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## Gala All Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Final

### Galway Championship Panel 2008

#### Player Profiles



**Name:** Sinead Cahalan

**Club:** Mullagh

**Age:** 22

**Honours:** 1 All Ireland Junior medal '03, 1 All Ireland Intermediate medal '04, 1 All Star '05, 2 Club county medals underage, 1 Pan Celtic '07, 1 Senior Gael Linn '08, 1 Ashbourne shield with Mary I '05.

**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling):** Captain of the Galway senior camogie team!



**Name:** Brenda Kerins

**Club:** Ardrahan

**Age:** 25

**Honours:** 1 Senior Gael Linn '08, Junior All Ireland '03, Intermediate All Ireland '04



**Name:** Sandra Tannion

**Club:** St. Thomas

**Ages:** 28

**Honours:** 8 All Ireland Voc Schools medals, 2 minor All Irelands '94 '96, 1 junior All Ireland '98, 1 Purcell cup, 2 Gael Linn, 1 Senior League, 1 club Intermediate, 3 north American title's with Eire Og Boston.



**Liam Donoghue (Clarinbridge)**

*Captain of Galway in 2005 Senior Hurling Final*

*Won All-Ireland Minor title in 1992, along with Twin Brother Michael*

*Won U-21 medal in 1993 as sub goalie*

*Won County championship with Clarinbridge in 2001; Lost All-Ireland Club final to Birr*

*NHL, Oireachtas, Railway Cup medals*

*Clada Group Sales representative*



**Damien Coleman (Portumna)**

*Won All-Ireland U21 medal in 1993 & Railway Cup 1995*

*County Championship medals 03 & 05 & All-Ireland Club medallist 06*

*Part of Portumna management in 08 All-Ireland Club success*

*Part of Sharon Glynn management team that won 2005 national league*

*Married to Veronica Curtin*

*Connacht Hurling Director*



**Name:** Sarah Dervan

**Club:** Mullagh

**Age:** 21

**Honours:** U14 Feile Skills winner, U12, u14 & U16 county medal, Ashbourne & Freshers with UL, 1 Gael Linn '08, Pan Celtic '07, Connacht Junior medal  
**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling):** Brothers Conor and Cathal are members of the Galway hurling panel

## **Galway Senior Camogie Team Management**





**Name: Veronica Curtin**

**Club: Kinvara**

**Ages: 28**

**Honours: 1 minor All-Ireland '94, 1 junior All-Ireland 94, player of the match in both All-Irelands '94, 1 senior All-Ireland '96, 2 senior Gael Linn, 1 junior Gael Linn & 2 All Stars.**



**Name: Lizzie Flynn**

**Club: Davitts**

**Ages: 25**

**Honours: 1 county junior All-Ireland title, 1 Intermediate All-Ireland title, 5 Senior County club titles, 1 Senior Gael Linn '08, numerous underage titles with Davitts**



**Name: Niamh Kilkenny**

**Club: Pearses**

**Age: 19**

**Honours: 1 All Ireland minor, Connacht schools title, 1 senior Gael Linn '08**

**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling): Sister Orla also on Galway team**



**Name: Catriona Cormican**

**Club: St Gabriel's**

**Age: 20**

**Honours: All Ireland minor, All Ireland U16 & minor, 1 Senior Gael Linn '08**  
**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling): Another member of the Galway Senior Ladies Gaelic Football team who played Cork in the All Ireland Quarter final.**



**Name: Ann Broderick (Davitts)**

**1996 All-Ireland winners' medal**

**1995 Galway camogie player of Year**

**Played in 3 All-Ireland club finals with Davitts**

**Junior All-Ireland Medal**

**Her brother is former All-Star hurler Kevin**

**Senior lab analyst in Beckman Coulter**



**Name: Deirdre Burke**

**Club: St Thomas**

**Age: 23**

**Honours: 1 All Ireland medal '00, 3 Ashbourne medals with UL, 1 Senior Gael Linn '08**

**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling): brother David Galway Minor hurling captain '08, brother Sean with Galway U21 hurling team.**



**Name: Lourda Kavanagh**

**Club: Davitts**

**Ages: 27**

**Honours: 2 county All Ireland minor titles '96 & '97, 1 county Junior All-Ireland title '98, 5 county club senior medals, 2 College Shield titles with NUIG, 2 Senior Gael-titles '00 & '08, All Ireland Kilmacud 7's title '00, Senior Pan Celtic title '00**





**Name: Orla Kilkenny**

**Club: Pearses**

**Age: 25**

**Honours: 3 senior club All Irelands, 2 Ashbourne Cup medals with UL, 1 minor All-Ireland, 2 club All-Ireland 7's, 1 Gael Linn '08**

**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling): Sister Niamh also on Galway team**



**Name: Lorraine Ryan**

**Club: Killimordaly**

**Ages: 19**

**Honours: 1 county minor title '04, junior schools All-Ireland title with Presentation College Athenry, Club League, Championship & Connacht titles, 1 Senior Gael-Linn '08.**

