored 9 points in Cork's total of 15, and deserves special mention for her superb performance.

Not to be left out of the action the junior team also won a great Munster title and had a great win over Galway in the semi-final to also get to Croke Park on September 7th. However they met a great Antrim team who deserved their win on the day. When one thinks that many of the junior team are still school girls, we will surely have a junior All Ireland in Cork in the near future.

Our minor team also took Munster honours and were unlucky to lose out to

Galway in the All Ireland final which was played in our own Páirc Uí Rinn.

Many of the girls who have worn the Cork jersey in the year gone by started their hurling in primary school. They learned their skills and put them to good use. Many of them participated in Seacht na Scolaí and will talk with pride at having represented their school. They then went on to join clubs, many of them either joining their local club, the club who work and help out their school, or the club where their family have a connection.

It's important that you join your camogie sessions at school and take an active part. Be attentive to your teachers and learn the basic skills. Don't be afraid to join a club as it is here the good work you learn in school will be carried on by the club coaches, who give their time and effort to help you succeed. Nearly all the G.A.A. clubs have a camogie section, so go along today and join. Who knows what the future may hold for you?

Cloughduv take title in style

CLOUGHDUV took the U-16 A championship when they had one goal to spare, 2-5 to 1-5, over holders Aghabullogue in a top-class encounter at Ballyanley on Saturday.

Two goals from Cork Minor player Una O'Donoghue, three minutes before the break, gave Cloughduv the cushion they needed for the second half.

A Mary Buckley goal for Aghabullogue 10 minutes into the half saw them come right back into the game but Cloughduv with points from Catherine Corkery and Sinead Buckley hung on for a merited victory.

Golden re-elected as chairperson

THE Cork County Camogie Convention, held at the Imperial Hotel, yesterday, saw outgoing chairperson Sheila Golden, from the Inniscarra club, re-elected.

Mrs Golden held off the challenge of Máiréad O'Callaghan, who is from the Watergrasshill club.

In her opening address to the convention, Mrs Golden paid tribute to the Cork Senior team who defeated Galway in the All-Ireland Senior final.

Mrs Golden also paid tribute to the Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Minor teams who brought Munster championship honours to the county.

Sheila also spoke on the situation regarding referees, which is of great concern within the county, and this matter got a further airing with three motions from the Éire Óg club, which were calling for neutral referees to be appointed at under-12, under-14, and under-16 grades.

However the Éire Óg motion was defeated, and it did not get the two-thirds majority which was required to change the existing by-law. A motion, which was passed, was one

from the county board, which called for all inter-county panels to be limited to 20 players.

A Killeagh motion for the senior A and B championships to be run in conjunction with each other was defeated.

Another highlight of the convention, which led to discussion, was the transfer issue, with four prominent inter-county players transferring from the Killeagh club. Cork senior star Mary O'Connor transferred from Killeagh to the Grenagh Ballingarry Club, Limerick, whilst Cork intermediate player Sinéad Cahalane and Intermediate and Minor Cork players Karen and Valerie O'Sullivan also transferred from the Killeagh club to the Fr O'Neill's club.

Inter-county player Enda Dineen from Ballinora had her transfer passed to the senior club Inniscarra, while Susan McCarthy did likewise.

The transfer of Siobhán Cooney from the Na Piarraigh club to the Carrigaline club was not signed by the Na Piarraigh club, but convention delegates saw fit to overrule this and voted in favour of Ms Cooney's transfer. Sarah Mongan, who is in a similar position, transfer-

ring from Dillons club to Glen Rovers, did not succeed, as delegates voted against her transfer.

Other transfers passed, included Emma Downey, Glen Rovers to Douglas and Susan Harding, St Fanahan's to Kildorrery.

Three transfers from the Blackrock to Douglas club were not passed as the forms were incorrectly signed.

A source of concern for convention was that for the second year in a row the county board failed to get somebody to act as fixtures secretary for the coming season.

Hon President Mary Moran, St Finbarr's; Chairperson, Sheila Golden, Inniscarra; Vice-Chairperson, Marian McCarthy, St Finbarr's; Secretary Tracy Sheehan, Mayfield; Treasurer Mary McSweeney, Bandon; Registrar Kay Dunne, Ballincollig; PRO Mary Newman, Glen Rovers. Senior selectors: Rose Mackey, Glen Rovers, Angela Higgins, Watergrasshill, Pat Murray, Bishopstown; Intermediate, Kay Dunne, Ballincollig, Sheila Golden, Inniscarra, Pat Murray, Bishopstown. Junior selectors, Lillian Zircant Sarafeld, plus one from County Intermediate Champions Éire Óg and one from County Junior Champions County Rovers. Minor Selectors: Tedie Roche, Aghabullogue, Kathleen Healy, Cloughduv, plus one from County Minor champions Cloughduv. Under-18 selectors, Tracy Sheehan, Mayfield, Derek McCarthy St Finbarr's, plus one from County Under-18 champions.

TWO MORE POINTS FOR WEXFORD

Wexford collected their second brace of points in the National Junior League, when they got the upper hand of the Leinster junior champions, Carlow. The winners got off to a good start with goals by Siobhan Gahan and Tina Bergin to leave the half time score, Wexford 2-5 Carlow 0-6. Carlow's Valerie Crean crashed home a goal early in the second half but Wexford were always in command.

Final score - Wexford 3-9 Carlow 1-9.

Scorers - Wexford - Bernie Higgins 1-1, Michelle O'Leary 0-4, Siobhan Gahan and Tina Bergin 1-0 each, Rosemary Breen 0-3, Claire Connor 0-1.

Carlow - Valerie Crean 1-7, Marie Sheehan 0-2.

Referee - Jimmy Donnelly, Kildare.

While in their clash, Offaly found Galway too strong. The winners led 3-7 to 0-3 at the break.

Final score - Galway 4-11 Offaly 0-6.

Scorers - Galway - Colette Nevin 3-3, Lourda Kavanagh 0-6, Siobhan Cummins 1-0, Shauna Ward 0-2.

Offaly - Michelle Davis 0-5, Majella Bergin 0-1.

Referee - Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

Other results:

Derry 5-9 Donegal 2-1

Cavan 4-8 Roscommon 0-4

The National Junior League is now shelved for the winter break. The following is the league table to date:

Zone (A)	P.	W.	L.	D.	Total
Cork	2	2	0	0	4
Limerick	1	1	0	0	2
Tipperary	1	1	0	0	2
Kilkenny	2	0	2	0	0
Clare	2	0	2	0	0

Zone (B)	P.	W.	L.	D.	Total
Down	2	2	0	0	4
Derry	2	1	1	0	2
Antrim	2	1	1	0	2
Tyrone	1	0	1	0	0
Donegal	1	0	1	0	0

Zone (C)	P.	W.	L.	D.	Total
Armagh	2	2	0	0	4
Wexford	2	2	0	0	4
Dublin	2	0	1	1	1
Carlow	2	0	1	1	1
Kildare	2	0	2	0	0

Zone (D)	P.	W.	L.	D.	Total
Galway	2	2	0	0	4
Offaly	2	1	1	0	2
Cavan	1	1	0	0	2
Roscommon	2	0	2	0	0
Westmeath	1	0	1	0	0

Cork retained the Munster Intermediate Championship title when they got the upperhand of Tipperary who were trying to bridge a four year gap in the final at Newtownshandrum. Cork got off to a brilliant start with a goal in the first 30 seconds. Tipperary were playing catch up from then on. Half time score: Cork 2-5 Tipperary 0-7.

Final score: Cork 3-9 Tipperary 0-11.

In the Tipperary under 18 championship semi-final, Cashel had 0-4 to spare over Burgess in a keenly contested and sporting game played at The Ragg, Thurles.

Score - Cashel 1-9 Burgess 1-5.

Cashel now play Drom/inch in the final.



An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern with Fileas Ní Bheasláin, President of Cumann Camógachta na nGael.

The All-Ireland Post Primary Schools AGM was held recently. Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly was elected President to succeed Kathleen Henry, who had completed her term of office.

It was decided that in the 1998-99 season onwards there will be two additional All-Ireland competitions, Senior B and Junior B. These are to accommodate weaker schools and the majority of Vocational schools. The age limit for the two All-Ireland junior championships A & B will be altered to under 16 on January 1st as from the 1998-99 season.

Dates for the 1998 championships:

Senior Semi-Final, March 7th Connacht v Munster - Ulster v Leinster
Junior Semi-Finals, March 14th Munster v Connacht - Leinster v Ulster
All-Ireland Finals, April 4th 1998 - All-Ireland Sevens: May 2nd 1998.

In Munster the Senior Championship finalists are known. Holders and All-Ireland champions, St Mary's, Charleville will meet Our Lady's, Templemore in the Munster final on Saturday February 7th. Templemore have yet to win this competition. They reached the final a few seasons ago but were defeated by Charleville. Templemore can field several Tipperary minors and under 18 players.

In junior St Mary's, Nenagh, Coachford Community and St Mary's, Charleville have reached the Munster semi-finals. The fourth semi-final place will be filled by either Our Lady's, Templemore or St Joseph's, Tulla.

We now take a break until the New Year. I wish all readers of 'Camogie World' the seasons greetings and a word of thanks to the editor and staff of Hogan Stand for the space they afforded us during the year.



All-Ireland winners, Frank Lohan, Richard Woods, Eithne Duggan and Cora Keohane at UCC GAA victory dinner dance.

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The Cloughdubh side that won the under-16 camogie county final when they defeated Aghabullogue.



Una O'Donoghue, captain Cloughdubh u-16 camogie is held high after their county final victory.

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Camogie

Historic Win Adds To Successful Season For The Game

An historic win for Antrim, Na Piarsaigh again too good for all comers on the club scene and Cork back on top again in the senior inter-county ranks—those are among the chief highlights from another very successful season for camogie.

Time was when Antrim were a real power in senior camogie but they have slipped down the rankings in recent times. However, the 1997 junior side has raised hopes of brighter days ahead with a sparkling display when clinching a first-ever All-Ireland title with a resounding win over Cork at Croke Park by 7-11 to 2-10.

The game was something of a personal triumph for Caitriona Higgins, who helped herself to a majestic 3-2. Another star of the game was Grace McMullan, who also proved very target conscious. She scored 2-3.

The performance set the seal on a splendid year for Grace, who in late November was named Camogie Player of the Year in the annual Bass Ulster G.A.A. Writers annual awards.

The team was coached by Jim Nelson, who was the man behind the scenes when the Glensmen finished runners-up to Tipperary in the All-Ireland senior hurling final of 1989.

This was a good all round performance by Antrim and the type of performance that is also bound to have given the game a badly needed boost in the county.

The past year was a disappointing one for

Galway in more ways than one. The senior camogie team lost their All-Ireland title to Cork in the final and the county's hurlers, of course, had a number of major final defeats in the various grades.

But Na Piarsaigh struck a worth-while end of the year blow for the county by

retaining the All-Ireland club title in a keenly contested show-down with a talented Lisdowey outfit from Kilkenny. The Galway girls won by 4-6 to 2-5.

The Noreiders included such gifted performers as the Downey sisters, Angela and Ann, and Martina Downey and put up a very spirited performance.

However, Na Piarsaigh moved with purpose all through from first to final whistle, combined well and put up a stubborn defence in the concluding moments when the Leinster girls applied strong pressure in a bid to save the day.

Sharon Glynn was in sparkling form for Na Piarsaigh and finished top scorer for both teams with 1-4. Aine Hillary was another star for the winners and helped herself to a brace of goals.

Michelle Glynn, sister of Sharon, also played a big part in the victory.

Last year the Galway camogie senior team brought a welcome wind of change to the camogie scene by capturing the All-Ireland title for the first time in a splendid game against Cork. The counties met again in the 1997 final and the Leesiders had a handsome revenge, winning by 0-15 to 2-5.

The win earned Cork their fourth title of the 'Nineties and they well deserved their success. They gave a good all round display, inspired by the brilliance and accuracy of full forward Lynn Dunlea, who rifled over ten golden points.

That was just a point short of the Galway total and the performance by Dunlea ranks as one of the top individual performances of the past year.

Centre half forward Vivienne Harris was another bright star for Cork, who also paraded a solid and unyielding defence, shrewdly marshaled by Eithe Duggan, Sandie Fitzgibbon and Denise Cronin.

Linda Mellerick also captained the team in fine style.

The win completed a big double for Cork, who earlier in the year won the National League title.

Sharon Glynn and half backs Tracy Laheen and Pamela Nevin were outstanding for a great-hearted Galway team that battled all through with tremendous determination and plenty of skill.

Galway had better fortune in the All-Ireland minor final. A well-drilled and fast-moving side made the long journey to Pairc Ui Rinn in Cork and retained the championship with a well-deserved and convincing eleven points win.



Star In Defence... Denise Cronin, who was at right-half back for Cork.

The Camogie Scene

By P.J. Fulham

Cork secure the Bord Na Gaeilge All-Ireland Senior Championship



CHAMPIONS: Back (left to right) - Ethna Duggan, Sinead O'Callaghan, Vivian Harris, Irene O'Keefe, Sandie Fitzgibbon. Front (left to right) - Mags Finn, Mary O'Connor, Cora Keohane, Linda McElrick (capt.), Denise Cronin, Lynn Dunlea, Fiona O'Driscoll. The mascot is Katie Sheehan.

Cork secured the Bord Na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship title when they defeated the holders Galway in the final in Croke Park. This was the third year for Bord Na Gaeilge to sponsor the championship and Cork appeared in all three finals winning two.

The taste of victory was not unfamiliar to Cork. They contested thirty two finals and took the O'Duffy Cup on eighteen occasions, the first in their first appearance in 1934. They went on to become the first County to win three titles in-a-row. They now lie next to Dublin on the honours list. Dublin hold a record 26 titles.

Galway were appearing in their eleventh decider and share with Dublin the distinction of contesting the first two All-Irelands back in 1932 and '33 and treasure their historic first title last year.

Lynn Dunlea's ten point tally and Cora Keohane's brilliant save from a Therese Maher shot five minutes into injury time were major contributions to Cork's victory. On the path to the final Cork defeated Clare 3-13 to 1-9 and Wexford in the semi-final 3-22 to 1-7. Galway had a 5-23 to 1-6 win over Armagh and a 4-14 to 2-11 victory over Kilkenny in the semi-final.

The scene was set before an attendance of 10,300 for the decider. Cork played against the wind in the first half. Scores were level three times during the first eleven minutes. Sharon Glynn at

midfield was the player on whom Galway depended a lot. Sharon, who recorded a personal tally of 4-26 in the two previous outings was recovering from a recent illness and did not perform to her usual standard and was off target for a number of frees. Cork showed more hunger for possession and at the break the scoreboard read Cork 0-9, Galway 0-3.

As play resumed Galway cut the leeway with a magnificent goal by Denise Gilligan. Seven points separated the sides when Galway produced their second goal on the 55th minute. Lynn Dunlea sent over the last score of the match to give her side a four point victory.

Final score: Cork 0-15, Galway 2-5.

Player of the Match: Vivienne Harris, Cork.

Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

This was only the third final where the winning team scored points only, the others were Kilkenny 0-6 Dublin 1-2 in 1976 and Kilkenny 0-13 Dublin 1-5 in 1985.

Cork's centre back Sandie Fitzgibbon who collected her sixth All-Ireland senior championship medal said after the match: 'This was my last game for Cork and I am going out on a winning note'. Sandy an International Basketball player captained Cork in 1992, a staunch member of Glen Rovers Club and is the first player to win three All-Ireland Minor Championship medals.

Captain Linda Mellerick, holder of four All-Ireland senior championship medals threatened to retire before the final, but afterwards said she is keeping her options open. Linda is the only Cork player to captain two winning All-Ireland senior Championship teams. The other occasion was also against Galway in 1993.

A disappointed Sharon Glynn said 'If I can get to as many All-Ireland as Sandie and Linda by the time I'm finished I will not complain'.

FIRST ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE TITLE FOR TIPPERARY

Tipperary won their first A.I.B. All-Ireland Intermediate Championship title with a good win over a fancied Clare side in the final played at the 'Ragg' Thurles.

This Championship for An Corn Puirseal was started in 1992. Clare won two in 1993 and 1995 when their opponents were Tipperary and the winning margin one point 1-10 to 1-9. Tipperary, fielding eight players from the '95 side were out for revenge while Clare fielded nine of the team.

On the path to the final Clare accounted for Limerick and Down in the semi-final 5-14 to 4-5. Tipperary defeated Cork and Armagh in the semi-final 4-15 to 3-11.

Noelle Kennedy was the Premier County's scoring ace with a personal tally of 1-18 (1-16 from frees). It was a power-packed encounter from start to finish with little separating the sides at any time. Tipperary led 0-13 to 0-6 at the break with Clare's goal coming from Catherine O'Loughlin.

The second half continued to be a ding-dong affair with further points from Catherine O'Loughlin and Moira McMahon. It was a brace of goals by Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes that sealed victory for Tipperary.

Final Score: Tipperary 2-19 Clare 2-12

Armagh Crystal 'Player of the Match' Noelle Kennedy, Tipperary.
Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

ANTRIM TAKE FIRST ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

In the All-Ireland junior decider Antrim defeated the holders Cork in the curtain raiser to the Bord na Gaelge senior final to take the New Ireland Cup for the first time. It was a case of third time lucky for Antrim after being defeated by Rosecommon for the past two years in the All-Ireland semi-finals each time by one point after a replay. Antrim have six All-Ireland senior titles to their credit, the last was won in 1979. They were appearing in their second junior decider having been defeated by Clare in 1981.

On the path to the final Antrim gained the Ulster crown by 5-8 to 1-12 over Down, overcame London in the quarter-final and Carlow in the semi-final 2-11 to 1-8. Cork accounted for Galway by just one point in the other semi-final 3-11 to 4-7.

Antrim completely outclassed Cork. The sliothar has hardly been thrown in when Grace McMullan raced through to give Cork goalie Sandra Ricken no chance from close range. Caoimhe Harrington opened Cork's account with a point minutes later but it was Antrim that did most of the attacking. At half-time the game was over as a contest with the Glensiders leading 4-7 to 0-4.