**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling): Aunt Anne Forde was a member of the successful 1996 Galway senior camogie team**



**Name: Jessica Gill**

**Club: Athenry**

**Age: 18**

**Honours: 2 Kilmacud medals, 1 Minor All Ireland, School junior All Ireland, Senior Gael Linn '08, 2 county finals.**

**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling): Galway Player of the year '07, Connacht young Player of the year '07.**



**Name: Caroline Kelly**

**Club: Davitts**

**Age: 21**

**Honours: Ashbourne cup/shield, numerous under age titles U10 – U18, 3 county senior titles, 1 All Ireland junior, 1 Senior Gael Linn '08**



**Name: Sarah Noone**

**Club: Ahascragh**

**Age: 20**

**Honours: All Ireland U16 '04, 1 Purcell cup with Athlone IT, Gael Linn '08, Junior All Ireland '03, Intermediate All Ireland '04**

**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling): Sarah is also a member of Galway Senior Ladies Gaelic football team**



**Name: Susan Keane**

**Club: Killimor**

**Age: 22**

**Honours: All Ireland Freshers '08, All Ireland junior and intermediate medals '03 '04 Junior inter provincial '06 & senior '08, All Star nomination '06, Kilmacud Crokes Player of tournament '06, 1 Gael Linn '08.**





**Name: Anne-Marie Hayes**

**Club: Killimor**

**Age: 24**

**Honours: All Ireland minor, Intermediate & Junior medals, 3 Schools Connacht medals, 1 School Football Connacht medal, 2 Gael Linn medals, 1 All Star '04, 1 Ashbourne Shield medal.**



**Name: Therese Maher**

**Club: Athenry**

**Age: 27**

**Honours: 2 All Ireland minor '96 & '97, 2 Gael Linn '00 & '08, 2 Kilmacud 7's '05 '07, 1 Ashbourne Shield, 1 Senior League '05, 2 club county finals, Galway camogie player of the year '98, 1 All Star '05**



**Name: Susan Earner**

**Club: Eyrecourt**

**Age: 22**

**Honours: minor All Ireland '00, All Ireland Senior League '05, junior All Ireland & League '03, Galway player of the year '03, Intermediate All Ireland, All Ireland senior Secondary school medal, 1 senior Gael Linn '08**



**Name: Ailbhe Kelly**

**Club: Davitts**

**Age: 26**

**Honours: 1 All Ireland junior '98, 2 All Ireland minor '96 '97, 5 county senior club titles, 2 Gael Linn '00 '08, All Ireland Kilmacud 7's '00, Pan Celtic '00, Senior League title**



**Name: Aine Hillary**

**Club: Pearses**

**Age: 30**

**Honours: All Ireland U 14. minor, junior & senior championship and league medals with Galway, 5 All Ireland club, 2 Kilmacud 7's, numerous county titles**

**Interesting Facts (relations in camogie/hurling): debut with Galway senior camogie versus Antrim '95, plays ladies football with Caltra (club of the great Meehan brothers)**



**Name: Therese Manton**

**Club: Mullagh**

**Age: 20**

**Honours: 2 Ashbourne with UCD '07 '08, 2 Connacht Voc School medals with Loughrea, Gael Linn '08, Pan Celtic with Mullagh '07. Player of the year for St Brigid's Voc School '06, Junior Connacht medals**





**Name:** Clodagh Glynn

**Club:** Kiltormer

**Ages:** 21

**Honours:** 1 Galway junior Connacht title, captained Galway U14 & minor teams, 1 junior club Connacht title, junior & senior schools Connacht titles, 1 Senior Schools Football title, 1 Senior Gael Linn '08



**Name:** Molly Dunne

**Club:** Eyrecourt

**Ages:** 21

**Honours:** Senior secondary school All Ireland, Purcell cup Gael Linn '08



**Name:** Paula Kenny

**Club:** Eyrecourt

**Ages:** 20

**Honours:** All Ireland U16 medal, 1 senior Gael Linn '08

## Volunteering Award for Liz Howard

Martin Cullen TD, Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism last week presented Liz Howard, from Tipperary with a National Award for her voluntary commitment to Irish sport.

Liz was honoured with 11 other people in a special ceremony – the 2009 National Awards to Volunteers in Irish Sport held in Farmleigh, Dublin. Her award was the National Administrator of the Year.

Liz Howard served as President of Cumann Camogaiochta na nGael from 2006 to 2009. She is synonymous with the sport of camogie. A talented and committed camogie player, as President, Liz acted upon her clear vision for the growth and development of the Association at all levels overseeing the implementation of the Association's first ever strategic plan.

Liz was instrumental in putting in place a first class full time team both at administrative and games development level. Liz focused on promoting the sport in a very positive manner and the profile of the game increased hugely during her time in office assisted to some extent by Liz's coup in ensuring the staging of the Senior All-Ireland Camogie Final on the same day as the U21 All-Ireland Hurling Final.

RTE television's first lady sports analyst, she also served as PRO for Tipperary GAA County board for many years and is a leading member of the Tipperary Association in Dublin.

Speaking at the presentation of the awards, Minister Martin Cullen said: "Irish people are passionate about

sport both as participants and spectators. In an age where time and community spirit are both valuable commodities, the commitment, generosity and contribution of these volunteers to our local communities and to Irish society deserve recognition.

The National Awards to Volunteers in Irish Sport is an initiative of the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism in conjunction with the Federation of Irish Sports which represents some 68 sports in Ireland. The scheme is supported by Setanta Sports, Servasport, the Community Foundation and the Irish Sports Council. This is the second time for the awards to be presented - they were previously presented in 2007.



24 February 2010; National Administrator of the Year Liz Howard, from Tipperary, is presented with her award by Irish Olympian Dr. Ronnie Delany, left, and Martin Cullen, TD, Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, at the Volunteers in Irish Sports Awards 2009. Farmleigh, Castleknock, Dublin.  
Picture credit: Brendan Moran / SPORTSFILE

## Holy Rosary girls are out of their depth in All-Ireland semi-final

Colaiste Choilm 2-12  
Holy Rosary College 0-3

EOGHAN CORMICAN  
AT MOUNTBELLEW

**CONNACHT Senior B camogie champions HRC Mountbellew failed in their bid to reach the All Ireland schools final when falling heavily to Colaiste Choilm, Balincollig last week in Mountbellew.**

Despite a gallant second half showing the Mountbellew girls were simply outclassed by a stronger, faster, and more skilful Balincollig side. The writing was on the wall as early as the 18th minute as the Mountbellew school trailed by five points and showed no signs of recovering the deficit.

Most of the damage up front was inflicted by lively half forwards Elaine Scally and Patricia Buttimer, who wreaked havoc from the plentiful supply of ball fed in by midfielders Sarah Buckley and Jessica Hennigan. Buttimer was particularly troublesome to the Mountbellew defence in the first half sniping two superb points, while Scally proved a constant thorn on the left wing.

Mountbellew danger woman Aine Mannion, who picked of 1-8 in the Connacht final, was never allowed the space and freedom required to seriously impact on the scoreboard. Indeed, at one turn, the Ahascragh centre forward gathered possession only to be swallowed up by a sea of blue jerseys. The dominant nature of the Balincollig defence was encapsulated by the fact that Mountbellew only hit one point from play over the hour.

The contest opened in whirlwind fashion with the Munster champions wasting little time in setting about their task. After seven minutes the forecast looked extremely worrying for Mountbellew as they trailed by 0-4 to 0-0. Aine Mannion converted a free subsequently, but it was to be her side's solitary score until Mannion herself converted a second free in first-half injury

time.

In the interim, Balincollig upped the tempo to a level which Mountbellew simply had no answer to. Sarah Buckley clipped over two frees and a '45 either side of a wonderful point from Patricia Buttimer. Further salt was added to Mountbellew's wounds when corner forward Emma Crowley registered the game's first goal on 27 minutes. The goal stretched the Cork schools' lead to ten points. A rout looked ominous.

Buckley further extended the Balincollig's advantage with a converted free. In response, the best Mountbellew could conjure up was a pointed free from the stick of Aine Mannion.

To be fair, Mountbellew did come agonisingly close to finding the back of the net. Half back Laura Donnellan burst through the heart of the Balincollig defence with a searing run, finding the unmarked Aileen Carthy with a superb hand pass, only for Carthy's effort to be brilliantly stopped by 'keeper Aileen Sheehan in the Balincollig goals.

Indeed, Sheehan brought off one outstanding second half stop from Michelle Burke at a time when a Mountbellew goal would have most certainly lifted the spirits of the home side.

Alas, there was to be no no was past Sheehan and the Balincollig attack continued to run riot in front of the Mountbellew goals. Sam Cooney fired over a point before substitute Niamh McCarthy struck for their second goal of the tie.

Kathy McDonagh, who had been redeployed from full back to full forward, registered Mountbellew's only score from play on the three quarter mark. Their best performers on the day were 'keeper Clodagh McGee, Kathy McDonagh, Laura Donnellan and Michelle Burke (first half).

**HRC Mountbellew:** C McGee, M Carroll, K McDonagh (0-1), L Kelly, L Donnellan, K Sommers, N Cunniffe, O Bergin, S Linehan, M Burke, A Mannion (0-2, 0-2 frees), C Fox, A Carthy, C McLoughlin, S Barnett. Subs: F Brehony for C Fox 15 mins, A Lally for C McLoughlin 36 mins, M Donnellan for F Brehony 41 mins.