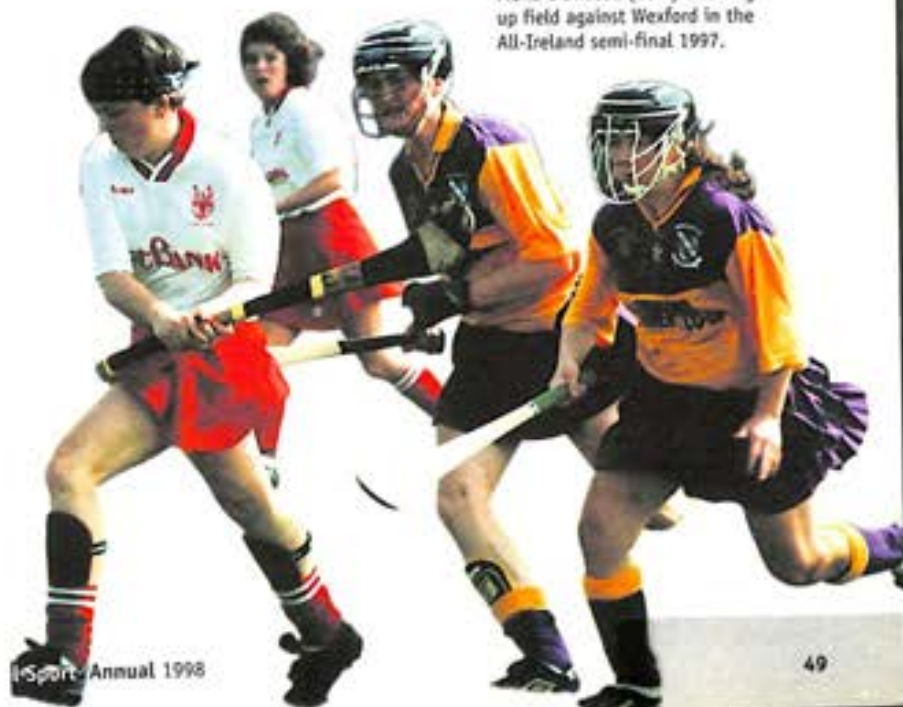
The second half was one way traffic as Antrim ran out comfortable winners 7-11 to 2-10. Armagh Crystal 'Player of the Match' Denise O'Boyle, Antrim.

Referee: Mary O'Connor, Louth.

Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork) cleaning up field against Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final 1997.



Captain Linda Mellerick with the O'Duffy Cup after Cork's victory.



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CAMOGIE REVIEW OF THE YEAR BY MARY MORAN

Cork Senior's come-back highlight of a great year

Cork, Galway and Antrim were the chief winners in 1997. In a season that produced many fine contests, the major honours were claimed by experienced campaigners.

University of Ulster, Jordanstown captured the first prize of the year with a comprehensive win in the Ashbourne Cup. Sinead McGovern, Edel Mason, Deirdre Connolly, Anna O'Loughlin, Majella Murray and Denise O'Boyle knitted together to make a very formidable outfit capable of defeating all-comers in third level camogie.

The All-Ireland Colleges Championships provided excellent fare. St. Mary's, Charleville retained their senior crown in style. St. Brigid's, Loughrea scored a spate of goals coming up to half-time in the All-Ireland Final but it only served to bring the best out of Charleville who responded with an outstanding display of forward play to eliminate the deficit and draw clear. In Eileen O'Brien, Sineach O'Callaghan, Vera Sheehan, Caoimhe Harrington, Jean Cullinane and Katie O'Shea Charleville had outstanding performers.

Holy Rosary, Mountbellew won their first All-Ireland Colleges title when they deservedly won the Junior Championship in a replay with St. Mary's, Charleville. Mairead Meehan, Denise O'Connor, Orla Kilkenny, Sile Barrett, Ann Carthy and Patricia Burke provided the platform for victory.

Cork had to find replacements for longtime regulars, Therese O'Callaghan, Kathleen Costine and Paula Goggins. The girls that were brought into the side, including newcomers to the senior grade, Cora Keohane and Sinead O'Callaghan, were more than equal to the challenge. Cork won both National Senior League and All-Ireland Senior Championship reversing last season's result against Galway. Cork's total of All-Ireland Championship titles stands at 31. Dublin have a similar number. Which will forge ahead in the coming seasons?

Antrim enjoyed a great season in the junior ranks. Exciting play from Denise

O'Boyle, Grace McMullan, Mary Connolly, Sinean McMullan, Ann McKee and Bronagh O'Neill secured the National Junior League and All-Ireland Junior Championship. These players now move up a grade to Intermediate for 1998. However, their ambitions must be to bring a once proud camogie county back to the top.

Galway have turned out many fine minor teams in recent years. This season's squad was no exception. They gave an exhibition of camogie in advance of their tender years against Cork in the All-Ireland Final. Much more will be heard of Veronica Sweeney, Therese

Maher, Laura Kavanagh, Susan O'Regan, Donna Burke and Siobhan Cummins.

Deirdre Hughes led Tipperary to a notable win in the Intermediate Championship. Noelle Kennedy, Ciara Gaynor, Claire Madden, Emily Hayden, Maeve Stokes and Sinead Nealon played a big part in securing senior status for the Premier County for 1998. With the fine minor sides that Tipperary have produced in the past decade, they should make their presence felt at the higher level.

Munster scored an impressive double in the Gael-Linn Interprovincial Championships. A Cork dominated senior side had something to spare over the other provinces. The junior players of Tipperary, Limerick, Cork and Clare combined well to take the Gael-Linn Junior Trophy.

Pearses, the Galway champions, wrapped up the season with a hard earned but nonetheless impressive win over Lisdowney in the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship. Sharon Glynn, Aine Hillery, Tracy Laheen, Anne Forde, Louise Curry, Martina Haverty, Martina Harkins and Carmel Hannon were instrumental in keeping the coveted title in Co. Galway.

1997 saw new President, Phyllis Breslin installed. She has been busy clocking up the miles in the interest of the Association. One of Wexford's greats, Lily Furlong (nee Parle) went to her eternal reward during the season. She captained Leinster to win the Gael-Linn Cup and held her place on the Wexford senior team for twelve seasons.

A particularly welcome innovation was introduced at the All-Ireland Banquet this year. In memory of the legendary Kathleen Mills, a replica of the O'Duffy Cup was presented to the captain of the All-Ireland winning senior team. Linda Mellerick, the only player to captain Cork to two All-Ireland Senior titles, was the first recipient of the beautiful cup. This annual presentation will undoubtedly add to the All-Ireland weekend.



Linda Mellerick led Cork to victory over Galway in the '97 All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final and was also the first recipient of the Kathleen Mills Award.

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Fiona O'Driscoll, sportswoman extraordinaire

Eire Og fancied to topple Rovers

THE 1997 season draws to a close tomorrow when Valley Rovers and Eire Og clash in the Under 16 "B" County Championship Final at Ballyanley.

In what is a repeat of the Intermediate Final where Eire Og were victorious, the two sides now find themselves facing each other in the Under 16 "B" Final.

In their path to the final Valley Rovers had a comprehensive victory over Fr. O'Neills in their semi-final clash, but they will not find the going as easy tomorrow against a very strong Eire Og side, who had to go to a replay with St. Catherine's to qualify for tomorrow's game.

On paper Eire Og will be the favourites and they have excellent players Elanna McKenna, Yvonne Malone and Ellen Herlihy.

However, Valley Rovers will not be unduly worried by Eire Og's strength and they will be anxious to put one over on the Mid Cork side.

Fixture
Under 16 "B" Championship Final - Eire Og v Valley Rovers at Ballyanley, 12.30 on Sunday.

VALLEY ROVERS WIN

Convention warns troublemakers

TROUBLEMAKERS were given a stern warning at the Tipperary camogie Convention, in Thurles.

Newly-elected chairman, Noel Hennessey, said that some people's conduct left a lot to be desired and he warned that the Board would put up with this no longer.

Offices elected, Chairman N. Hennessey, Drummich, Secretary M. Graham Moycarkey, Treasurer B. Philips Thurler, PRO S. Delaney, Drummich; Vice Chairperson B. O'Dowd Thurler; Registrar B. Philips Thurler, Fixtures committee: S. Delaney, Drummich; S. Duggan Holycross; N. Kennedy Toomevara; P. Carroll St. Cronans; M. Graham Moycarkey.



Frances O'Halloran, Mary O'Halloran and Mary Roughan... Ruan camogie club founders being acknowledged at 25th Anniversary celebration.

Brian's older sister Fiona also helps out in the business at various times.

Like Brian though, 24 year old Fiona is arguably better known for her exploits in the world of sport than her business acumen.

Fact is, Fiona has been there, done that and worn the t-shirt in the area of gaelic games.

A camogie and football star with Father O'Neills and Glanworth respectively, Fiona is a physical education teacher at Patrician College, Ballyfin, Co. Laois.

Fiona's sporting c.v. makes for very impressive reading:

Four National Senior League medals.

Four All-Ireland Senior Camogie medals ('92, '93, '95 and '97).

One All-Ireland Junior Ladies Football medal (1995).

Five Senior interprovincial and one junior medal with Munster (captain in '97).

Member of the Cork county minor camogie team, '86-'88.

Captain of the county minors in '88 and winner of three Munster minor medals.

Captain of the University of Limerick team which won the Ashbourne Cup in 1995.

Holder of three O'Connor Cup medals with U.L. Munster Senior Schools camogie medallist with Saint Mary's High School, Midleton.

Ladies Football All-Star in 1995 and a replacement All-Star in 1994.

Current President of CCIA (the governing body of 3rd level camogie in Ireland).

Physical trainer to Lisdowney camogie club who reached the 1997 All-Ireland Club camogie final.

Assistant Coach with Cork Minor camogie team who were All-Ireland finalists in 1977.

Imokilly People/AIB Bank Overall Sportstar Award 1996.

Father O'Neills-County Junior A, Intermediate and Senior B Medals.

Glanworth-Two County Senior football medals and one Munster 'B' football medal.

A mighty record of achievement, you'll agree. Brian O'Driscoll, Fiona O'Driscoll and O'Driscoll Fitted Furniture.....a hugely successful triumvirate



Linda Mellerick, Camogie Captain

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The Camogie Scene

Galway Retain All-Ireland Minor Title



Tracey Laheen (Galway) in hot pursuit of Lynn Dunlea (Cork).

Galway retained the All-Ireland Minor Championship when they overcame a strong Challenge from Cork. This was the fifth meeting of those two Counties in the All-Ireland Minor final and bring Galways total victories to six.

En route to the final Galway recorded a massive 7-19 to 4-2 win over Antrim in the semi-final while Cork, Munster Champions for the first time since 1991 also had an easy passage over Leinster champions Dublin 3-10 to 0-4.

The final was played at Paire Uí Rinn. Galway were a well balanced side and got off to a good start. They were six points up before Cork made their mark with a Rachel Moloney point on the 12th minute. At the break Galway led 0-9 to 0-5.

In the second half Veronica Sweeney and Therese Maher laid Galway's foundation for success at centre field, also in excellent form was Lourda Kavanagh keeping Corks defence under sever pressure for most of the game.

Final Score: Galway 2-14 Cork 1-6.

Armagh Crystal 'Player of the Match' Veronica Sweeney, Galway. Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

PEARSES GALWAY 1996 CHAMPIONS:

Pearses, Galway secured the 1996 All-Ireland Club Championship title with a two point win over Munster Champions Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick.

In the semi-final Pearses dethroned Rathnure, Wexford by 3-14 to 3-1 and Granagh/Ballingarry proved too strong for Ulster champions Leitrim/Fontenoy's, Down 2-15 to 0-8.

In the final Pearses played with wind advantage in the first half and led 1-4 to 0-3 at the break, the goal coming from Sharon Glynn. Early in the second half Laura Leslie goaled for the Munster club. The game was now an edge of the seat affair with just two points separating the sides. Anne Ryan/Forde increased Pearses lead to three points with seven minutes remaining. Kay Bourke rattled Pearses net to leave the sides level 1-6 to 2-3. The

remaining seven minutes were hectic during which the winners added two further points. Final Score: Pearces 1-8 Granagh/Ballingarry 2-3.
Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

NATIONAL LEAGUES:

Cork, the holders swamped Kilkenny in the National senior League final played at Paire Uí Rinn. Cork were in top form and never gave their opponents a chance to settle into the game. First half goals by Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea and Vivienne Harris gave Cork a 3-5 to 0-7 lead at the break with Marina Downey accounting for all Kilkennys tally.

The Rebel County continued to dominate the second half to run out easy winners 4-12 to 0-9. Referee: Biddy Phillips, Tipperary.

Antrim are National Junior League Champions for the first time ever when they got the upperhand of the favourites Down in the final played at Casement Park, Belfast.

Antrim got off to a great start and by half time had built up a lead of 4-3 to 1-6. It was a sparkling second half with Down fighting their way back into the game with a goal by Joan Henderson. After an end to end battle Antrim held on to a two point victory.

Final score: Antrim 5-12 Down 3-16.

Referee: Fiona McKenna, Armagh.

MUNSTER TAKE BOTH GAEL LINN TITLES:

Munster retained the Gael Linn Inter-Provincial titles in senior and junior bringing their total titles to twenty-four, twelve senior and twelve junior. The semi-finals and finals were played on the

same day. Weather conditions were favourable and playing facilities at St. Brigid's Club, Russell Park were excellent. In the semi-finals Munster had a good win over Connacht 3-14 to 2-10, while Leinster versus Ulster was a cracker. Leinster came through by just one point 3-14 to 3-13.

The final between Munster and Leinster was a nail biting affair which ended in a draw. In the extra time Leinster had no answer to Munsters scoring ability as they notched off 3-7 to Leinsters 0-3. Final Score: Munster 4-18 Leinster 2-11.

In the junior semi-finals Munster accounted for Connacht 3-14 to 4-6 and Leinster recorded a 1-8 to 0-7 victory over Ulster.

The Munster v Leinster final produced good fare. It was a close contest all through. With less than five minutes remaining Munster led by a goal. Leinster missed many scoring chances and Munster edged into a 3-11 to 2-10 victory.

ALL IRELAND SEVENS:

The 24th Annual Kilmacaud Crokes All-Ireland Sevens, Sponsored by 'Whirlpool' was held as usual on the eve of The All-Ireland final. The competition has grown from strength to strength now accommodating 48 teams in two divisions.

RESULTS: Cup semi-finals: St. Brigids, Kilkenny 2-6 Eire Og, Cork 2-2

Toomevara, Tipperary 1-7 Celtic, Dublin 2-2

FINAL: Toomevara 3-6 St. Brigids 2-8

SHIELD SEMI FINALS: Leitrim/Fontenoys, Down 7-3 Broadford, Kildare 1-2, Castletara, Cavan 3-5 Leighlinbridge, Carlow 2-2.

FINAL: Leitrim/Fontenoy's 3-5 Castletara 0-6.

Player of the Tournament: Mairin McAleenan, Down.

Camogie Roll of Honour for 1997

BORD NA GAEILGE ALL-IRELAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

Cork 0-15 Galway 2-15

ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP:

Tipperary 2-19 Clare 2-12

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

Antrim 4-7 Cork 0-4

ALL-IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

Galway 2-14 Cork 1-6

1996 ALL IRELAND CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Pearces, Galway 1-8 Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick 2-3

NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE:

Cork 4-12 Kilkenny 0-9

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE:

Antrim 5-12 Down 3-16

SENIOR GAEL LINN:

Munster 4-18 Leinster 2-11

JUNIOR GAEL LINN:

Munster 3-11 Leinster 2-10

ASHBOURNE CUP:

U.U.J 0-18 U.L. 1-9

ASHBOURNE SHIELD:

Waterford RTC 3-7 U.C.D 1-9

PURCELL CUP:

Q.U.B 3-14 U.U.C 1-1

PURCELL SHIELD

Tralee R.T.C 3-4 St.Marys, Belfast 2-5

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR COLLEGES:

St.Marys, Charleville 2-16 St. Brigids, Loughrea 4-2

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR COLLEGES:

Holy Rosary, Mountbellow 2-4 St. Marys, Charleville 1-5 RP

NATIONAL FEILE NA NGAEIL:

Div.1 Athenry, Galway 2-5 Rathnure, Wexford 0-4

Div. 2 Freshford, Kilkenny 5-1 Naomh Mearnog, Dublin 2-1

Div. 3 Kinnitty, Offaly 5-2 Teemore, Fermanagh 2-4

Div. 4 Wolfe Tones, Clare 3-6 Kildavin, Carlow 0-0.

Skills Star: Nicky Keddy, Wicklow.

CEOL CAINT AGUS DAMHSA RESULTS:

Rince Foirne: Ben Dearg, An Dun

Ceol Uirlis Aonair: Aobheann Ni Dhuinn, Naomh Dominick, Roscommon.

Aithriseoireacht: Treasa Ni Lochlainn, Cill Chua, An Dun

Trath na gCeist: Cluan Daimh, An Dun

Grupai Ceoil: Ben Dearg, An Dun

Anthranaiocht Aonair: Niamh Ni Ri, Cluan Daimh, An Dun

Rince Seit: Cluan Daimh, An Dun.

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WOLFE TONES SENIOR CAMOGIE TEAM - CO. CHAMPIONS 1997.

Front Row: (l to r) - Moira McMahon, Larienna McGrath, Theresa Naughton, Aine Nic Chormaic (capt), Carmel Howard, Ursula McInerney, Kath. De-Clermont, Caitriona Gallagher and Debbie McDonagh. Front Row: (l to r) - Frances Phelan, Laura O'Shea, Deirdre Joyce, Eimear Wehrley, Michelle McInerney, Marian Costelloe, Patricia O'Donoghue, Marie McLoughlin, Sylvia O'Brien, Eithne Nic Chormaic, Claire Wehrley.

CLARE CAMOGIE 1997

The past year was another busy year for Camogie in Clare, both at Inter-County level and within the county. Clare was represented at U-16, U-18, Intermediate and Senior level.

Unfortunately, we failed to capture any titles but there is little doubt that there is plenty of talent in the County which, hopefully, will bear fruit in the next few years.