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## St Al's first-half is enough

St Aloysius Carrigrohilly 3-6  
St Aidan's Community 1-4

ST ALOYSIUS Carrigrohilly set the foundations for victory with their first-half performance in this hard-fought Cork College's Intermediate B final in Carrigrohilly, writes MARY NEWMAN.

By the 20th minute they led 2-1 to no score as St Aidan's struggled to find their feet.

Shauna Keniry hit an early point before grabbing the opening goal inside the first quarter, and when Gillian O'Gorman hit St Al's second goal, St Aidan's looked in trouble.

St Al's held their heads and battled away and they were rewarded as Lauren Callanan struck an excellent point to get her side on the score board 23 minutes in.

From here to the half-time whistle St Aidan's won the majority of possession, but weakness in front of goal proved their downfall.

It was a much improved St Aidan's who resumed their second-half and with Edel O'Connell now operating at full-forward they had an excellent target player.

Inside five minutes of the restart she grabbed a goal, and three minutes later she hit a point as St Aidan's kept their foot on the pedal.

Stephanie Beausang and Shauna Keniry hit points as St Aloysius battled to maintain their lead.

Nicole Hickey grabbed a goal to steady St Al's, but still St Aidan's were threatening in front of goal. Sarah Gaffney was called on to make three good saves. Shauna Keniry and Stephanie Beausang pointed as Jennifer Hosford an O'Connell replied.

In the finish St Al's seven-point interval advantage which stood to them.

**Scorers for St Aloysius:** S Keniry 1-3, S Beausang 0-2 (0-1 45), N Hickey, G O'Gorman 1-0 each, P Kenneally 0-1.

**St Aidan's:** E O'Connell 1-2, J Hosford, L Callanan 0-1 each.

**ST ALOYSIUS:** S Gaffney, E Corry, C O'Connor, K O'Neill, C Daly, E O'Neill (c), K Comerford, S Beausang, N Hickey, P Kenneally, R Sheehan, S Keniry, R Long, G O'Gorman, A M Rahan.

**ST AIDAN'S:** C O'Sullivan, N O'Sullivan, L O'Sullivan, K Fitzgerald, A Noonan, S Callanan (c), J Hosford, A O'Keefe, L Callanan, E O'Connell, A Dowling, C Noonan, E Sheehan, J Lane, N Linehan.

**Sub:** C O'Connell for E Sheehan (t-t).

**Referee:** Danny O'Neill.

# How many sets of twins do you have?

By MARY NEWMAN  
Camogie news

**SARSFIELDS camogie club have issued a challenge to clubs in Cork to see can they beat the unusual feat of having six sets of twins lining out in their club colours.**

From their U7 to U14 team the club mentors have to be on their toes as they line out the players in their positions.

The Allen's, Lucy and Julie, are the oldest lining out for the U14s; while the Casey's, Chloe and Emma, are on the U13 squad.

It must be double, double trouble for the mentors of the U12 team as Jessie and Kelly Lyons and Aisling and Sinead O'Brien are all eligible, thus giving the U12s two sets of twins in their line-out of 15 players.

The U11s have the Brennan's, Tori and Kate; while the U7s have the McAllen's, Olivia and Aisling.

While it may be confusing now for the mentors on the various teams to work out who is who just imagine when the all the girls reach junior or senior level what fun there will be with six sets of twins on the same team.

Sars have issued the challenge, so now can any other camogie club beat it?

If you can let us know on results-camogie@gmail.com.

● Mary Moran is currently working on new publications which will see the history of camogie updated.

Mary has already many publications to her credit, but she is now calling on former camogie players from clubs through the length and breadth of Cork to come along and share stories with her.

"Everybody is welcome, particularly the more senior people. Everybody has a story and when one starts it reminds others of things that happened to them.

"Maybe it would be little things that went wrong, or just how being involved affected their life."

Mary has a vast collection of scrapbooks which document each year and



**SARSFIELDS TWINS:** Back Row (L/R): Jessie and Kelly Lyons, Chloe and Emma Casey, Lucy and Julie Allen. Front Row (L/R): Olivia and Aisling McAllen, Tori and Kate Brennan, Aisling and Sinead O'Brien.

her attention to detail is second to none.

Tuesday night next, March 9, is the night at St Finbarr's club from 8pm onwards.

● Glorious sunshine greeted the start of a new four-month camogie initiative involving Glen Rovers, Na Piarasigh, Brian Dillon's and Carrigrohilly as the 10-year-olds from the four clubs gathered at Na Piarasigh to get the first series of games underway on Saturday last.

First into the action were the home club, with Carrigrohilly providing the opposition.

The ball moved from end to end as the young participants worked hard to get on the score-sheet.

Half-time saw the sides deadlocked and through the second-half it was much the same as both defences were excellent.

For Na Piarasigh, Ali O'Sullivan, Casey Coleman and Aisling McKen-

zie were in top form.

Carrigrohilly had excellent displays from goalkeeper Magda Kijanka, Aoife Dalton, Chloe Cashman, and Chloe Barry.