Our U-16's were defeated by Tipperary in the Munster semi-final on May 5th, 1997, in a game played in Newmarket. Likewise our U-18's were defeated at the same stage by Cork on the 19th October, 1997, in Ballinlough, Co. Cork. Clare Juniors came close to reaching a Munster final when they took Tipperary down to the wire in the semi-final in Templemore, on the 29th June, 1997.

Our Senior team went out in the first round of the Bord na Gaelle All-Ireland Championship to Cork, who went on to capture the All-Ireland title this year. As a result of this, the Clare team were allowed participate in the Intermediate Championship. They success-

fully defeated Limerick on a scoreline of Clare 1-15, Limerick 0-11 and went on to a showdown with Tipperary in the All-Ireland final. This game took place one week after the successful victories of Clare Minor and Senior teams and we were all hoping that a repeat of 1995 would be on the cards when Clare Intermediate Camogie won this title. However, history was not to be repeated and Tipperary captured the title.

At local level, Wolfe Tones na Sionna recaptured the Senior title, defeating the amalgamation of St. Joseph's/Kilnamona in a thrilling final played in Sixmilebridge. They went on to represent Clare in the Munster Club Championship but were defeated by Granagh/Ballingarry who have qualified for the All-Ireland Final.

There are encouraging signs in Clare for camogie, especially at under-age level where we were treated to some great matches. A particular game which comes to mind from this season is the U-12C final between Clondegad and Broadford. These two clubs are newly formed and credit is due to them not only for the standard of camogie but the high degree of participation

from their parents and teachers.

Clare Camogie Board are grateful to everyone who has helped in any way during the past year, especially the players, trainers, referees, Clubs who provided pitches, our sponsors and patrons, the teachers at both Primary and Secondary who foster camogie, Clare FM, Clare Champion and Clare Courier for their coverage of our games. A special word of thanks to Clare G.A.A. for all their help and assistance.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE HONOURS LIST FOR 1997:

U-12A	Shannon
U-12B	Tulla
U-12C	Broadford
U-14A	Shannon
U-14B	Kilmaley
U-14C	Feakle
U-16A	Shannon
U-16B	Kilnamona
U-18A	Clooney
U-18B	Ruan
Junior Championship	Corofin
Junior League	Ogonnolloe
Intermediate League	Clooney
Senior Championship	Shannon



Maura Sheedy, chairperson camogie board; James Lafferty of Lafferty & Associates, sponsor of Clare u 16 camogians v Tipperary. Sinead Treacy, captain; Caitriona Gallagher and Mary Littleton (trainer).

Sixmilebridge Camogie Club

There was plenty of camogie activity in the parish over the past year with the club having teams involved at all levels. We also had the privilege this year of hosting several games, in particular the County Championship Final, thanks to the support received from Sixmilebridge G.A.A. Club.

Pride of place this year goes to our U-11 Ground Camogie team who won the cup after displaying some great fighting qualities. This competition is of tremendous assistance in promoting camogie and it's great to see all their parents so interested. There was great excitement in Shannon when the presentation was made to the winning 'Bridge team.

Our U-12's reached the County Final but unfortunately were beaten by Wolfe Tones. Both our U-14's and U-16's were knocked out of their respective championships at semi-final stage. Our Minor team was also defeated at the semi-final stage by the eventual County Champions, Clooney.

At senior level, Shannon defeated the Bridge in a closely contested game played in Broadford. The team is still involved in the League competition which this year was played on a Double League basis.



SIXMILEBRIDGE SENIOR CAMOGIE TEAM

Back Row (l-r): Angela Mulready, Linda Quinn, Siobhán Reidy, Sinéad Croux, Emer Murphy, Siobhán Flannery, Geraldine O'Grady, Orla Fitzgerald, Ann O'Halloran.

Front Row (l-r): Noeleen Neylon, Jean Flynn, Máiread Toomey, Bridget O'Halloran, Niamh McInerney, Deirdre O'Gorman, Angela Chaplin.

We had players who were chosen to play for their county at various levels. Bridget O'Halloran was our representative on the Clare U-16 team. Niamh McInerney, Emer Murphy, Jean Flynn and Orla Fitzgerald featured on the Clare U-18 team, with Máiread Toomey and Linda Quinn flying the 'Bridge colours on the Clare senior team.

Patricia O'Grady was a selector with the Clare Senior team. Ann McInerney and Máiread Toomey were selectors with the

Clare U-18 team. Sixmilebridge Club also provided personnel to assist the Camogie Board - Linda Quinn (Registrar), Mary Cusack (P.R.O.) with Ann McInerney and Máiread Toomey on the Fixtures Committee.

The Club always welcomes anyone who would like to help in the fostering of Camogie in our parish, so why not join us and contribute to the continued growth of the game.

Feakle Camogie Club

1997 was a revival year for Feakle Camogie club. This year it celebrates with a victory, something the club has missed out on for nearly a decade. The silverware is back in the village.

This is a great achievement for the club, and also an inspiration, because early this year it had nearly disbanded due to lack of local parental interest and participation. A last chance meeting brought new interested parties who worked hard during the year on the club's behalf.

Teams were organised in the u-12, u-14, u-16 and u-18 age groups. Attendance at training grew and grew.

The u-12 team reached the C final, a great achievement considering that some team members were only six year's old.

The u-14 captured the C league title, a victory well deserved by the players and their trainer for their outstanding commitment.

The u-16 and u-18 were less successful, but tiocfaidh an lá dóibh.

This indeed has been a good year for

the club, and the club wishes to confer its praise to two u-14 players, who represented Clare in the All Ireland mini 7's team.

The club intends to form a junior

team in 1998, which we hear will bring many back from other clubs, and even more out of retirement. Next year could be a great year for Feakle Camogie.



FEAKLE U-14 CAMOGIE TEAM, WINNERS OF THE CLARE U-14 LEAGUE C FINAL

L to r: Sinéad McKee, Clara Bohan, Patricia Naughton (capt.), Máire Hayes, Aoife Harrington, Michelle Moloney, Tracey Hanrahan, Aisling Bohan, Sharon Naughton, Patrice Tuohy, Siobhán McArthur, Aisling Moloney, Cathriona Naughton, Karen Shortt, Siobhán Nelson, Louise O'Halloran, Celia Brett, Shelly Smith.

GYMFROCKS TO HEADBANDS

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Gymfrocks to headbands" is the title of a book scanning thirty years of Munster Colleges Camogie, written by Mary Moran. It is a very interesting production. 117 A4 size pages with plenty of photographs. It makes excellent reading. Everyone should get a copy immediately, available from Mary Moran, "Uisneach", 16 Firgrove Gardens, Bishopstown, Cork. Price £3.00 plus £1.20 p & p.

Mary has a wealth of experience on the camogie scene. She was introduced to camogie at St Aloysius School, Cork. Won Cork Schools Championship medals and played for the Cork Schools team. She joined Old Aloysians Club and won Cork junior and senior Championship medals. She also won Munster and All-Ireland Senior championship medals with Cork.

Mary worked in Dublin for four years when she won Dublin senior league and championship medals and an All-Ireland club championship medal with Celtic.

She served as Cathaoirleach of the Cork County Board for ten years, chaired Munster Council and has been Secretary of the Munster Colleges Council and All-Ireland

Colleges Council since their formation. Mary was elected President of the Camogie Association in 1979.

She coached Cork teams to win All-Ireland Championships in minor, junior and senior grades. As National Coach, she conducted courses throughout the country and brought out coaching handbooks. Was national PRO for ten years.

Wexford held their Annual Camogie Convention in Murphy Floods Hotel, Enniscorthy. The Secretary Ann O'Brien reports four new clubs registered. She gives a complete run down on all the happenings in the county during 1997 during which the county senior team were defeated by Cork in the championship and league semi-finals. She hopes for a better result in 1998. The Under 18 team won the inaugural Leinster Under 18 championship. 1998 is going to be a busy year in Wexford. In March they will host National Congress and in June National Feile na nGael. Plans are already in place for both events. The whole county were saddened by the passing of the much loved President of the County Board Lily Forlong (nee Parle). She will be

sadly missed by camogie in Wexford for many years to come. Ar Dheis Dhe go raibh an Anam.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

Chairman: Jimmy Bolger, Vice Chairman: Jack O'Brien, Secretary: Ann O'Brien, Treasurer: Mary Canning, Registrar: Jacinta Roache, PRO Christine Delaney.

Wicklow's Convention was held in Aughrim and was well attended. Secretary William Cullen reports 13 clubs registered, an increase of one. There wasn't much success at inter-county level where they fielded in under 14, minor, junior and club championships.

The highpoint of the year was Nicky Keddy winning the National Feile na nGael Individual Skills Award. Plans are being made to involve more personnel to help with the ever increasing number of players and organise teams within clubs.

The following officers were elected: Chairperson: Ester Healy, Vice Chairperson: Breda Byrne, Secretary: William Cullen, Treasurer: Mary Byrne, Registrar: Mary Mills, PRO: Breda Walshe.

Kildare's County Camogie Board have a new Secretary Loretta Shinnors who was elected at their annual convention. Loretta replaces Melanie Treacy who did not seek re-election. The secretary in her report congratulated the County Under 14 team that won the Roinn B Leinster Championship. The County surrendered the Leinster junior title to Carlow but hopes are high for 1998.

All competitions within the county ran off smoothly and the secretary had a word of praise for the mentors of the various teams.

County Board Officers for 1998:

Chairperson: Mary McMullan, Vice Chairperson: Helena O'Driscoll, Secretary: Loretta Shinnors, Treasurer: Margaret Murray, PRO: Kate Treacy, Registrar: Deirdre O'Sullivan.



Mary Moran, Cork, centre, author of "Gymfrocks to Headbands". On left of the picture Rosina McManus with Lily Spence on right, both from Antrim. All three are former Presidents of the Camogie Association

Bishopstown girls start the year on a high

THE Bishopstown Camogie Club got 1998 off to a great start on Saturday last (January 3), when they held their victory dinner at Bishopstown GAA club to celebrate their 1997 Cork senior championship success.

This win was a first for the club and they were determined to make the most of the celebrations.

Present

Sheila Golden, chairperson of the Cork Camogie Board was on hand to present the county medals to the proud team.

As the season of goodwill continued, Eithne Duggan, as captain of the victorious team made a presentation to team coach Neil White on behalf of the entire team.

Senior club Person of the Year went to Mary O'Hea while Nicola

Falvey got the award for underage club Person of the Year. Bishopstown-based independent councillor, Pat Murray, had this to say about the team:

"Great credit is due to the girls and their mentors on this magnificent achievement."

"I know the great dedication and long hours which the girls and coach Neil White, together with team mentors Conor Kenny, Bernard Olden and Pat Harris, put in much effort to bring the Science Cup back to Bishopstown."

Cllr Murray added that great credit was also due to the supportive roles played by the families of the players.

"It was only fitting that they too were present at the presentation ceremony as well as Bishopstown GAA chairman Con Begley, who has always been very helpful to us."

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The election of officers resulted as follows: President Mary Wallace, Chairperson Phil Healy, Secretary Mary O'Callaghan, Treasurer Phil Johnson, P.R.O. Geraldine Bowles, Committee: Eileen Hegarty, Mary O'Keeffe, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Tommy J. O'Sullivan, Martin Murphy, Eileen Carroll, Denise Bowles, Margaret O'Keeffe, Donna Cullen, Anne Marie Relihan, Dolores O'Sullivan, Gretta Lee, Margaret Lee, Catherine O'Connell, Mary Sheahan, Anne Walsh, Mary Brosnan, Eileen O'Brien, Noreen O'Connell, Fr. Micheal O'Loinsigh, Martin Cronin, Mossy Butler, Jeremiah Lincan, Liam O'Connell and Tim Stack. Membership of the club for adults is £3 and £5 for a couple with membership open until March 4th. Chairperson Phil Healy addressed the meeting and spoke of the enthusiasm in the parish for the camogie club and with such a vibrant committee the future for the club looks very bright. She thanked the meeting for electing her and her fellow officers and thanked Mrs. Sheila Golden for her attendance and help.

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Bord na Gaeilge

by PJ Fulham

1998 CHAMPIONSHIP IS UP FOR GRABS

Eight teams will take part in the 1998 'Bord na Gaeilge' All-Ireland senior championship - Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork, Clare, Galway, Wexford, Limerick and Tipperary. The following is the draw:

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The following is the first draw: (A) Galway have the venue against Limerick. The Connacht county have a large panel of players that should see them into the semi-final. However, Limerick have a young squad that will be no pushover.

(B) Cork will host Armagh. The Orchard County have been re-graded from senior recently and this encounter should be a cliffhanger. (C) Antrim, who won the All-Ireland junior championship and the National junior league last year, will provide stiff opposition for Dublin who have to travel. (D) Down get a bye.

Semi-final draw: (B) v (A) ... (C) v (D).

Kilkenny held their annual convention recently. The County Secretary, Noelle O'Driscoll states that the under 14 Leinster championship and Lisdowney winning the Leinster senior club championship were the only honours to come to the county in 1997. All internal competitions were ran off smoothly. Congratulations to senior team captain Marina Downey who received the 'Smithwick Award' as Kilkenny Camogie Player of the Year.

The following are the Officers for 1998:

Chairperson: Shiela Dowling; Vice Chair: John Minogue; Secretary: Noelle O'Driscoll; Treasurer: Sinead Costelloe; Registrar: Mary Holden; PRO: Tracey Millea.

Meath's convention was held in

the Wellington Court Hotel, Trim. Secretary Ann Dempsey states in her report that she was displeased at the apathy expressed in both training and playing for the county at junior level, and hopes to see an improvement in the coming year. One new club affiliated; Kiltale. She also stresses the importance of delegates attending monthly meetings as all clubs should be aware of the activities involved within the County Board.

Ann would like to see referees returning their report forms after matches. She expressed thanks to all who helped her during the year.

The following Officers were elected for 1998:

Chairperson: Brigid Carney; Vice Chair: Margaret Burke; Secretary: Ann Dempsey; Treasurer: Terry Tormey; Registrar: Breda McKenna; PRO: Mary Gilsean.

Carlow held a very successful convention. The Secretary, John Maye, reports that the Board ran competitions for all grades which were finished as scheduled. Myshall won the junior and advanced to the Leinster club championship final. The county fielded in all grades at inter-county. The juniors put in a lot of hard work and reached the All-Ireland semi-final. John expects them to go that step further this year.

Officers elected for 1998

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Some of the Bishopstown Camogie Club committee members who were elected at the club's AGM.

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At the well-attended AGM, the following officers were elected to run the affairs of the club for 1998.

President: Irene Higgins; Chairperson: Neil White; Vice-chairperson: Mary O'Hea; Secretary: Mary Falvey; Treasurer: Breda Heffernan; PRO: Sheila McCarthy; Registrar: Evelyn Mahon. Committee members elected were Cllr Pat Murray, Eithne Duggan, Derry

Deane, Anna Kelly, Tim Sheehan, Nicola Falvey and Rose Desmond.

Following their success in winning the Cork senior championship in 1997, bringing the Science Cup to Bishopstown for the first time, club members Neil White, Conor Kenny, Bernard Olden and Pat Harris were appointed to Cork to look after the senior team.

Selected

Evelyn Mahon, Derry Deane, Connor Kenny and Cllr Pat Murray are in charge of the junior team.

At underage level, Cllr Pat

Murray, Conor Kenny and Irene Higgins, Nicola Falvey and Mary O'Hea will be mentors for the various teams from U-11 to U-18 level.

Sheenagh Morley was chosen to be the senior team captain for 1998, while Cork senior Eithne Duggan was chosen as club captain.

Training for players aged seven to 12 years will take place each Saturday from 11am to 12.15pm. This will be followed by training for 13 to 16-year-olds from 12.30pm to 2pm.

The venue for these sessions is Bishopstown GAA club.

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Na Piarasaigh, Galway Retain The All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Title

By P.J. Fulham



Martina Harkin (Galway) and Margaret Finn (Cork) will meet again in the Bord na Gaelige All-Ireland later in the year.

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Bord na Gaeilge

by PJ Fulham

The Leinster Convention takes place on Saturday January 31st in Leinster GAA Centre, Aras Laighean, Portlaoise. Cathaoirleach Patricia Rafferty, Dublin has completed her three year stint. There are two nominations for the position. Mary Connor, Louth, All-Ireland Inter-county referee and Ray Quigley, Wexford. Both are ideal candidates and are deeply involved in camogie in their respective counties. The position of Leas-Cathaoirleach is also up for grabs, due to the fact that long serving Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly has decided not to seek re-election. Outgoing Cathaoirleach Pat Rafferty and Breda Byrne, Wicklow will contest the position.

Ardcomhairle delegate, currently held by Marie Woods, will be contested by Pat Rafferty.

The motions to be tabled are all in connection with the running of competitions and are of no major significance.

Secretary Mairin Fulham in her report, states that 164 clubs registered, an increase of three and is delighted that Longford is included. This brings all twelve counties in the province once again into camogie. At present, there is only one club in Longford, but it is a start and it is hoped that more will follow. She praises counties who hosted finals and produced programmes for same.

Five counties reached knock-out stages of All-Ireland competitions: Kilkenny and Wexford lost out at the semi-final stages of the Bord na Gaeilge championship.

Kilkenny reached the National senior league final and Lisdowney the club championship final. Dublin were knocked out by Cork in the Minor semi-final. Carlow were defeated by the eventual winners, Antrim in the All-Ireland junior championship semi-final. Offaly and Wexford juniors reached the closing stages of the National junior league.

There was an improvement in Gael Linn with both senior and junior selections reaching the finals. The secretary appeals for more support for this competition.

There will be no CCD in Leinster this year. This has been on the cards for some time with only Westmeath competing.

Dublin held their county convention recently. The Secretary, Margaret Browne in her detailed report, states that there are 38 clubs registered. The county arranged competitions for all grades and age groups. Some problems were experienced by the fixtures committee at minor and senior level. Celtic won the senior championship.

Scarcity of referees remains a problem despite referees courses held during the year. The county fielded in under 14, under 16, minor and junior. The minors won the Leinster title and the under 14s reached the final. A sad decision was made during the year to withdraw the senior teams from the All-Ireland championship. The secretary is hopeful that this situation will not arise in the coming year.

Convention elected the following officers:

Chairman: Jim Carroll;

Secretary: Margaret Browne; Treasurer: Ral Sealy; Registrar: Pamela Howard; PRO: Maire Scully.

The recent Offaly convention was well attended. Secretary Molly Guinan stated in her report an increase in the affiliated clubs. She said it was a quiet year for the Faithful County as none of the county teams created any major headlines. However, at club level, Kinnitty won Division 3 of National Feile na nGael and Shinrone secured bronze medals in the All-Ireland Community Games.

The following officers were elected:

Chairperson: Caroline McCarthy; Vice-Chair: Miriam O'Callaghan; Secretary: Molly Guinan; Treasurer: Eileen Bergin; Registrar: Mary Murray.

Amanda Kelly from the Tullamore club in Offaly has been selected as Offaly camogie player of the year. Amanda is an excellent defender and has played in all grades for club and county. She will receive her award on Friday January 30th at a function in the Bridge House, Tullamore.

St Mary's, Belfast had a 2-13 to 0-4 victory over Trinity College, Dublin in the semi-final of the Higher Education League.

Scorers: St Mary's - Mairin McAleenan 1-6, Niamh Trolan 1-2, Valerie Hynds 0-4, Ciara McGovern 0-1.

Trinity - Patricia Doyle 0-3, Siobhan Conny 0-1.

Ulster Camogie Convention

Ulster chair again for Tom

TOM MONAGHAN is back again as Cathaoirleach of Ulster Council after yesterday's convention in the superbly equipped Derrytresk GAA Centre.

Last year the Armagh man completed a statutory three year term of office, but now after a year's break, he has been re-elected to steer the province towards the new century.

It was a lengthy convention chiefly because of the comprehensive reports from the different officers and 33 motions down for discussion.

Not all these motions were debated as the convention

closed at Motion 19 and will be re-convened on Sunday February 8 at noon in Armagh.

A number did get the approval of the delegates and five of these deal with the Gael Linn interprovincial competition.

Connacht's withdrawal from the competition three times in the 90s has prompted a motion to be forwarded to Annual Congress that all four provincial teams must compete.

The competition should be held over a weekend with a shield competition for the semi-final losers.

Ulster Council also believe that the venue for the weekend should be rotated around the provinces with no other Ulster Council fixture taking place on the same weekend.

The council also voted in favour of a player not providing a reasonable explanation for not representing the province be refused future selection.

Election of officers:
Cathaoirleach: Tom Monaghan (Armagh); leas cathaoirleach: Belle O'Loughlin (Down); rúnai: vacant; leas rúnai: Rita Black (Armagh); clisteoir: vacant; clárathoir: Mary Lynch (Monaghan); PRO: Seamus Mac Giolla Shinnéin (Down); delegate to Ard Chomhairle: Helen McAleavy (Down).

To-day's Final

Munster Champions for the past three years, St. Mary's Charleville, chase their seventh Munster Senior crown this afternoon. Expertly coached by Vincent Harrington and Ann Marie O'Keeffe, St. Mary's have lead the way in Munster over the past decade.

They retain half of the side which won the All-Ireland Senior Championship last April. They overcame Cashel Community College and Presentation, Bandon on their way to the final.

Our Lady's Templemore, contested the 1995 Munster Senior Final but had to give way to today's opponents. They have been very impressive this season. They defeated a fancied St. Mary's Nenagh side in the opening round and were too good for St. Patrick's, Cork in the semi-final.

Our Lady's can call on several players who have worn the blue and gold of Tipperary with distinction. The side is well prepared by Teresa Brennan and is well capable of making a historic breakthrough this afternoon.

Referee: Maura McNicholas played colleges camogie with Colaiste Muire, Ennis. She captained Clare to win the All-Ireland Junior Championship in 1986.

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AT

NEWTOWNSHANDRUM
2nd February, 1998
@ 2.00p.



REFEREE: MAURA McNICHOLAS

ST. MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE.

1. CLAIRE LINEHAN
2. LAURA LESLIE
3. CARAGH MANTON
4. CAROLINE GILTINANE
5. MARIE O'BRIEN
6. CLAIRE WALSH
7. CAOIMHE HARRINGTON
8. JORDANA DOLAN
9. ANGELA SHEEHY
10. SINEAD O'CALLAGHAN (CAPT.)
11. PAULINE LYNCH
12. EILEEN O'BRIEN
13. LISA MOLONEY
14. NIAMH BOWLES
15. SARAH REIDY
16. BRID KEANE
17. NOELLE RIORDAN
18. GEMMA RONAYNE
19. SANDRA O'HALLORAN
20. GEORGINA FRAWLEY
21. CATHERINE O'CONNELL

OUR LADY'S, TEMPLEMORE.

1. CIARA ORMOND
2. SIOBHAN BOURKE (CAPT.)
3. SORCHA LOUGHNANE
4. NIAMH HARKIN
5. PATRICIA O'BRIAN
6. GENEVIEVE ROWLAND
7. LORRAINE BOURKE
8. NORMA MAHER
9. TERESA MAHER
10. LINDA GROGAN
11. DEIRDRE DELANEY
12. CATRIONA HENNESSY
13. BRIDIN JONES
14. ELIZABETH JONES
15. HELEN COLLIER
16. MARIE BRENNAN
17. JOANNE CARTON
18. MICHELLE PURCELL
19. CAROL STAPLETON
20. AILISH MEAGHER
21. FIONA COLLINS
22. MAJELLA STAPLETON

St Mary's rule the day with fine second-half showing

St. Mary's, Charleville
Our Lady's, Templemore

1-18
1-6

by Tom Higgins

A TALENTED St. Mary's, Charleville, side captured their fourth consecutive Munster Colleges Senior Camogie Championship at Newtownshandrum, Co. Cork, on Saturday, when they defeated Our Lady's, Templemore.

However, the reigning All-Ireland champions were far from impressive in the first half and it was only in the second period that they showed their true potential, scoring some magnificent points.

The Co. Cork side made a good start but with a lot of possession they appeared intent on trying to walk the ball into the net, when points were there for the taking. In fact had they taken their chances they would have been well ahead after the first quarter, but in fact were led only by 1-3 to 0-1 after 13 minutes.

However, it was at this point that Templemore got back into the game.

A point from Teresa Maher two minutes later followed by a long range goal from Linda Grogan, shortly afterwards, when she shot home for 25 metres in a crowded goalmouth, gave the Tipperary girls heart, and when Catriona Hennessy pointed to level matters in the 18th minute, St. Mary's looked rattled. However they led 1-6 to 1-4 at the break.

In the second half however St. Mary's were a totally transformed side, when playing with the wind. Their defence began to tighten up and with the forwards getting a good supply of the ball they began to pick off some excellent points, with Cork senior player Sinead O'Callaghan and full forward Eileen O'Brien in brilliant form.

But Templemore never gave up trying and although they mounted some promising attacks, particularly in the final ten minutes, they

found the St. Mary's defence, in which Laura Leslie, Caroline Giltinan and Clare Walsh were outstanding, impossible to breakdown. In fact Templemore scored just two points in the second half, so solid was the Charleville defence, and one of these was from a free.

For the losers, captain Siobhan Bourke, at right back and Genevieve Rowland at centre back impressed, as did midfielder Teresa Maher and forwards Linda Grogan and Catriona Hennessy.

Scorers: St. Mary's, Charleville: S. O'Callaghan 0-7, E. O'Brien 1-5 (0-1 free), 0-1 '30), A. Sheehy 0-3, C. Harrington, N. Bowles, and C. Walsh 0-1 a-piece.

Our Lady's, Templemore: C. Hennessy 0-4 (0-2 free), L. Grogan 1-0, T. Maher and D. Delaney 0-1 each.

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OUR LADYS, TEMPLEMORE: C. Ormond, S. Bourke (capt), S. Loughane, N. Harkin, P. O'Brien, G. Rowland, L. Bourne, N. Maher, T. Maher, L. Grogan, D. Delaney, C. Hennessy. Sub. B. Jones for S. Bourke.

Referee: M. McNicholas.



St. Mary's forward, Eileen O'Brien, scores a point despite the efforts of Our Lady's Sorcha Loughane in the Munster Colleges Senior Championship final. Picture: Des Barry



Action from last Saturday's Munster Senior Camogie final in Newtown.

Borrisoleigh Schools Camogie

Borrisoleigh 2-3
Tulla 4-7

THE Intermediate Munster League came to an end when Borrisoleigh were beaten by Tulla in a game of completely different halves.

Tulla were totally dominant in the first half with their forwards causing continuous problems. They capitalised on all opportunities and left Borrisoleigh in a dazed state by half time. However, the second half began with greater determination. Therese Maxwell at centre-back had plenty of long relieving clearances which got the forwards into action. Joanne Ryan, Laura Stapleton and Aine Fitzpatrick worked very hard but it became too difficult to catch the 'Banner' girls. Tulla have now advanced to the Munster semi-final.

Borrisoleigh 3-2
Pres. Thurles 1-5

BORRISOLEIGH can consider themselves lucky to win this hotly contested under-16 game. Lapses of concentration at vital stages could have had detrimental effects.

Norma Ryan (Upperchurch) had two smashing goals while the speed of Melissa Stapleton brought Borrisoleigh from the fire on several occasions. The backs were under tremendous pressure but Mary and Ann O'Meara, Therese Maxwell and Carol Treacy battled courageously throughout the game. Cashel provide the next opposition.

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FOUR IN A ROW FOR ST. MARYS

St. Marys, Charleville.....1-18
Our Ladys, Templemore.....1-6
Reigning All Ireland Senior Colleges Camogie champions, St. Marys, Charleville, retained their Munster crown, when they defeated Our Ladys, Templemore at Newtownshandrum on Saturday, 7th February.

The final score belies that this was a hard fought and pulsating contest to the final whistle as a gritty Our Lady's team contested every ball gamely and tested the St. Marys backs to the full despite conceding twelve points in the second half.

Our Ladys made the more positive start to the game and in the early exchanges seemed to have the Charleville backs in trouble. Caitriona Hennessy made some incisive runs and could have given Our Ladys an early lead but for some poor finishing. However, Caoimhe Harrington began to dominate at central midfield and a good supply of quick ball to the forwards saw captain Sinead O'Callaghan and Eileen O'Brien score some delightful points. Templemore replied with a point but when Eileen O'Brien finished off a great movement with a well taken goal it seemed that the Charleville girls would draw away for an easy win.

A speculative shot from Linda Grogan from outside that 30m line went straight to the net for Our Ladys. They added a quick point and the incentive of these scores motivated the Templemore girls to such an extent that the game was very evenly contested to the half-time whistle. The Charleville girls could have led by much more than two points at the break had they converted the goal chances created by hard running captain Sinead O'Callaghan and full forward Eileen O'Brien. However they led by only two points. St. Marys, Charleville 1-6. Our Ladys, Templemore 1-4.

St. Marys emerged after the break as a totally transformed side and showed the speed and

skill levels that have brought them two All Ireland titles to date. Sinead O'Callaghan showed why she won an All Ireland senior medal with Cork in 1997 by scoring some great points. Caoimhe Harrington made some great driving runs from midfield, scoring a point and delivering quality ball to the forwards. Jordana Dolan and Claire Walsh got the better of the midfield exchanges on the wings. Angela Sheehy scored three great points from play while under extreme pressures, and Niamh Boles who was introduced at the end of the first half scored another point, held possession very well and delivered telling crosses to her fellow forwards. In these opening ten minutes, St. Marys scored seven points without reply and laid the foundation for their eventual win.

However, Our Ladys did not concede. Forwards L. Grogan, D. Delaney and C. Hennessy tried the Charleville full back line to the limit. Time and time again, Caragh Manton, Laura Leslie and Caroline Giltenane brought off last ditch tackles that averted certain scores. Marie O'Brien cleared her lin several times under extreme pressure when it seemed that the Templemore girls had the goal at their mercy. Timely clearances by goalkeeper Claire Lenihan tied up loose balls around the square that could have yielded scores had the Templemore girls been less tightly marked. It could be said that the two points that Our Ladys scored in the second half were poor reward for the efforts of the team as a whole to pull the game out of the fire. However the Charleville



defence as a unit stood firm and the overall skill, class and talent of the St. Marys girls saw them emerge as worthy winners of their fourth Munster title.

They now play the Connaught champions in the All Ireland semi-final on the seventh of March.

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ST MARY'S, CHARLEVILLE

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2. Laura O'Drien
3. Katherine Leslie
4. Noelle Riordan
5. Edwina Boyce
6. Helen Curtin
7. Niamh Bowles, Capt.
8. Patricia O'Callaghan
9. Dmer O'Friel
10. Aine Kelleher
11. Una Harrington
12. Aoife Dillon

Subs:

- 13 Aoife Sheehan
14. Claire Brown
15. Deirdre Hayes
16. Sheila O'Regan
- 17 Niamh Curtin
- 18 Amy McCarthy
- 19 Marie O'Meara
- 20 Christine O'Gorman
- 21 Alison White
- 22 Ciara O'Shea

Colours: Navy and Blue

Coaches: Vincent Harrington
Anne Marie O'Keefe
Fr. Tim Hazelwood

St. Mary's, NENAGH

1. Michelle Slattery
2. Mary Rose Ryan
3. Niamh Hogan
4. Siobhan McCarthy
5. Carmel Ryan
6. Marie McCarthy
7. Aileen Forde
8. Orla McDonagh
9. Karen O'Brien
- 10 Denise Ryan (Capt)
- 11 Claire O'Sullivan
- 12 Anna Woods

Subs:

- 13 Aine Mulcahy
- 14 Margaret Hogan
- 15 Louisa Duff
- 16 Jenny Ryan
- 17 Orla Seymour
- 18 Katie Starr
- 19 Mairead Hogan
- 20 Niamh Keogh
- 21 Theresa Hogan

Colours: Red and Blue

Coaches: Ger Dullea
geraldine Bourke

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Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

MARY CONNOR ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON OF LEINSTER COUNCIL

There was a record attendance at Leinster Camogie Convention at Aras Laighean, Portlaoise recently. Mary Connor (Louth) is the new Cathaoirleach. She defeated Ray Quigley, Wexford by the narrowest of margins, 15 votes to 14. Mary is an All-Ireland Junior Championship medal holder and is a well known referee. She is also involved with the National Referees Committee.

Outgoing Cathaoirleach Patricia Rafferty takes over as Leas-Cathaoirleach by defeating Breda Byrne, Wicklow.

For the position of Central Council Delegate, Marie Woods, Kildare withdrew in favour of Pat Rafferty.

Secretary Mairin Fulham was complimented on her comprehensive report, as was Treasurer Marie Woods who was presented with a gold brooch in recognition of 21 years as Treasurer of the Council. Patricia Rafferty said she was honoured to have spent three years as Leinster Cathaoirleach and is satisfied that camogie in the province is in a healthy state.

Uachtaran Phyllis Breslin addressed the gathering.

Officers elected: Cathaoirleach: Mary Connor, Louth, Leas-Cathaoirleach: Patricia Rafferty, Dublin, Runai: Mairin Uí Fhulham, Iarmhi Cisteoir: Marie Woods, Kildare. Registrar: Peter Hoey, Louth.

Motions passed: 1. That the Leinster under 14 competition be run off from start to finish in a consecutive sequence.

2. That the Leinster senior championship be run off between the senior counties and the current junior championship.

Championship draws:

Leinster junior champions Carlow get a bye to the semi-final. Last year's beaten finalists Kildare will meet Wexford.

Minor B: (A) Louth v Offaly, (B) Carlow v Laois (C) Westmeath v Kildare (D) Meath v Wicklow. Semi-final: D v A ... B v C.

Minor A: Semi-finals: Wexford v Dublin ... Winners of B v Kilkenny.

Junior Championship: (A) Louth v Offaly (B) Meath v Laois (C) Dublin v Westmeath

Quarter Finals: (D) B v A ... (E) C v Kilkenny ... (F) Carlow a bye ... (G) Kildare v Wexford.

Semi-finalists: G v D ... F v E.

Senior Championship: Kilkenny v Winners of Junior ... Wexford v Dublin

Under 18: (A) Dublin v Laois ... (B) Wexford v Offaly ... (C) Kildare v Kilkenny ...

Semi-finals: Wicklow v A ... B v C.

Junior club championship: (A) Carlow v Wicklow ... (B) Meath v Offaly ... (C) Louth v Laois ... (D) Kildare v Westmeath

Semi-finals: D v B ... A v C.

Senior club: Semi-finals: Kilkenny v Winners of junior ... Wexford v Dublin.

Under 14 A Round 1 Wexford v Kilkenny ... Dublin a bye.

Under 14 B Div. 1 Round 1: Carlow v Laois ... Wicklow v Offaly.

Div. 2 Round 1 Meath v Westmeath ... Kildare v Louth.

Connacht Convention was held recently and a new Cathaoirleach was elected. Dymphna Hardiman (Galway) succeeds Brigid Broderick, Galway who had reached the end of her three year term. Mary Farrell (Galway)

replaces Michael Kennedy as Secretary.

The following are the Officers:

Cathaoirleach: Dymphna Hardiman, Galway; Leas-Cathaoirleach: Maeve Healy, Roscommon; Runai: Mary Farrell, Galway; Treasurer: Marion Conroy, Roscommon; PRO Dermot Connolly, Galway.

The Munster Junior Colleges Final takes place on Saturday next in Nenagh at 2pm, when St Mary's, Charleville, Cork and St Mary's, Nenagh, Tipperary cross swords. Nenagh beat Ard Scoil, Corbally, Scariff Community, Newcastlewest and Coachford to qualify for the final. They look to Anna Woods, Denise Ryan, Mary Ryan, Siobhan McCarthy and Aileen Forde to bring back the glory days of the nineties.

Munster champions St Mary's, Charleville got the better of Scoil Pol, St John the Baptist Hospital, St Aloysius Cork and St Josephs Tulla. Niamh Bowles, Capt, Catherine Leslie, Noelle O'Riordan, Alison White, Denise O'Connor and Aine Kelleher are the backbone of the side. This should be a sparkling affair going down to the wire.

Ulster Colleges Semi-final: St Patricks, Maghera 2-13, St Louise's Belfast 0-1. Scorers: St Patrick's: Serina McCloskey 2-0, Eilis McPeake 0-4, Paula McAtamney, Shauna McGuigan and Claire McNicholl 0-3 each. St Louise: Jane Adams 0-1.