Next into the action were Brian Dillon's and Glen Rovers and again it was the defences who dominated in the early stages.

However, Glen settled and began to build up a lead. Katie Buckley, Cloc Crowley and Sarah Harte were all to the fore as they ran out winners, despite the best efforts of Eve O'Connor, Molly Garvan and Kate O'Connell for the Brian Dillon's girls.

The third game of the day saw Glen Rovers take on Carrigrohilly in a close and exciting encounter.

Carrigrohilly were depleted due to injuries picked up by a few of their players, but in the spirit of the fun aspect of the day they were boosted by three Glen Rovers girls who donned the Carrig colours over their own jerseys and got stuck in as the sides battled hard.

The Glen grabbed a two-goal lead, but Carrigrohilly hit back and cut the deficit with a goal, and from there to the finish it was the defences who had to stand firm as the pressure was on.

However, it was the Glen who held out to make it two wins out of two.

The last game was another cracker as Brian Dillon's and Na Piarasigh battled for victory, Na Piarasigh grabbed the lead only for Brian Dillon's to draw level both worked hard for a winner with Na Piarasigh edging it in a close encounter on a two goals to one scoreline.

After a hectic morning of camogie, the mentors from all four clubs agreed the day was a huge success and they are all looking forward to the next round of games which will be held on March 27 at The Glen Rovers Club.

Training times senior: Friday night, U14/16: Wednesday night, U8 to U12: Indoor training Friday Nights at St. Multos Hall.

A big thank you to Kevin and Margaret Hannon of Hannon Kitchens who recently sponsored a new set of indoor hurley's for the underage teams. Your generosity is much appreciated. Go raibh mile maiti agat.

The club lotto is up and running now again for the year, thanks to all vacant slots now being filled. We would like to thank all participants and wish them the best of luck for the coming year. Results to date are: Feb 8: DJ O'Reilly, Feb 13: Nuala O'Reilly, Feb

## VALLEY ROVERS

VALLEY ROVERS took part in the annual Ballinhassig indoor camogie blitz held last weekend in Riverstick. The U11 were in action on Saturday 27 and won the plate competition, beating the hosts Ballinhassig 3-0 to 2-0. Team: Eimear Kiely, Sinead Dart O'Flynn, Kate Bernard, Amy Covey, Daire Kiely and Jessica O'Shea. The U12 competition took place on Sunday in the same venue and Valley Rovers were beaten in the final of the Shield competition by Courcy Rovers, two goals to one goal.

Team: Maróg Murphy, Michelle Cottrell, Maeve O'Brien, Rachel O'Sullivan, Clara Murphy, Laura Brew, Grace O'Reilly, Kate O'Mahony, Chloe O'Halloran, Aileen Cremin.

**ST FINBARR'S**  
Our Street League chairperson, Colette Hurley and PRO Des Collins were busy this week visiting schools in the area trying to encourage girls to consider attending camogie training on Saturdays.

The schools visited were Glasheen Girls School, Toghre Girls School, Párlaí na King Girls NS, Marie

Assumpta Girls School, Gaelscoil An Teaghlaigh Naofa and Greenmount NS.

During our visits it became evident how successful our third and fourth class camogie blitz the previous week really was, with girls who attended the blitz showing a strong interest in taking part in training.

For the second week in a row we would like to thank the schools and their teachers. This week it is for allowing us into their classrooms, distributing our flyers to the girls and agreeing to actively encourage the girls to participate in camogie.

Saturday training continues this week, on the astroturf, with girls Under 6 to U10 at 12 to 1pm and U11s at 1 to 2pm. Any girls interested in joining this training session are always welcome.

**BALLINHASSIG**  
Last weekend was our annual Walsh Traders indoor blitz held in Riverstick over Saturday and Sunday. The standard of camogie was exceptionally high both days. On Saturday we had eight teams taking part in the U11 and after a great day of camogie

and some very tight matches we had our plate final in which Valley Rovers beat a young Ballinhassig B team by three goals to two, Noelle Sheehan and Eimear Leahy getting the goals for Ballinhassig.

In the Shield final Ballinhassig A beat Courcy Rovers by three goals to one. Rebecca Coleman getting two goals and Maggie O'Brien getting one. Ballinhassig's goalkeeper Jane Harrington had an outstanding game in goal, bringing off save after save for Ballinhassig.

On Sunday it was the turn of the U12s with also eight teams taking part. In the final of the plate Ballinhassig B beat Ballincollig by two goals to one, Kelsey Flynn getting the two goals for us. Valley Rovers and Courcy Rovers played in the final of the shield and it was a game that could have went either way but Courcy came away winners in the end by two goals to one.

At the interval we had a fun U9 mini blitz for our up-and-coming budding stars. Ballinhassig had a blue team and a white team and we also had teams from Carrigaline, Ballincollig

and Courcy Rovers. Great fun was had by all. We would like to thank all who make this an enjoyable weekend of camogie.

## COURCY ROVERS

Well done to the Courcy Rovers sextet of Alice O'Sullivan, Jennifer Ryan, Ashling Moloney, Eileen Hannon, Julie Mulcahy and Aoife Keating who played for Carrigrohilly at the annual U16 county camogie blitz on February 7 last. The team played some very skilful camogie to defeat Seandún in the opening round with Ashling Moloney opening the scores for the division with a pointed free.

Carrigrohilly was drawn against what looked a formidable Imokilly side in the second game and made it all look quite easy with the girls from the seven Carrigrohilly clubs combining well. We saw Julie Mulcahy in flying form, scoring the first point from play in this game. Emma Jordan, Ballinhassig followed with two more points here. This set the divisional Carrigrohilly side up for what promised to be a great final against Avondhu. Leading 2-3 to no score at half-time maybe Carrigrohilly rested on their

## Camogie club round-up

laurels a small bit but were unlucky to lose by a point in what turned out to be a final of quality play and nail-biting stuff, especially in the second half as Avondhu managed to close the gap with the wind favouring them at this stage. Well done to Ashling and Julie who contributed the two goals. Nevertheless Carrigrohilly and especially the Courcy Rovers ladies accounted well for themselves.

Final Score: Avondhu 2-6, Carrigrohilly 2-5.

## CARRIGDHOUN

Well done and thank you to our own Noreen Quinn who has recently completed her term as chairperson of the Carrigdhoun Camogie Board. Noreen has been at the helm of Carrigdhoun for the past few years and put in great work in her time. She now hands over the chairperson reins to Eileen O'Brien of Sliabh Rua. We wish Eileen all the best in her new position.

Provisional dates for the South East indoors blitzes are: U9: TBC, U11 - Sat March 13 and U10 Sat March 20. The U13 2009 competition is due to be completed shortly also with Courcys awaiting the winner of Sliabh Rua and Carrigaline, no Date for final as yet.

Training times senior: Friday night, U14/16: Wednesday night, U8 to U12: Indoor training Friday Nights at St. Multos Hall.

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LINDA MELLERICK

THE 2010 league commenced last weekend with six of the seven senior Division One teams in action.

The only side not to field was Cork, and they begin their campaign away to Kilkenny this afternoon in Mullinavat.

Limerick once again have downgraded to Division Two for the league and the intermediate championship.

This yo-yo cycle has to stop somewhere. There just never seems to be progression.

The scorelines last weekend reflect again the gap between the top four and everyone else for the 2010 league and championship.

Galway recorded a 3-16 to 1-5 demolition over Clare; Wexford hit 2-17 to 0-5 against Dublin; while five goals from Kilkenny saw them record a nine-point victory over Tipperary.

Cork, Galway, Wexford and Kilkenny are the contenders.

Tipperary, who have brother of Cork senior footballer Noel, and former Ballincollig hurling keeper, Trevor Galvin involved in their management this year, could remain in the running at semi-final stage based on the format, but they are not potential All-Ireland winners anymore.

All the great players, however, play with one or two clubs and after that the standard drops. It's early days, but I wonder if the gap last weekend signifies an all-round improvement in Kilkenny after their All-Ireland experience in 2009 or a decline in Tipp.

In reality Cork are hot favourites to win three-in-a-row.

The league structure sees the seven teams split into two groups with two from each group advancing to the semi-finals.

The championship format has all counties pitted to play each other leading to six championship matches in seven weeks, commencing June 12, with four teams advancing.

These formats aren't working. To have only two league games is madness. Counties need the league. Cork play today and next Sunday and pending the outcome of those, that could be it until June 12.

Playing six championship games in seven weeks is also ludicrous. Outside of the mental and physical demands on the players once again clubs will suffer.

# It's the same old predictable result



Pictured with the O'Duffy Cup in Johnnys Return in Crosshaven were proprietor John Middleton, Cork junior player Clodagh Fitzgerald (Crosshaven) with Cork senior camogie players Emer O'Sullivan (Ballinhassig) and Lucy Hawkes from Valley Rovers.

Picture: Howard Cowdy

It will affect Cork more than most, such is the number of clubs.

The only weekend free between June and July is the weekend of July 10 and yet Cork are scheduled to play a minor championship game midweek on the 7th.

Should Cork enter into a senior play-off situation they play again on August 7 with the semi-final set for the 14th.

And even more astounding is the fact that the All-Ireland minor championship final is also fixed for August 7. The inter-county age of a camogie player has reduced significantly

in recent years and every county has players on their senior squad of minor age.

Back to the club, realistically even if the county board do manage to squeeze in a fixture or two, we are talking about clubs sitting the Summer out and then playing their entire championship within the latter part of September, October and early November.

A better championship format would be to draw a first round, introduce the back-door system giving teams a second chance with the winners advancing to round three, ex-

actly as the current senior club championship runs here in Cork.

Giving every county team six group championship games just isn't feasible.