Ulster Colleges Junior Semi-Final: St Mary's, Magerafelt 3-9, St Patricks, Maghera 1-1. Scorers: St Mary's: Lorna Mulholland 1-2, Marie Therese McCann 0-7, Noelle McMahon and Patricia Bateman 1-0 each.

Charleville set sights on double

FRESH from their senior success last week, St. Mary's Convent, Charleville, will make a bid to complete the double when their juniors take on St. Mary's Secondary School Nenagh in the Munster camogie championship final at Nenagh tomorrow.

With a number of last year's winning side still available, the North Cork side will start favourites to retain their title. Their team is a very experienced one with Edwina Boyce, Noelle O'Riordan, Niamh Bowles and Aine Kelleher in excellent form right now.

Mary Rose Ryan, Siobhan McCarthy, Aileen Ford and Anna Woods will lead the Nenagh challenge, but the experience of the Cork girls may be vital.

Camogie: St Mary's Belfast simply did not get going in yesterday's Purcell Cup final against the host club Mary I Limerick losing out 1-5 to 3-7.

Despite playing with the aid of a strong first half breeze they led by only 1-4 to 1-2 at halftime, Catherine Coss scoring the Limerick goal.

Charmaine Cooney, the Roscommon inter county player had a brilliant game for the winners and she was ably assisted by Helen Groogan their free taker. St Mary's best players were Blathin Mcivor in defence and Maureen McAleenan in attack, although the team as a whole did not rise to the heights of Saturday's semi final when they slaughtered University of Ulster Coleraine by 5-12 to no score, with McAleenan scoring 2-7. In the shield final Trinity College Dublin surprised Tralee RTC to win on a 2-6 to 0-1 scoreline.

Mary I scorers: C Coss (2-1), H Groogan (0-4), S Kelly (1-0), C Cooney, E Murphy (0-1 each).
St Mary's scorers: C Doherty (1-0), M McAleenan (0-4), F Kennedy (0-1). Referee: John Morrissey (Tipperary)

O'Friel goal puts St Mary's on road to victory

St Mary's, Charleville 1-6
St Mary's, Nenagh 0-4
A GOAL in the first half from Emer O'Friel pointed St Mary's, Charleville towards victory over St Mary's, Nenagh in the Munster Schools Junior Camogie Final in Nenagh on Saturday.

The Cork students were the better side in the opening half when playing into the stiff breeze.

O'Friel's well-taken goal helped them take a 1-2 to 0-1 lead at half-time.

Nenagh's Anna Woods became more prominent in the second half and her industry inspired her colleagues to greater efforts.

But the Tipperary students were never able to unduly trouble the defending champions' defence, and the accuracy of Niamh Bowles kept the Charleville side in front throughout.

St Mary's, Charleville: N. Bowles (0-4, 0-2 frees, 2-30s), E. O'Friel (1-1), A. Kelleher (0-1).
St Mary's, Nenagh: D. Ryan (0-2, 0-1 free), A. Woods (0-2, 0-1 free, 0-1 35 yards).
St Mary's, Charleville: D. O'Connor, L. O'Brien, K. Leslie, N. Riordan, E. Boyce, R. Curtin, N. Bowles, P. O'Callaghan, E. O'Friel, A. Kelleher, U. Harrington, A. Dillon, Sub: A. Sheehan for A. Dillon.
St Mary's, Nenagh: M. Slattery, M.R. Ryan, N. Hogan, S. McCarthy, C. Ryan, M. McCarthy, A. Forde, O. McDonagh, K. O'Brien, D. Ryan, C. O'Sullivan, A. Woods, Sub: A. Mulcahy for K. O'Brien.

Jim Greene To Train County Team

ALTHOUGH the attendance at the first County Board meeting of the year was disappointing, a number of issues were dealt with efficiently, and those present contributed enormously.

The new Board are taking up where last year's board left off, by continuing their positive approach, being firm but fair, and attempting to bring the best out of clubs for the benefit of camogie in Waterford.

There were two items of major interest that arose:

County Training: It was announced that Jim Greene had been approached and had agreed to take on the training of county teams. Jim, well known throughout the county for his dis-

plays in the Mount Sion and Waterford jerseys, is getting the sessions underway immediately with the U16 squad.

At the moment they are doing one session indoor during the week and one outdoor at weekends. The girls will be put through their paces and challenge matches are on the agenda. The board are committed to putting out the best players we have, properly treated and properly prepared. It is great to see people interested in taking on the job of making sure our girls get the best, and that they get the opportunity to wear the blue and white of Waterford with pride and distinction.

As training in earnest gets underway, we wish Jim and the squad all the best and assure them they have the full backing of the Board. We hope clubs and parents can co-operate and give the support that the girls, selectors and trainer deserve.

Though no date has yet been fixed by Munster Council, the U16s play the winners of the Cork / Clare game. This may be in roughly eight weeks time. The junior squad have been drawn to play Limerick in July, while the U18s will play Clare in August.

New Clubs: It was with delight that two new clubs affiliated to the Board — Ballyduff Upper and Roanmore. Both will begin by entering underage teams and will take it from there. Both have former inter-county players in the back-

ground, so we can be certain that they will make their presence felt.

With these positive developments, the year has certainly started on the right foot. There were elections and various pieces of information as follows:

Fixtures Committee: Theresa Murray (Tramore), Kathleen Collins (Butlerstown), Elizabeth Barry (Dunhill / Fenor), Geraldine McMahon (Butlerstown).

Finance Committee: Breda Cunningham (Dunhill / Fenor), Geraldine McMahon (Butlerstown), Kathleen Collins (do.), Rose Anne Galvin (Portlaw).

Referees' Committee: Anne-Marie O'Gorman

(Lismore), Bernie Keane (Tramore).

County teams' management committee: Francie Loneragan (Butlerstown), and A. N. Oher.

Pan Celtic: April 18th and 19th.

Coaching Course: Certs. will be officially presented at Ashbourne, another course to be held this year.

Free Indoor Hurleys and Sliothars: By returning form to Co. Secretary, each club receives twelve hurleys and six sliothars through grant from government sports department.

Registration: £150 (except new clubs) to be in by April 1st.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, at 8 p.m. in Dunhill.

EIRE WE GO FOR A GREAT NIGHT OF CAMOGIE CLUB CELEBRATIONS



AT Eire Óg camogie club dinner and social at Lee Valley Golf Club, were (from left) Helen Walsh, captain, intermediate team county champions and league winners; Sheila Golden, chairperson, county camogie board; and Siobhan Daly, captain, minor team, defeated county finalists.

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GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES £60,000 GRANT TO THE CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION

The Government Sports Department has allocated a £60,000 grant to the Camogie Association for the provision of sets of indoor hurls and sliotars. Every club in the country will receive 12 hurls and 6 sliotars which will be supplied free of charge to each club which applies. In order to avail of this offer the club completes an order form and returns same to its County Secretary as soon as possible. This is a great boost to the promotion of indoor camogie. It is intended to launch the scheme at a location in each province in the near future.

In the Munster Colleges semi-final played at Newtownshandrum Our Lady's Templemore were playing catch-up to a brilliant St Mary's, Charleville team, who took the lead after four minutes with a Sinead O'Callaghan point. Although Caitriona Hennessy equalised thirty seconds later, Our Lady's could not come to terms with this more experienced and fitter Charleville side. The Charleville captain Sinead O'Callaghan indeed played a captain's part and led by example, scoring 0-7 of her teams tally, with all of her scores coming from play. Although enjoying superior possession, Charleville were only ahead by 0-2 at the break 1-6 to 1-4.

In the second half the Cork girls dominated and added a further 0-12 to Templemore's 0-2. This was Charleville's fourth Munster final in a row, and they retain half of the side which won the All-Ireland senior Colleges Championship last year.

Final score: St Mary's 1-18 Our Lady's 1-6.

Scorers: St Mary's: Eileen O'Brien 1-5, Sinead O'Callaghan 0-7, Angela Sheedy 0-3, Niamh Bowles, Caoimhe Harrington and Clair Walshe 0-1 each.

Our Lady's: Caitriona Hennessy 0-4, Linda Grogan 1-0, Therese Maher and Deirdre Delaney 0-1 each.

Our Lady's team: Ciara Ormond, Siobhan Bourke, Sorcha Loughran, Niamh Harkin, Patricia O'Brien, Norma Maher, Lorraine Bourke, Genevieve Rowland, Therese Maher, Linda Grogan, Deirdre Delaney, Caitriona Hennessy. Subs: B Jones, E Jones, M Stapleton, F Collins, M Brennan, B Moloughney, J Carton, E Maher, M Purcell, H Collier.

Waterford Institute of Technology host the Ashbourne Cup and Shield semi-finals and finals on Saturday and Sunday next. The Ashbourne Cup competition is not in its 83rd year. In 1915, Edwin Gibson, Lord Ashbourne, a TCD graduate who was prominent in Gaelic circles, presented the Ashbourne Cup for camogie to encourage the Irish game in third level colleges and enhance the social life of third level students. So began the close relationship, mutual support and admiration of the three major GAA intervarsity sports-Fitzgibbon, Sigerson and Ashbourne which have promoted the gaelic ethos for so long.

Sporting life in the Colleges for Camogie players in the early years revolved around the Ashbourne. As well as being a fiercely competitive tournament it was a challengingly hilarious social event.

All Colleges can now compete for the Ashbourne Cup, which is now the premier third level competition. More than that, it's the competition that all camogie players dream of winning.

Quarter final results: W.I.T. - 2-6, U.U.J. -

0-6...

U.U.C. - 3-4, U.C.G. - 1-0...

U.L. - 1-5, Athlone RTC 0-4...

Q.U.B. - 2-8, UCD - 2-3

The scene is not set for what promises to be a very entertaining weekend.

The pairings for the cup semi-final on Saturday are: QUB v UCC and UL v WIT. Queens won the Purcell Cup last season and will be anxious to get their hands on the coveted Ashbourne. However, they will meet with a formidable force in UCC. WIT have their tails up after knocking out the current holders U.U.J. However, UL will not be easy to overcome.

In the Shield semi-finals UCD take on U.U.J. ... UCG and Athlone RTC should produce good fare. Finals take place on Sunday.

Weekend events: Saturday 21st 11.30am Shield semi-final in Mount Sion GAA Grounds and at 1pm in Roanmore GAA Grounds. Cup semi-finals in Roanmore GAA Grounds at 12.15pm and in De La Salle GAA Grounds at 1.45pm

Sunday 22nd: Shield Final in Roanmore GAA Grounds at 12.30pm ... Cup final in Walsh Park at 2pm.

Ulster Colleges finals in both junior and senior are down for decision on Saturday. Senior semi-final results: St Mary's Magherafelt 3-5, Loreto Cavan 0-0.

St Patrick's Maghera 2-3, St Louise's Belfast 0-1.

Junior semi-final results: St Mary's Magherafelt 3-9, St Patrick's Maghera 1-1.

St Patrick's, Keady 2-3, Holy Trinity, Cookstown 0-0.

St Mary's Magherafelt will be bidding for the double. The senior final should be a sparkling affair when their opponents are St Patrick's.

In the junior final they face St Patrick's Keady. This should be an excellent encounter.

UCC face tough struggle against Queens

by Mary Newman

THE spotlight will be on UCC when they attempt to advance to the final of the Ashbourne Cup in what promises to be an exciting weekend of colleges camogie in Waterford.

UCC, who won the Ashbourne Cup in 1996, today face Queens University in the semi-final. Waterford Institute of Technology will host University of Limerick in the second semi.

With camogie very strong in the North at the moment, UCC are in for a tough game.

Queens last won the title in 1991 and they are coached by former Down star Bronagh McNally.

The strong UCC side are captained by Cork senior goalie Cora Keohane.

Cork captain Eithne Duggan, Ursula Troy and Mhairrean Harrington are all inter-county players with vast experience.

After knocking out holders University of Ulster, Jordanstown, Waterford Institute of Technology will be favoured to win their semi-final and advance to the final.

However, University of Limerick won the title in 1995 and will give the hosts a tough game in their attempt to reach another final.

An interesting feature is that three of the four semi-finalists finished on equal points in the Higher Education League Competition, forcing a three-way play-off.

If this form is anything to go by, we are in for a cracking weekend of Ashbourne camogie competition.

In the Cork under-18 championship, holders Courc

rovers clash with Cloughdubh tomorrow in a rematch of last year's final.

Courcys last year scored a four-point victory and Cloughdubh will go all out to reverse that result.

Cork stars Rachel Moloney and Sarah Hayes can expect a tough battle from a Cloughdubh side who will be hoping to add the under-18 title to the under-16 title they won in 1997.

At Togher, home side St Finbarr's, with Natasha Nash and Catherine McCarthy, should have too much strength for an

ever-improving Newcastle side.

In the final game in the under-18 championship, home side Glen Rovers, with Karen Riordan and Avril Guckian, will have to be in top form to advance against Barryroe, whose ace corner forward Jennifer O'Leary has caused all sorts of problems for defences throughout the season.

In a rematch of their under-16 championship game, Eire Og and Delanys meet in the quarter final of the under-16 B league.

Eire Og were somewhat un-

lucky in their County Championship final.

They have excellent players in Ellen O'Herlihy, Yvonne Malone and Allannah McKenna and should be too strong for a Delany's side who will depend on Jennifer McCarthy and Jill Peelo.

● A NIECE of former Cork football star Billy Morgan has been honoured by her club in County Tipperary for her performances for the county.

Camogie player Emer McDonnell was among the guests at a presentation night held by the

Burgess Club to honour its top players.

Emer was a member of the Tipperary under-18 camogie squad that won last year's Munster Championship.

Also honoured for her part in that victory was Sheena Howard, a grand-daughter of the late Limerick hurling great Garreth Howard.

Sinead Nealon, a daughter of former Tipperary hurling star Donie Nealon, was honoured for her role in Tipperary's win in last year's All-Ireland intermediate championship.

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Camogie Stars Converge As WIT Hosts Ashbourne Cup

TOP class camogie makes a rare appearance in Waterford this coming week-end as the Ashbourne Cup and Shield competitions bring many of the best young players in the game to the city where WIT GAA Club hosts these prestigious events. The games will take

place at three venues in the city on Saturday with the first game taking place at Mount Sion at 11.30 a.m. involving last years Cup champions, U.U.J against UCD in the first Shield semi-final. The first cup semi-final will take place at the De La Salle grounds Cleaboy at 12.30 and will bring

together UCC and Queens of Belfast.

On then to Roanmore at 1.30 where UCC will face Athlone IT in the Shield and then back to Mount Sion at 2.30 p.m. where locals and hosts WIT will face University of Limerick at 2.30 p.m.

The final of the Shield will take place in Roan-

more on Sunday at 12.30 p.m while the Cup final takes place in Walsh Park at 2.30 p.m.

This competition provides a great opportunity for young local players to see their sport being played at this level and clubs should encourage their players to go and see the games.

UCC take the Ashbourne cup

The sun shone in UCC's favour on Sunday last when the senior camogie team emerged victorious in a thrilling Ashbourne final at Walsh Park in Waterford.

WIT were not the first to succumb to the heart and determination of the UCC team. UCC fell at the preliminary stage, while Queens were the obstacle which stood in the way of the Cork girls for a place in the final.

Even though many of the UCC team did not play to their full potential in the semi-final, the relentless work of Angela

McDermott at midfield and Clara Enright and Jackie Treacy in defense ensured that QUB scored a mere three points.

Tina Roche's excellent goal, which epitomised the work done in training, came from a solo run from the sideline, passed Queens goalie Bronagh O'Neill and spurred UCC to victory.

UL fell to a highly determined Waterford team.

The places for the final were filled, it was to be a clash between archrivals Cork and Waterford. UCC denied WIT a cup appearance last year, so revenge was undoubtedly

foremost on their minds.

The game started furiously and Cork were first to settle with a point from Therese Brophy edging her side in front.

Waterford were quick to reply when Brigid Mullally pointed a free.

Tina Roche hit the net again with a speculative lob which foiled Kilkenny senior goalie Michelle Fennelly and ensured a half-time score of 1-5 to 0-3 in UCC's favour.

The second half was much closer but UCC went on to record a tremendous victory. Well done to all.

Point win secures title for UCC

UCC 1-7
Waterford I of Technology 1-6

UCC took the Ashbourne Cup camogie title with victory over Waterford Institute of Technology in a thrilling contest at Walsh Park, Waterford.

UCC's Therese Brophy had a point after four minutes and a second in the ninth minute. Then a long speculative lob from Tina Roche seemed to deceive Michelle Fennelly in the WIT goal and ended up in the net.

Cork had a strong wind advantage, and it was the 13th minute before Ann Barry opened the scoring for WIT with a point, which was quickly cancelled out by Therese Brophy. WIT's, Bridget Mullally pointed two frees to keep her side in touch but these were cancelled out by Angela McDermott for UCC.

In the second half, WIT tore into the game and points came from Bridget Mullally and Orla Ahern and Sinéad Neelan put her side level with a superb point from an 80 metres free. WIT pressed relentlessly but were denied on numerous occasions by a superb UCC defence in which goalie Cora Keohane, Muireann Harrington and Eithne Duggan were excellent. Two Therese Brophy points (13th, 16th minutes) from frees edged UCC ahead. Bridget Mullally replied with a point for WIT and despite relentless pressure, UCC held firm.

UCC: C. Keohane, (Captain), E. Duggan, C. Enright, M. Harrington, J. Treacy, D. Coughlan, A. McDermott, U. Troy, T. Brophy, R. Cahalane, B. Leahy, T. Roche.
WIT: M. Fennelly, A. Byrnes, W. Walton, S. Neelan, C. Scallan, O. Ahern, A. Barry, P. Phelan, J. Delaney, B. Mullally, E. Murphy, O. Crowe.

Double assignment

ITS double duty for the Cork camogie teams tomorrow when the juniors and seniors travel to the Ragg to meet Tipperary in the National League. For the seniors it's the first game in the defence of their League title whilst the juniors will be playing a third round tie.

After last season's marvellous success it's now back to basics for the senior team and they must try and put their success behind them and plan ahead for the new season. Tomorrow's game will, hopefully, be a first step in retaining their title.