You could argue that it will bring on the likes of Clare and Dublin, but they could have used the league for that.

We preach about trying to keep girls playing camogie, then we tell them to sit on the bench until the mid-Autumn or even winter, sure they'll love to play hurling then.

Breige Corkery and Emer Dillon are two big losses for Cork.

The management hopes that Breige tires of travelling and returns home before or during the championship.

Meanwhile, the return of Jennifer O'Leary after two years in New Zealand and Sydney is a major boost.

I'm a great admirer of Jenny, she will bring excitement into Cork's forward division.

Jenny left Cork in 2008, missing out on her side's last two All-Ireland triumphs. With three All-Ireland medals to her credit and four consecutive All-Stars, she will slot back in with relative ease.

## with Mary Newman

20: Claire O'Donovan, Feb 27: Margaret Cahalane. Note: Winners' cheques will be issued the second week of the following calendar month.

The club will be holding a fundraising cake sale and coffee morning in the next few weeks also as it takes a constant supply of income in order to keep each team kitted out with the needed hurleys, footballs, sliothars, jerseys, referee fees, competition entry fees etc... Any support given would be much appreciated. Dates and times are: Ballinadee, Sunday, April 4 at 10.45am and Ballinspittle, Saturday, April 17, from 11am-12.30pm.

Club registrations are still being taken so new members are welcome. Closing date is in April so new and old members, be sure to get registered ASAP!

### GLEN ROVERS

Our 10-year-olds headed off to Na

Piarsaigh on Saturday last to participate in the four-team fun competition and it was a gloriously sunny morning as games got underway. We met Brian Dillon's in our first game where after an exciting contest we ran out winners on a 4-1 to 1-0 scoreline. There was no rest as we played the second game immediately and here it was tough as our defence had to be at their best to hold the Carrigtwohill attack but in the finish we won out on a 2-0 to 1-0 score line.

On Sunday our U12s headed off to Riverstick to participate in the Ballinhassig indoor blitz and here the girls enjoyed plenty of games, reaching the semi-final of the shield, where they lost out in a great contest with Ballinhassig's second team. Again the emphasis very much on the game and a great day was enjoyed by all participants.

Our senior team had their first game of the season when they played in the

Ballincollig floodlit tournament where we meet Senior A side Inniscarra. The game was a close competitive one with the result in the balance during an excellent contest in the end the experience of our opposition told as they ran out 0-12 to 1-4 winners but the important aspect is that the competition gives players an opportunity to get fit at this early stage of the season. Well done to all on a good workout and thanks to Ballincollig for the invite.

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

A reminder that our underage camogie academy caters for girls from age 6 upwards coaching is held on Tuesday nights 6pm to 7pm and Sunday mornings 11.45 to 1pm, sessions are held indoors if weather is bad, we invite girls to come down and join at any of the time above don't be shy come along and meet new friends and learn the skills of our great game.

### NA PIARSAIGH

The U10 tournament began last Saturday the first game between Na Piarsaigh and Carrigtwohill ended in a no score draw. The game

throughout was extremely exciting with Na Piarsaigh very unlucky not to score on numerous occasions but the Carrigtwohill defence held well. Alli O'Sullivan and Casey Coleman showed great character at midfield with the ball rarely passing them by. Our second game against Brian Dillon's was again action packed and ended with Na Piarsaigh winning on a score line of two goals to one goal. A strong half forward line of Aisling Mc Kenzie, Emily Buckley and Lauren Dennehy ensured the ball was kept in the Na Piarsaigh scoring zone. Others showing great promise on the day was Caitlin Harrington and Sophie Claire in defence. The results of the other two games were Glen Rovers 4-1 V Brian Dillon's 1-0. Glen Rovers 2-0 Carrigtwohill 1-0 again both of these games were thrilling and entertaining throughout.

The day was a great success and thanks to all the parents for their continued support. The next round of these games will be held on the 27th March in Glen Rovers with the games beginning at 11.30am. Again parent support required.

Camogie training times are as follows — Saturdays ages 6-10years 11-12am ages 11-12 years 1-2pm U14-U16 are Wednesdays 5-6pm and Saturday 12-1pm Junior B Tuesday 7pm. This year Na Piarsaigh camogie underage section will be entering the St Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. Further details will be distributed to parents at the next training session. Also our Junior B team will be entering the Pan Celtic tournament that is being held in Dingle on April 10. We wish them the best of luck with that.

### ENNISKEANE

Enniskeane celebrated the excellent achievements of the 2009 season with a night of dining and dancing in the Parkway Hotel, Dunmanway on Friday, February 26. The attendance of just over 120 enjoyed a lovely meal before guest of honour, Cork senior camogie goalkeeper Aoife Murray, took the helm to present County and West Cork medals to the stars of the night, the U14 and U18 panels of 2009. Both teams were finalists in both competitions with the U14s taking county honours and being over-

come in the West Cork while the under 18s were defeated by the narrowest of margins in the County final but returned to glory to take the West Cork. Kate McCarthy and Orla Cronin were honoured for representing us at juvenile level on the inter-county stage. Kate was a member of the Cork U14 Development Squad who played in Croke Park in October and Orla was a member of the Cork Colleges U14 team.