Cork will have to be on their guard against a Tipperary side who are Intermediate All Ireland champions and who gave Cork a mighty run when the sides last met in the Munster Championship.

They will be without the services of Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes, both out of the country on holiday, but in the side will be the experienced Triona Bonnar and Maeve Stokes, whilst Clare Madden and Susan Kelly are also available.

Cork, League and All Ireland champions, will be without the services of that great stalwart Sandy

Fitzgibbon who has definitely called it a day at inter county level. However, like their opponents, Cork will also be anxious to gain the points.

Unlike the seniors the Cork juniors have already played two games in the National League and are on full points following victories over Kilkenny and Clare and a win tomorrow would more than likely see them qualify from their section.

For Tipperary it's their second game with a victory over Clare already under their belts.

Cork won a wonderful Munster Junior Championship last season and were unlucky to meet a superb Antrim side in the All Ireland final. This season hopes are high and with the talent of Murren Harrington, Niamh O'Regan and Emma Harte all on their side Cork should overcome the Tipperary challenge tomorrow.

The home side will feature several minor players who have enjoyed marvellous under age success. Alice Deane, Louise Ryan, and Niamh Connolly are all excellent players who will also be anxious to grab points to keep on course.

CAMOGIE

Ashbourne Cup Semi Finals — UCC 1-6 (T Brophy 0-6; T Roche 1-0; A McDermott and U Troy 0-1 each); QUB 0-3 (J Branniff 0-2, E Dwyer 0-1); WIT 1-6 (E Murphy 1-4, B Mullally 0-2); UL 0-4 (C Egan 0-4); Shield Semi Final UCD 1-5 (M Cody 0-5, C Murphy 1-0); UUJ 1-4 (M Murray 1-2; C Higgins, E Mason, C McGovern, C Cunningham 0-1 each); Athlone IT 2-6 (T Mooney 2-0; A Hilgry 0-4; M Cahill, E Smith 0-1 each); UCC 1-4 (C Coughlan 1-1; A Hardiman, G Ormond, N Bonar 0-1 each). Today: Ashbourne Shield final at Roanmore: UCD v Athlone IT 12.0. Cup Final at Walsh Park 2.0 — UCC v Waterford IT.

Kelly's goal captures title for St. Raphael's girls

ST. RAPHAEL'S
Loughrea.....1-5
ST. BRIGID'S
Loughrea.....0-6

ST. Raphael's College, Loughrea captured their twelfth senior Connacht Colleges' camogie title by defeating a physically

stronger St. Brigid's team at Duggan Park last Thursday.

Raphael's went on the attack from the throw-in but missed two frees in the first ten minutes, then Siobhán Hardiman opened the scoring for St. Brigid's with a point from play.

A further point from Siobhán Hardiman stretched their lead before Colette Nevin replied for St. Raphael's. However Karen Ryan scored another for St. Brigid's to restore their two point advantage.

Colette Nevin converted another free to narrow the deficit but Siobhán Hardiman found the target again to leave St. Brigid's ahead by 0-4 to 0-2 at the end of a pulsating first half. The second half continued at breakneck speed with both sides mounting attack after attack only to be foiled by the superb performances of both sets of defenders. Miriam Monaghan at full-back was excellent for St. Brigid's while her Raphael's counterpart

Mary Louise Spellman put in a truly brilliant performance.

Therese Maher, Raphael's captain, scored a superb point from play and a further point from a free following a foul on Michelle Maher left the scores even.

Then, a great Raphael's move which started with a long pass from Therese Maher to Colette Nevin culminated with Catriona Kelly rattling the net for the decisive score.

Raphael's now go forward to meet St. Mary's, Charleville, Cork on March 7th in the All-Ireland semi-final.

St. Raphael's: A. Connolly, M. L. Spellman, C. Forde, A. Glynn, T. Maher, C. Kelly, M. Maher, N. Healy, L. Byrnes, A. Connolly, C. A. Spellman, C. Nevin.

St. Brigid's: N. Dolan, M. Monaghan, K. Ryan, B. Murray, S. Hardiman, C. Murray, C. Glennon, P. Murray, R. Whiskey, S. Murphy, S. Carthy, S. Tannian.

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Brave WIT's Ashbourne Bid Just Fails

LAST week-end saw the WIT GAA Club host the Ashbourne Cup and Shield camogie competitions in Waterford for the first time ever.

With the co-operation of local clubs, De La Salle, Roanmore and Mount Sion and the Walsh Park committee, the whole occasion proved a resounding success with the eight colleges involved enjoying a wonderful week-end of sport and comradeship.

For the host college, however, there was an element of heartbreak as a splendid team just failed by the narrowest of margins — 1-5 to 1-6 — to bring the cup to the city for the first time ever, going down to a tenacious UCC in a great final at Walsh Park on Sunday last.

UCC raced into a three point lead before Ann Barry scored WIT's first point. The game turned strongly in UCC's favour when a shot from mid-field found the Waterford net.

WIT fought back strongly with Esme Murphy and Bridget Mullally unfortunate not to score goals.

At half time WIT were five points down 1-4 to 0-2.

WIT picked up the pace in the second half and were level after seven minutes with Bridget Mullally scoring 1-2. However, WIT failed to take the lead as UCC scored another point.

Sinead Nealon levelled the score again with a massive free from inside her own 30 yards line. UCC again took the lead and try as they did WIT could not score the equaliser that would have sent the game into extra time.

This was a devastating defeat for the Waterford girls, as confidence was high after beating the cup holders University of Ulster, Jordanstown and UL in the semi-final.

Sinead Nealon, Bridget Phelan, Esme Murphy and Ciara Scallan made the combined University team because of their tremendous displays over the week-end. Sinead Nealon also received Player of the Tournament.

Others to impress throughout the week-end were: Ursula Walton, Oral Hernan, Ann Barry and Michelle Fennelly.

GREAT GAME

It was a game that produced a standard of camogie seldom seen in Waterford and

that was a great promotional exercise for the game in general.

For the GAA Club in WIT last week-end was the start of a hectic two weeks in competition with the college engaged in the final stages of now fewer than twelve competitions a situation unparalleled in any other college in the country.

ALL-IRELAND WIN

On Friday last the College Freshers Hurling team travelled to Carlow where they defeated UCD to take the All-Ireland title for the third year in succession and the fifth time in six years on a convincing 1-14 to 0-4 scoreline.

This coming Saturday six of that same team will be in action against the Garda College in the Bus Eireann-sponsored Fitzgibbon semi-finals hosted by the Mary Immaculate Training College in Limerick. In the past two years Waterford have been eliminated from the Fitzgibbon by the Garda College while defeating them in the league competitions.

EXPERIENCED

Again on Saturday they face a very strong Garda side that includes a host of intercounty names such as Damien Cleere, Denis Byrne and Niall Maloney of Kilkenny; Ollie Baker and Ronan O'Hara of Clare and Stephen Hogan of Tipperary. Experience will be a big factor in this game and the Garda team has that in abundance.

Also this week WIT's footballers play Queens University in the Sigerson Cup in Dublin with the winners qualifying for the semi-finals in Tralee on Saturday week. Waterford's hopes of winning this game took a severe double blow last week-end when Dublin senior Enda Sheehy was ordered off in a club tie thus ruling himself out and college full forward Ray Cosgrave was also ruled out as a result of an injury sustained while playing for Dublin in the Leinster U-21 championship against Carlow on Sunday last.

Despite the loss of such key players,

the college footballers will make a strong bid to achieve yet another milestone by reaching the Sigerson semi-final in Tralee.

The College also takes part in the

semi-finals of Freshers Football, Ladies Football, Division Three Hurling, Senior Camogie League Munster Freshers Hurling and Football and in the Intermediate Hurling final.

OBITUARIES

JAMES MCGANN (LONGFORD)

The tragic death of 25 years old James McGann in a traffic accident, was the source of widespread sorrow in the Lanesboro area of Longford. He was a prominent member of the local Rathcline GAA club. James was a member of a family that has served the Association loyally for several years and his late father Jim was one of the county's best known Gaels. The Kenagh GFC grounds are named in his honour.

MARY AYLWARD (WATERFORD)

Mary Aylward was an outstanding camogie player with the Gaultier club. She took up the game at an early age and went on to give tremendous service to the club, playing a key role in it's numerous successes both at under-age and adult level. Twelve years ago she came out of retirement to assist Gaultier in their bid for Junior championship honours and again played an influential role in their victory.

NATIONAL LEAGUES SET TO RESUME ON SUNDAY

The National Senior League gets underway on Sunday next and the junior recommences after the winter break.

The senior current titleholders Cork, set out in defence of their title when they travel to Tipperary. This should be an entertaining encounter. It will be Tipperary's first game in senior ranks since they won the All-Ireland intermediate championship last year and they will find this a tough baptism. Cork will be going all out to make it three in a row this year. They will be without one of their stars, Sandy Fitzgibbon, who has retired. Nevertheless they can depend on Linda Mellerick, Denise Cronin, Sinead O'Callaghan, Eithne Duggan, Lynn Dunlea and Vivienne Harris to get them off on a winning note. Tipperary will be no push over and will be anxious to win their first game at senior. They will be hoping for a good performance from Suzanne Kelly, Emily Hayden, Ciara Gaynor, Meadhdh Stokes, Noelle Kennedy, Helen Kiely, Jovita Delaney and last year's captain, Deirdre Hughes. The Rebel County carry the tag of favourites.

Dublin will host Down. There is little known at the moment of the Liffesiders outfit. They withdrew from the Bord na Gaeilge Championship last season and are in the process of team building. The Mourne girls will provide stiff opposition with players of the calibre of Mairin McAleenan, Donna Greenan, Coleen Hynds, Valerie Hynds, Jennifer Braniff and Deirdre Savage.

In junior Tipperary and Cork face each other in the curtain raiser to the senior game. Cork are on the top of the table in Zone A and are followed by Tipperary who have a game in hand.

Donegal travel to take on Antrim and may find the Glensiders too strong. Dublin and Wexford will be the curtain raiser to the main event. Wexford share the top of the table with Armagh in Zone C and look set to collect the points here. Armagh will also be hoping to continue on the winning trail when they host Carlow, who

have yet to register a win.

Mary Immaculate College, Limerick collected the Purcell Cup for the fifth time by defeating St Mary's, Belfast in the final played at Mary College. It was a very exciting first half with little separating the sides at any time. St Mary's favoured by a strong breeze in the first half, failed to make proper use of their chances. Nevertheless they led 1-5 to 1-2 at the break.

Second half goals by Catherine Coss and Suzanne Kelly put Mary I on the path to victory. Final score: Mary I 3-7 St Marys 1-5

Scorers: Mary I - Catherine Coss 2-1, Helen Grogan 0-4, Suzanne Kelly 1-0, Charmaine Cooney and Emer Murphy 0-1 each.

St Marys - Carla Doherty 1-0, Mairin McAleenan 0-4, Fiona Kennedy 0-1.

Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary.

Purcell Shield

Trinity College Dublin 2-6 Tralee RTC 0-1

Scorers: TCD - Marie Richardson 1-2, Mona O'Neill 1-0, Siobhan Commy 0-3, Trish Doyle 0-1.

Tralee: Nicola Keshan 0-1.

Referee - Pauleen McCarthy, Limerick.

St Mary's, Charleville had their second win within a week when their juniors followed in the senior's footsteps by clinching the Munster Colleges junior final by defeating St Mary's, Nenagh 1-6 to 0-4.

Scorers: Charleville - Niamh Bowles 0-5, Emer Friel 1-1.

Nenagh - Denise Ryan and Ann Ward 0-2 each.



Last year's Intermediate champions Tipperary will make their senior debut on Sunday. Front, from left: Therese Brophy, Emily Hayden, Caitriona Hennessey, Deirdre Hughes, Michaela Graham (mascot), Ciara Gaynor, Suzanne Kelly, Aine Hogan, Sinead Collins, Helena Frawley. Back, from left: Biddy Phillips (coach), Sinead Nealon, Meadhdh Stokes, Jovita Delaney, Nora Dwan, Noelle Kennedy, Helen Campion, Niamh Bonnar, Una Dwyer, Paula Bulfin, Sheila Delaney (selector)

Win virtually assures Cork juniors of quarter-final spot

Cork 4-5
Tipperary 0-3

A GOAL in the first minute from Emma Harte put Cork on the road to a comfortable victory over Tipperary at The Ragg yesterday and virtually assured them of a quarter-final spot in the Junior National Camogie league.

When the same player added a second goal 13 minutes later it helped Cork to a 2-1 to 0-2 interval lead. Jill Hannon's point on the resumption stretched Cork's lead. Alice Deane replied for Tipperary but this was to be their only score of the half with Cork taking over completely adding a further 2-3.

For Cork goalkeeper Leonie Nolan, Emma Harte who notched

up 3-1 and Tina Roche were excellent, whilst for Tipperary Maria Harkin and Alice Deane were the only players to impress.

Scorers: Cork: Emma Harte 3-1, Jill Hannon 1-3 (1 from free), Tina Roche 0-1.
Tipperary: M Harkin 0-2, A Deane 0-1.
CORK: L Nolan, E Dineen, T Doyle, S Buckley, H Kelleher, J Hannon, E O'Sullivan, S Cahalane; R O'Sullivan, E Harte, P O'Connor, T Roche. Subs: R Calnan for S Cahalane, Sabrina Buckley for Sinead Buckley, E Burke for E O'Sullivan.
TIPPERARY: L Ryan, S Maxwell, N Connolly, P Fogarty, A Delaney, D Carroll, E Maloney, M O'Donoghue, F Butler, A Deane, M Harkin, M Looby. Sub: M Boshig for D Carroll.
Referee: C Doody (Limerick).

Cork 3-4
Tipperary 1-7

The Senior game saw All Ireland senior champions Cork take on All Ireland Intermediate champions

Tipperary in what was both counties' opening game in this seasons Senior National League.

Tipperary opened the scoring with a Caitriona Hennessey point which was quickly cancelled out by Fiona O'Driscoll. Lynn Dunlea and Triona Bonner had exchanged points when Irene O'Keefe evaded the Tipperary defence for the opening goal.

On the change-over Tipperary came more into the game and were awarded points from Hennessey and substitute Eimear O'Donnell.

Cork substitute Mary O'Connor substituted to keep their noses ahead with Tipperary pressing furiously the Cork defence held firm and they were rewarded when a Lynn Dunlea free was finished to the net by the alert Fiona O'Dris-

coll. But almost immediately Tipperary responded with a Ciara Gaynor goal. Caitriona Hennessey had Tipperary on level terms with a free three minutes later and with both sides pressing for the winner Lynn Dunlea grabbed a long clearance, dodged past the Tipperary defence and finished to the net to guarantee the points for Cork.

Scorers: Cork: F O'Driscoll 1-2, L Dunlea 1-1 (0-1 from free), I O'Keefe 1-0, M O'Connor 0-1. Tipperary: C Hennessey 0-4 (0-1 free), C Gaynor 1-0, T Bonner, E McDonnell, J Delaney 0-1.
CORK: C Keohane, E Duggan, M Finn, T Cronin; S Dunlea, G Harris, H Kenneally, U Troy; F O'Driscoll, I O'Keefe, L O'Sullivan; L Dunlea. Subs: M O'Connell for L O'Sullivan.

TIPPERARY: N Duane, E Hayden, G Madden, S Kelly; S Nolan, M Stokes, T Brophy, U Dwyer; J Delaney, C Gaynor, T Bonner; C Hennessey. Sub: E McDonnell for T Bonner, H Kelly for T Brophy.
Referee: V. Mackey-Mulcahy (Limerick).

Camogie World

Bord na Gaeilge
by PJ Fulham

UCC WIN ASHBOURNE CUP

The Ashbourne Cup which was hosted by Waterford Institute of Technology was a huge success. The semi-finals of the Cup and Shield were held on Saturday, February 21st. Cup. Semi-Finals results: University College Cork 1-8, Queen's University Belfast 0-4.

Waterford Institute of Technology 1-6 University of Limerick 0-4.

In the final on Sunday at Walsh Park UCC took the Ashbourne Cup title for the 27th time, their last win was in 1996. They defeated WIT by one point in a thrilling contest. UCC opened the scoring with a Therese Brophy point four minutes into the game. The same player had stretched their lead to two point by the ninth minute. A long delivery from centre field by Tina Roche deceived Michelle Fennelly in the Waterford goal and ended up in the net to stretch Cork's lead further. Cork, playing with a strong wind advantage, were at this stage in total control and it was on the 13th minute that Ann Barry opened Waterford's account with a point. This was quickly cancelled out by Therese Brophy for Cork. Brigid Mullally pointed two frees for WIT to keep her side in touch. UCC's Angela McDermott replied with a similar tally, to leave the half time score UCC 1-5 WIT 0-3.

WIT turning over with the strong wind advantage tore into the game with a Brigid Mullally goal and a point by Orla Hernan to leave just one point separating the sides. Sinead Nealon put the sides level with a superb point from an 80 metre free. WIT tried hard to take the lead but were denied on numerous occasions by a superb UCC defence of goalie Cora Keohane, Muirenn Harrington and Eithne



The Waterford Institute of Technology panel, beaten Ashbourne Cup finalists

Duggan. Two Therese Brophy points in the last quarter from frees edged UCC ahead. Brigid Mullally had the last score of the match a point for WIT. Waterford never gave up trying but Cork held firm amid tremendous excitement to take the title on a score of 1-7 to 1-6. Scorers: UCC: Therese Brophy 0-5, Tina Roche 1-0, Angela McDermott 0-2. WIT: Brigid Mullally 1-3, Ann Brady, Orla Hernan and Sinead Nealon 0-1 each.

UCC team: Cora Keohane (Captain), Eithne Duggan, Ciara Enright, Muireann Harrington, Jackie Treacy, Deirdre Coughlan, Angela McDermott, Ursula Troy, Therese Brophy, Ruth Cahalane, Bernie Liddy, Tina Roche.

WIT: Michelle Fennelly, Aisling Byrne, Ursula Walton, Sinead Nealon, Ciara Scallan, Orla Hernan, Ann Brady,

Paula Phelan, Jovita Delaney, Brigid Mullally, Esme Murphy, Olive Crowe. Shield Semi-final results: University College Dublin 1-5 University of Ulster Jordanstown 1-4 ... Athlone Institute of Technology 2-6, University College Galway 1-4. UCD captured the Ashbourne Shield by defeating Athlone IT by 0-8 to 0-5.

The following National League ties take place on Sunday. Last years beaten senior league finalists Kilkenny host Clare. This should be an entertaining affair. The home side are fancied to get off to a good start, but Clare will not be easy to overcome. Wexford travel to Cork. The latter should collect the points.

Down have the venue against Armagh. The sides are evenly matched. Junior league fixtures. First named has venue.

Cavan v Westmeath ... Down v Donegal ... Roscommon v Offaly ... Limerick v Tipperary



The UCC panel which won the Ashbourne Cup

National Junior Camogie League

Wexford qualify for quarter-finals

Wexford 4-9 Dublin 1-3

Wexford's junior camogie team clinched a place in the knockout stages of the National League with a comfortable 15 point away win over Dublin on Sunday afternoon last.

Unbeaten with a number of group games remaining, Wexford made light work of it against Sky Blues, laying the foundation for their latest success during the opening period.

Rathnure club star Aoife O'Connor gave Wexford the perfect start when goaling within the opening minutes.

The winners' keeper Linda Byrne got her name on the score sheet when sending over a magnificent point from a puck-out to negate a similar score from Dublin.

Bernie Higgins had a terrific first-half, scoring a personal tally of 2-4 to help forge a 3-7 to 0-0 lead for the visitors at half-time with Joan Redmond and Rose Breen also individually contributing minors.

Dublin had a tonic start to the second-half, registering a goal and a point without reply, but Wexford held firm for the remainder of the contest.

Ailish Kavanagh and Michelle O'Leary embellished the Slaneysiders' lead with respective points before the form was wrapped-up the match-point with a well taken goal.

Wexford - Linda Byrne (10-2), Noelle Doran, Ailish Adams, Bernie Holohan, Claire O'Connor, Joan Redmond (0-2), Rose Breen (0-1), Michelle O'Leary (0-1), Bernie Higgins (2-4), Aoife O'Connor (1-3), Ailish Kavanagh (1-1), Su Kinsella (1-1).

Subs: Anne Cousins for Kinsella, Pearl Kinsella for Higgins, Cathriona Kinsella for Higgins.

CAMOGIE

Congratulations to Colaiste Bho who won the Senior Colleges.

Leinster final last Sunday. Carlow. They beat Loreto Kilkenny in a tough encounter on a scoreline of 1-6 to 0-5. They travel north to play St. Patrick's Meaghra on Saturday next.

March. Rathnure were represented by Claire O'Connor, Michelle O'Leary (capt), Bernie Holohan, Elaine Holohan, Laura Murphy, Niamh O'Connor and Fidel Hogan. Well done girls and good wishes of the club go to you next weekend. Also in

Colleges, St. Mary's, New R have reached the Leinster final. They played a draw with Loreto Kilkenny. Representing Rathnure were Grace Hearn, Roisin C and Stacey O'Connell. The club are trying to get together a sh history and we would like any with photographs or articles for papers or anything of interest contact any of the committee members as soon as possible.

hope to have a small display in Talbot Hotel on the weekend Congress, 27th to 29th March. are forging ahead with plans for Feile on the weekend of June 2 to 29th.

Note - A 16 seater mini bus will travel to the Colaiste Bho on Saturday week, contact Bernie 55714 for further details and bookings.



The Clare senior camogie team. Front, from left: Maire McMahon, Joanne Frost, Aine Nic Cormaic, Marie Collins, Orla Slattery, Ann Keane. Back, from left: Noelle Comyns, Debbie McDonagh, Sinead O'Brien, Edel Arthur, Deirdre Murphy, Catherine O'Loughlin. Subs not in photo are: Pauline O'Brien, Sinead McMahon, Linda Quinn, Mairead Twomey, Marian Costelloe, Dymphna Killeen, Shiela Nihill

Colaiste Bríde girls seek spot in decider

Ronan Fagan

Colaiste Bríde's present generation of camogie players will this weekend be bidding to bring their school to a stage in the All-Ireland Schools senior 'A' championship that they have never been in before - the final!

Previously Colaiste Bríde contested national semi-finals in 1972, '74 and 1996 only to come out on the wrong side on each occasion.

But the newly crowned Leinster champions are determined to this weekend negotiate the final obstacle that stands between them and a place in the decider, against either St. Mary's of Charleville (Cork) or St. Raphael's of Loughrea (Galway).

Colaiste Bríde's semi-final opponents St. Patrick's of Maghera were the surprise packets in this year's Ulster championship, with an injury-time goal from captain Claire McNicholls earning her side a dramatic 1-10 to 2-6 win over the provincial holders, St. Mary's of Magherafelt a few short weeks ago.

Colaiste Bríde must now make the long trek to Bellaghy in county Derry for their latest assignment.

But coach Elva Moriarty is not overly worried by the fact that her charges must travel such a great distance.

"In one way it's disappointing that we have to travel such a distance, but in another way it's a kind of reward for the girls winning the Leinster title", Elva feels.

"Usually the home team will perform better, but we don't see any reason why anyone should start writing us off.

"My main task will be to

ensure that the girls will stay calm and remain focused - that will be very important," the manager stresses.

"St. Pat's only won the Ulster final by a point. Apart from that I don't know much about them, other than the fact that they are a physical team.

"But we managed to overcome the physical strength of Loreto Kilkenny in the Leinster final and that should stand to our girls on Saturday," Elva hopes. "That final was our biggest test so far, and the girls passed it with flying colours."

But the coach is guarding against her players becoming complacent, although she feels that they have the maturity to take every game as it comes and not to start dreaming of All-Ireland glory just yet.

And some Wexford hurling stars are putting their weight behind Colaiste Bríde's title charge, sharing their vast knowledge of what it takes to win with captain Michelle O'Leary and company.

"Eamon Scallan told the girls to first of all focus on the first-half and when they get into the dressing room at half-time to then address any problems that they may be having," Elva explained.

"Tom Dempsey is going to meet the players on Thursday to psyche them up and get them keyed in for Saturday's match," she added.

"Essentially to get past St. Pat's we must start putting more scores on the board. I see no reason why our girls cannot do so, because we have 12 brilliant players on the field and another 12 on the sideline."



Colaiste Bríde coach Elva Moriarty and team captain Michelle O'Leary show the Dr. Stuart Cup off to Echo photographer Tom Wemyss following their recent win over Loreto, Kilkenny in the Leinster Schools senior 'A' camogie championship final. The provincial champions travel to meet their Ulster counterparts in the All-Ireland semis this weekend.

All-Ireland Schools Senior Camogie semi-final: St Patrick's Maghera v St Bridget's

Maghera in need of net inspiration

THE All-Ireland senior camogie semi-final could well conjure up a shock result tomorrow (Bellaghy, 12pm).

If St Patrick's Maghera attack starts to deliver as it did in the first half of their semi-final against St Louise's then St Bridget's Enniscorthy can expect a tough game.

However it will be goals which will see St Patrick's through and this has not exactly been their strong point.

Ulster sides have not done particularly well in the All-Ireland series since Sacred Heart Newry captured the title in 1971.

St Louis Kilkeel lost two All-Ireland finals in 1973 and 1975 and Sarah Anne Quinn took Loreto Coleraine within a point of the prize three years later.

But St Patrick's Keady (1989) and St Patrick's Maghera (1994) were decisively outscored when they reached the decider.

Now Maghera stand a good chance of making this year's final despite having to face traditionally strong Leinster opposition.

St Bridget's Enniscorthy won the 1996 provincial title as well as this year's and are an experienced side.

But this is potentially Maghera's strongest-ever senior line out - not that this looked the case in their Ulster final single point defeat of neighbours St Mary's Magherafelt.

They struggled then but as captain Claire McNicholls pointed out afterwards,

this was a battle of the minds.

In her seven years at the school, St Mary's had prevented her claiming more than a first year Ulster medal. Defeats in the past three years had hoisted a psychological barrier which was difficult to overcome.

The loss of Brenda McGuckin (hamstring injury) and Shauna McGuigan (school trip) added to manager Anne Quinn's problems but her side showed some character in the last 10 minutes to squeeze through.

With McGuckin and McGuigan back on board, and less of a hang-up about the opposition, Maghera can improve beyond recognition for Saturday's Enniscorthy test. The big problem will be whether to include both absentees and who to leave out.

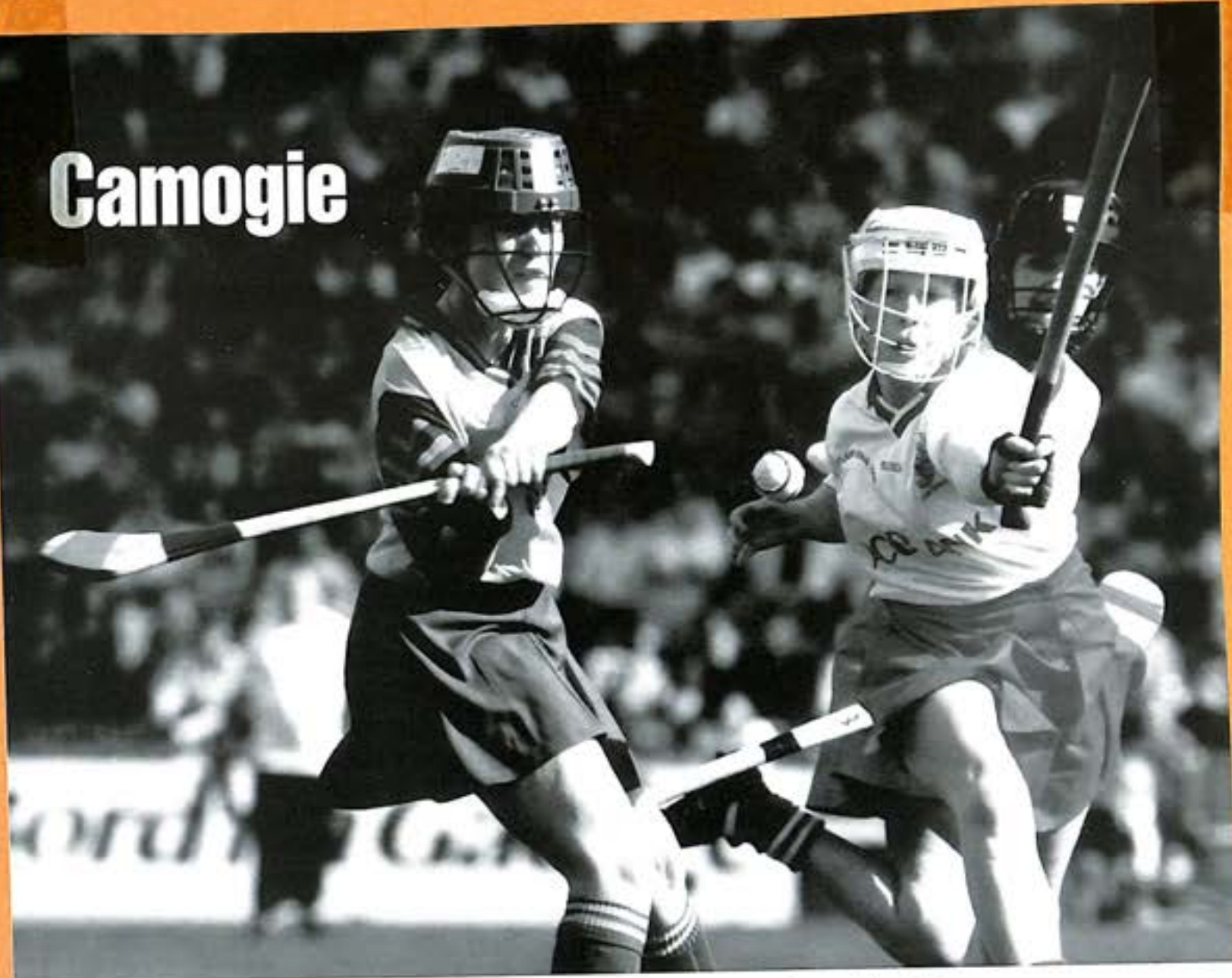
All-Ireland Schools senior semi-finals: St Pat's Maghera v St Bridget's Enniscorthy (Bellaghy 12pm)
St Bridget's Loughrea v St Mary's Charleville (Loughrea 2.30)

Ulster minor League:
Teemore (2.00) Fermanagh v Antrim
Sunday National Senior League: Ahoghill (2.00) Antrim v Galway; Lisroisk (2.30) Down v Armagh; Bennettsbridge (3.00) Kilkenny v Clare
National Junior League: Athleague (2.30); Fosccommon v Offaly; Virginia (12.00) Cavan v Westmeath; Lisroisk (1.00) Down v Donegal; Mary I College (1.30) Limerick v Tipperary; Bennettsbridge (1.30) Kilkenny v Clare
Maguire Cup: Glenullin (2.30) Derry v Tyrone
Ulster Minor League: Glenullin (1.00) Derry v Tyrone; Virginia (2.00) Cavan v Monaghan

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Dublin are to take part in the National senior Camogie League. This was confirmed recently. It was a big surprise when the County withdrew from the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland senior championship last year. However the County were having problems and since then have put a lot into team building. Dublin will go into division 1 along with Armagh, Antrim, Down and Galway.

Division 2 consists of Kilkenny, Clare, Cork, Wexford and Tipperary. The top two teams from each division will go through to the semi-finals. The senior league will commence on March 1st with the continuation of the junior league.

When Cork set out to defend their National senior league title against Tipperary they will be short of one of their most prominent players over the years. Sandy Fitzgibbon, a versatile player for the Rebel County has called it a day at Inter-County level. Sandy, an International Basketball player was the first player to win three All-Ireland Minor Championship medals. Holder of six All-Ireland senior Championship medals, All-Ireland Colleges, Club and Gael Linn medals. Sandy is the recipient of two National Irish Bank Awards.

The Glen Rovers club player will be hard to replace. Trainer Tom Nott and his selectors have lots of talent to choose from.

All-Ireland Intermediate champions, Tipperary are making their debut in senior ranks against Cork. They have the venue. However the experience of the champions should set them off on the winning trail.

There are three other senior fixtures for March 1st. All-Ireland junior champions Antrim have the venue against Galway. This is a good spirited Antrim side. However, they may find Galway

carrying too much strength on the day.

Dublin host Down. The Mourne girls have the experience to collect points, but Dublin are sure to put in a good performance. Clare travel to take on last years beaten finalists Kilkenny. This should be an entertaining encounter with the home side tipped to collect the points.

Further senior fixtures for March 8th: First named have the venue.

Cork v Wexford.....

Down v Armagh.....

March 15th: Galway v Down.....

Kilkenny v Tipperary

March 22nd: Wexford v Clare.....

Antrim v Armagh

The junior league continues after the winter break.

The following is the table:

Zone (A)	P.W.L.D. Total	Zone (B)	P.W.L.D. Total
Cork	2 2 0 0 4	Down	2 2 0 0 4
Limerick	1 1 0 0 2	Deery	2 1 1 0 2
Tipperary	1 1 0 0 2	Antrim	2 1 1 0 2
Kilkenny	2 0 2 0 0	Tyrone	1 0 1 0 0
Clare	2 0 2 0 0	Donegal	1 0 1 0 0
Zone (C)	P.W.L.D. Total	Zone (D)	P.W.L.D. Total
Armagh	2 2 0 0 4	Galway	2 2 0 0 4
Wexford	2 2 0 0 4	Offaly	2 1 1 0 2
Dublin	2 0 1 1 1	Cavan	1 1 0 0 2
Carlow	2 0 1 1 1	Roscommon	2 0 2 0 0
Kildare	2 0 2 0 0	Westmeath	1 0 1 0 0

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At the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools AGM recently Miriam O'Callaghan, Offaly was elected President to succeed Kathleen Henry who has completed her term of Office. Other Officers elected: Vice-President Sheila Morgan, Cork, Secretary: Mary Morgan, Cork Treasurer: Lily Spence, Antrim.

In the 1998-99 season onwards there will be two additional All-Ireland competitions senior B and Junior B Championships. These are to accommodate weaker schools and the majority of Vocational Schools. The age limit for the two All-Ireland junior championships (A&B) will be altered to under 16 on January 1st as and from the 1998-99 season.

DATES FOR THE ALL IRELAND POST PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIPS:

March 7th:
Senior semi-finals:
Connacht v Munster... Ulster v
Leinster

March 14th:
Junior semi-finals:
Munster v Connacht... Leinster v
Ulster

April 4th:
All-Ireland finals.

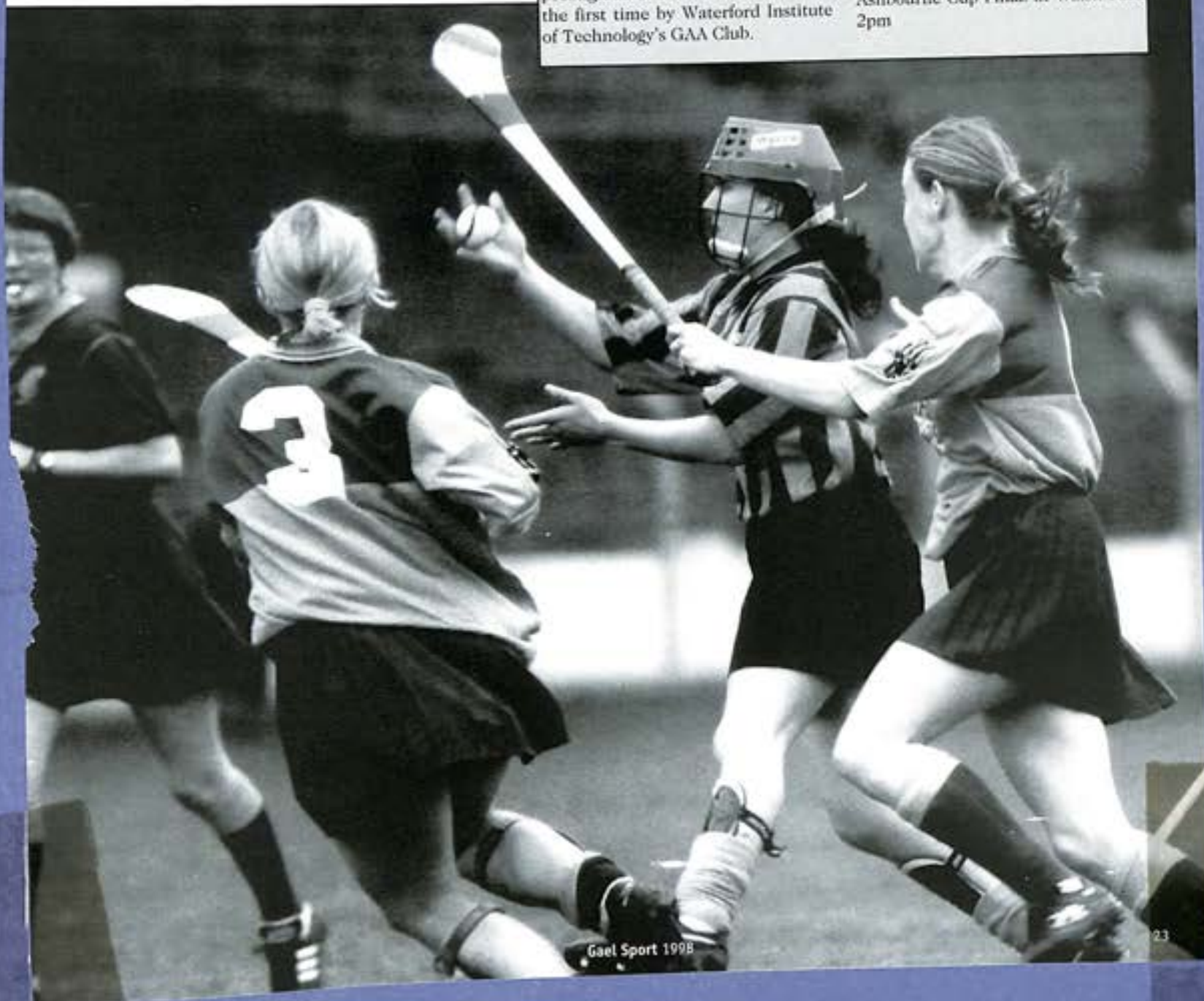
May 2nd:
All-Ireland Sevens.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST:
Cup Semi-finals:
Winners of UCC/UCG v Winners
Queens/UCD
at De La Salle 12.15pm
Winners of UUJ/WIT v Winners
UL/Athlone RTC
at Mount Sion 1.45pm

Ashbourne Shield Semi-finals:
Losers of UUJ/WIT v Losers
Queens/UCD at Mount Sion 11.30am
Losers UCC/UCG v Losers
UL/Athlone RTC at Roanmore 1pm

The Ashbourne Cup and Shield semi-finals and finals will take place on February 21st & 22nd. The prestigious event will be hosted for the first time by Waterford Institute of Technology's GAA Club.

Sunday February 22nd:
Ashbourne Shield Final: at
Roanmore, 12.30pm
Ashbourne Cup Final: at Walsh Park
2pm





The Clare Under 16 camogie team. Front, from left: Doreen Tuohy, Sharon Coleman, Amy Collieran, Emer Horan, Catriona Gallagher, Sinead Treacy, Clare Acres, Margaret Littleton, Rosemarie Tierney. Back, from left: Aoife Ryan, Louise O'Brien, Nicole O'Meara, Bridget O'Halloran, Ann O'Regan, Ann O'Sullivan, Aoife O'Connell, Patricia Nihill, Maurn McKeogh, Edel McMahon

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DOWN Memory lane...

WHILE Cork's hurling might has somewhat weakened the county has always had good camogie players. These girls were the Cork team that played Galway in the Ashbourne Cup in February 1928 at the Mardyke.

Does this picture bring back any memories for you? Why not drop us a line and share your reminiscences with other readers. (Ref: 123A).

Cork look good for second league win

CORK play their second game in the National Senior Camogie League tomorrow when they play hosts to Wexford in Pairc Uí Rinn (1.30).

Following last Sunday's narrow victory over Tipperary, the selectors will be hoping for an improved performance to maintain the county's challenge for a semi-final spot.

The corresponding game last year ended in a draw, with Wexford cutting a big Cork lead to take a share of the points. However when the teams last met, in the All-Ireland championship semi-final, Cork had 21 points to spare.

League games are a different proposition, however, and, as they did last weekend, the Cork selectors are sure to include a few new faces in

the side for tomorrow's clash.

Wexford will be without four members of their panel, who will be involved in All-Ireland Colleges duty with Seol Naomh Brid on Saturday, whilst Cork's Sinead O'Callaghan will also be on duty with Charleville today in their semi-final clash.

This is Wexford's opening tie in the league and this will surely benefit Cork.

The club scene continued to be dominated by the Under 18 Championship, with Cloughduv and St. Finbarrs meeting in the semi final.

Cloughduv must be regarded as firm favourites for this one following their one point victory over holders Courcy Rovers in a thrilling encounter.



ST. RAPHAEL'S College, Loughrea senior camogie Connacht champions, who play St. Mary's, Charleville in the All-Ireland semi-final on Saturday next. Standing, left to right: Catriona Kelly, Sinead Moynihan, Paula Hynes, Charlotte O'Regan, Clare Spellman, Aoife Connolly, Michelle Maher, Mary Spellman, Laura Burns, Martina Keely. Front: Mary Fahy, Thelma Hogan, Eilish Connolly, Colette Newin, Aideen Glynn, Therese Maher (captain), Norena Healy, Doreen Kelly and Clare Forde.

Double defeat by Cork

NATIONAL JUNIOR LEAGUE

Cork..... 4-5
Tipperary..... 0-3
In the Junior League game played on Sunday last, Tipperary were defeated by Cork by fourteen points. However, the scoreline did not reflect the true picture. Granted, on the day, Cork were the superior team but Tipperary conceded three very soft goals and wasted some very good opportunities.

Tipperary have already beaten Clare in the first round and now play Limerick on Sunday next.

A win against Limerick is vital but Tipperary will have to up their performance considerably if they are to have a say in the latter stages of this league.

Tipperary - Louise Ryan (Hollycross); Siobhan Maxwell (Toomevara); Niamh Connolly (Templemore); Philomena Fogarty (Cashel); Aileen Delaney (Toomevara); Debbie Carroll (Kilruane); Elsie Moloney (St. Bernadette's); Muiréann O'Donoghue (Moycarkey); Alice Deane (Kilruane); Fiona Butler (Knockavilla); Maria Harkin (Drom-Inch); Mary Looby (Drom-Inch).

Substitutes - Nichola Kennedy, Marie White, Niamh Harkin.

NATIONAL SENIOR LEAGUE

Cork..... 3-4
Tipperary..... 1-7
IN the senior game which followed, Cork also defeated Tipperary but the margin here was only three points.

Tipperary were trailing

by two points at the interval, 1-3 to 0-4, their scores coming from Triona Bonnar (0-1), Jovita Delaney (0-1) and Cathriona Hennessy (0-2).

Scores for both sides were hard to come by in the second half as both sets of backs were playing brilliantly. Fifteen minutes had lapsed before Cathriona Hennessy (Tipperary) opened the scoring with a point from a 30-metre free. Cork replied a minute with a well taken point from play. Cork got the first of their two goals of the second half in the 18th minute to go five points ahead.

However, Ciara Gaynor replied almost immediately with a brilliantly taken goal from a free hit in low from Cathriona Hennessy.

Eimear McDonnell, who replaced Triona Bonnar, scored a point in the 20th minute, and Cathriona Hennessy brought the sides level two minutes later.

However, Tipperary failed to score in the last eight minutes. Cork scored the winning goal with five minutes remaining.

Tipperary had chances to at least share the points had they taken the opportunities presented to them. However, this was a very good performance by this Tipperary team who were without the services of the experienced Noelle Kennedy and Deirdre Hughes and the selectors can be well pleased.

Tipperary - Nora Egan (Toomevara); Emily Hayden (Cashel); Sinead Nealon (Burgess); Suzanne Kelly (Toomevara); Claire Madden (Portroe);

Maeva Stokes (Cashel); Una O'Dwyer (Cashel); Therese Brophy (Burgess); Triona Bonnar (Cashel); Ciara Gaynor (Kilruane); Jovita Delaney (Cashel); Cathriona Hennessy (Drom-Inch).

Substitutes - Eimear McDonnell (Burgess); Helen Kiely (Drom-Inch).

COLLEGES

In the Senior and Junior League finals played on Saturday last in Belfield, Dublin, there were wins for Waterford IT, who defeated UUJ in the Senior, and Athlone RTC in the Junior.

COUNTY MINOR TRIALS

The following players are requested to attend county trials in the Camogie Field, The Ragg, at 3 pm sharp, on Saturday next, 7th March - Burgess: Aime Kissane; Cashel: Norma Coffey; Philomena Fogarty; Mary Barron; Maura Tarant; Drom-Inch: Deirdre Delaney, Bridget Ryan, Norma Harrington, Niamh Harkin, Theresa Maher, Breeda O'Halloran; Hollycross: Louise Ryan; Lorrha: Sinead O'Sullivan; Moneygall: Ashling Kennedy, Aileen Jones; Portroe: Jennifer O'Halloran, Caran O'Brien; Silvermines: Denise Ryan, Siobhan McCarthy; St. Cronan's: A. Minogue, E. Dooley, Ellen Stapleton, T. Brennan; Templemore: Linda Grogan, Norma Maher, Lorraine Bourke, Bridin Jones; Toomevara: Anna Woods, Mary Rose Ryan, Therese Maxwell; Thurles: Niamh O'Dwyer; Knockavilla: Mary Grogan, Helen Breen.

Galway travel north for camogie league opener

THE Galway senior camogie team will travel to Antrim on Sunday next to take on the home team in the first round of the National Senior League.

Galway, last year's beaten All-Ireland finalists, take on a confident Antrim team which won last year's All-Ireland junior title. With Jim Neilson in charge, they are one of the upcoming sides with players of the calibre of Grace McMullan, Denise O'Boyle, Cathriona Higgins and Bronagh O'Neill.

However, Galway will travel to this game confident of taking two points. They resumed training four weeks ago and the introduction of some of last year's minor winning side plus the experienced players should see them through.

Galway will be looking to Pam Nevin, this year's captain Olivia Broderick, Pearses players Sharon Glynn, Ann Forde and Louise Curry fresh from their All-Ireland club title win, and new players like Therese Maher, Lourda Kavanagh and Alibhne Kelly.

Finally, on a sad note, Galway camogie circles and hurling circles alike were shocked last week by the sudden and untimely death of Gerry Uniacke. Gerry, husband of Martina Uniacke, Secretary of the Galway County Camogie Board, will be sadly

missed by his friends in the camogie association.

Gerry was a true supporter of the game of hurling and camogie and came from a strong G.A.A. family. The Galway County Camogie Board would like to offer its heartfelt sympathy to Martina, her family and all of Gerry's family.

Untroubled Cork leave Wexford trailing

Cork 1-21
Wexford 0-4

CORK never looked troubled in this, their second National League game at Páirc Uí Rinn.

They settled well and had 1-3 on the board before Wexford opened their account - the Cork goal coming in the 9th minute from Miriam Deasy, after a long delivery from centrefield from Fiona O'Driscoll.

Further points from Lynn Dunlea stretched Cork's lead. Wexford had two points from Aine Codd and Kate Kelly, but Cork continued to dominate adding five points without reply, to leave them 1-10 to 0-3 ahead at the break.

The second half continued much as the first with Cork totally in control. They added a further eleven points to Wexford's solitary one, and in truth, Cork were never troubled.

Cork newcomers Ursula Troy, Eileen Buckley, and in particular, Miriam Deasy, who contributed 1-3, can be pleased with their performance.

The win gives Cork top points from two games and with Kilkenny and Clare to come, they are in a comfortable position.

Scores: Cork - L. Dunlea 0-6, M. Deasy 1-3, F. O'Driscoll 0-7, L. O'Keefe 0-2, M. O'Connor, V. Harris and U. Troy 0-1 each.
Wexford - K. Kelly 0-3, A. Codd 0-1.

CORK: C. Keohane, E. Duggan, D. Cronin, E. Buckley, M. Finn, U. Troy, M. O'Connor, V. Harris, F. O'Driscoll, L. O'Keefe, M. Deasy, L. Dunlea. Sub. L. O'Sullivan for F. O'Driscoll.
WEXFORD: M. Hearne, S. Carr, S. Dunne, H. Jacob, A. Codd, M. Kelly, E. Carroll, K. Kelly, M. O'Leary, B. Higgins, E. Kavanagh, B. Murphy.

Referee: M. Pollard (Waterford).

Wexford crushed by Cork

CORK 1-21, WEXFORD 0-4: Jack O'Brien's under-strength Wexford side were shown the full power of Cork camogie at Páirc Uí Rinn on Sunday.

While the visitors had just three of last year's championship side on view, the All-Ireland winners were at near full strength.

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Wexford's collection of youngsters, with a scattering of experience from the likes of Bernie Higgins and Marion O'Leary were never likely to salvage a win.

The occasion provided St. Ibar's keeper Michelle Hearne with a chance to shine and she responded with a string of great saves.

Under 16 player Helena Jacob from Oulart, gave a spirited display at corner back despite after lining out the previous day in far

To centre back Aine Codd from St. Martin's fell the task of keeping the great Fiona O'Driscoll on some sort of leash.

The Cork star managed seven points but at least her marker had the satisfaction of belting a point in reply nearly the length of the pitch.

The other Wexford scorer was Kate Kelly of St. Ibar's who struck twice from frees and once from play on a day when Wexford's forwards laboured hard for no reward.

Wexford's star outfield player was Oulart's Fiona Dunne who slotted in at full back as though born to the job.

WEXFORD: Michelle Hearne, Fiona Dunne, Sandy Carr, Helena Jacob, Aine Codd (0-1), Mag Kelly, Emma Carroll, Kate Kelly (0-3), Marion O'Leary, Brenda Murphy, Bernie Higgins, Eilish Kavanagh. Subs: Edwina Roche, Catherine Doyle.

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Camogie Boards to Launch Patron Scheme

The Tipperary County Camogie Board will launch their "Patron Scheme" to raise money for the provision of dressing rooms, etc. at their Camogie Grounds in the Ragg, in the Sarsfields Social Centre this Wednesday night at 9 p.m.

This scheme is so called because everyone who contributes to our appeal will become a "Patron" of Tipperary Camogie. The Camogie Board will be looking for voluntary contributions from companies, sporting organisations, private individuals, etc.

This scheme, it is hoped, will realise approximately £120,000 over a three year period.

The county will be divided into sections. Volunteers will canvass each section. The board are appealing to all who have the well-being of the camogie players of Tipperary at heart, to come to this launch, and show support for this venture.

This is a once-off venture. When the development is completed, it will provide the basic and much needed facilities for our camogie players that our hurlers and footballers have been enjoying for the past 15 to 20 years.

A model of the proposed building will be on show at the launch.

● DOWN were too strong for Armagh in yesterday's Senior Camogie League game against Armagh in Attical, winning by 4-14 to 2-4.

Fielding only Nuala Magee from county champions Liatroim Fontenoy's, the Mourne youngsters controlled the game from start to finish, with the three McGovern sisters, Claire McGrath and Attical pair Clara Cunningham and Angeline Fearon most impressive.

Camogie Results - National Senior League: Down 4-14 Armagh 2-4, Antrim 2-4 Galway 2-6, Kilkenny 3-14 Clare 2-3, Cork 1-22 Wexford 0-4
National Junior League: Kilkenny 3-7 Clare 0-1

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Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael
Coiste na nIarbhunscoileanna

All-Ireland Senior Championship
Semi-final

Coláiste Naomh Bríd, Inis Córthaidh

v.

Coláiste Naomh Pádraig, Machaire Rátha

Réiteoir : Belle Uí Lochlainn
(Rinn Mhic Giolla Ruaidh, An Dún)

Dé Sathairn 7ú Márta 1998, 12.00.
Páirc Wolfe Tone, Baile Eochaidh

Clár Oifigiúil
40 p

CAMOGIE *Enniscorthy in full control in Ulster test*

Bright start sees Colaiste Bride through to All Ireland

Colaiste Bride Enniscorthy 3-9, St. Patrick's Maghera 1-1: Enniscorthy's Colaiste Bride booked their place in the All-Ireland senior camogie final on Saturday.

They made light of the long trip across the Border to defeat the champions of Derry and Ulster in their own back yard by a whopping 14 points.

After heavy rainfall, the game, originally scheduled for Bellaghy, was switched several times before a quick-dry-

ing pitch in Maghera was eventually confirmed as the venue. After staying in Monaghan overnight, the Wexford representatives found the setting immediately to their liking and made the brightest of starts.

Goals from Jenny Codd and Elaine Holohan within a couple of minutes of the throw-in made sure that they held the initiative from the beginning. Maghera had some good hurlers and they scored a goal of their own just before the

break but they never really overcame this initial handicap.

When Jenny Codd from Duffry Rovers raised her second green flag of the day shortly after the resumption, all prospects of an upset disappeared. Also in good scoring form was the vastly experienced Michelle O'Leary who picked off three points from midfield.

It was very discouraging for the Derry girls to run into a full back of

the calibre of Noelle Murphy who put in some booming clearances. They also had to cope with a powerhouse midfield in which team captain O'Leary was teamed up with the tireless Rose-Marie Breen.

Indeed, the margin of victory might have been greater but for some uncharacteristic waywardness from free-taker Elaine Holohan. The winners are now due to play the winners from the Cork v Galway half

of the draw, probably in Tullamore on Saturday, April 4.

Colaiste Bride: Antoinette Murphy, Noelle Murphy, Helena Jacob, Bernie Holohan (0-2), Claire O'Connor, Sandra Murphy, Rose-Marie Breen (0-1), Michelle O'Leary (0-3), Marie Dempsey (0-1), Elaine Holohan (1-2), Jenny Codd (2-0), Siobhan Gahan.

Reserves: Bridget Stafford, Sandra Hogan, Fidelma Hogan, Laura Murphy, Tricia Breen, Breda Bolger, Fiona Murphy, Grace Kelly, Niamh O'Connor, Tricia Quigley, Sharon Farrington.