The team mentors were awarded with well earned tokens of appreciation by members of the victorious teams and the girls thanked them for their commitment and dedication to their respective teams. With the formalities done and dusted, a night of great revelry was enjoyed by young and old alike.

However, as we all know the only place success comes before work is in the dictionary. All the girls have now hit the training field with gear attendances being reported. We hope to see a return to match action in the coming weeks but until then we encourage all the girls to keep up the good work and let's hope we have another reason to celebrate next year.



# Tipp Intermediates Impress but Seniors Pay for Mistakes

## Intermediate -

Tipperary 2-12; Kilkenny 0-5

As the final score would suggest, the Tipp girls put in a very solid and cohesive display last weekend to give them 2 wins out of 2 games, and sets them up in a strong position as they travel away to Offaly next weekend.

Kilkenny were first to point from a free, but even facing a strong breeze Tipperary were winning all the important battles, setting up Noreen Flanagan and Alison Loneragan for 2 well taken goals. Kilkenny responded with their only other point of the half before a dominant Tipp took full control of the half with some very impressive scores and displays.

Tipperary emerged after the break just as determined, & the visitors could only manage 2 more points, and Tipp emerged with a solid performance all round. The half back line of Emma Spillane, Sabrina Larkin & Julie Kirwin performed brilliantly, shutting off any Kilkenny attack. Siobhan Ryan and Chrissie Kenny at mid field linked well with their forwards, and Alison Loneragan and Ciara Johnston can be happy with their display in the Tipp jersey.

With 2 wins under their belt, Manager Eoin Brislane is delighted with the panel's work rate, and is confident but cautious of the challenge Offaly will pose next weekend.

Tipperary: Christine Kenneally, Sheila Ryan, Siobhan O'Neill, Mairead Barry, Emma Spillane, Sabrina Larkin, Julie Kirwin, Siobhan Ryan (0.03), Noreen Flanagan (1.01), Siobhan McGrath (0.01), Jackie O'Connor (0.01), Elaine Hough (0.02), Ciara Johnston (0.04), Alison Loneragan (1.00).

Referee: Ger O'Donnell, Limerick.

## Senior League Round 1:

Kilkenny 5.05, Tipperary 0.11

Uncharacteristic defensive errors and lapses in concentration on Tipp's behalf ultimately set Kilkenny on their way to their first points of this league campaign. With Tipp starting without 8 of last year's panel, this was always going to be a difficult task, but full marks to the home side for putting in a strong performance, and midway through the second half it looked if Tipp could pull off a shocker.

Claire Grogan opened Tipp's account with 2 points before Kilkenny's Aoife Neary and Michele Quilty pounced to score 2.01 between them. At this stage of the game with 15 minutes gone, Kilkenny's Elaine Aylward was dominating centre field. However, Tipp weathered the storm and some solid performances from all over the field gave the home side 4 unanswered points to bring them within a single point at the break. An inspirational point from Jill Horan just before the break ensured Tipp went in full of confidence.

Within a minute of the restart Claire Grogan pointed 3 placed balls, and Geraldine Kinnane pointed for Tipp, & with 4 unanswered points Tipp found themselves 3 points clear at the 12 minute mark. Against the run of play, Aoife Neary superbly struck for 2 more goals, followed by Marie Dargan raising another green flag for Kilkenny. One more point from Claire

Grogan was the final flag for Tipperary, while Kilkenny continued to pull away with some well taken points.

Despite lady luck not shining on Tipp, there were some good performances from Tipperary. Jill Horan shone, as did Geraldine Kinnane, while sisters Michelle and Therese Shortt worked hard in defence. Mairead Luttrell, when switched to centre back also worked hard. Claire Grogan also was on target from placed balls before she had to retire with a hand injury.

Trying to take the positives from the game, Eoin Brislane felt the final score didn't truly reflect the performance from his charges. While Kilkenny deserved their win, Eoin felt that Tipperary dominated the game from the 15th minute in the first half, right through to the 15th minute in the second half, and hitting 8 unanswered points in this period says a lot about the character this Tipp team has.

Also, with more of the regulars coming back from injuries, & the performances from some of the younger players, he and his management are confident they can bounce back & hopefully still feature in the latter stages of the competition. Their next game is away to Cork in two weeks time.

Tipperary: Rosie Kenneally, Therese Shortt, Mairead Luttrell, Geraldine Stapleton, Michelle Shortt, Tishy O'Halloran, Marie Tynan, Jill Horan (0.01), Julie McGrath, Cora Hennessy (0.01), Cait Devane, Geraldine Kinnane (0.01), Nicole Walsh, Claire Grogan (0.08), Aoife Moloughney. Referee: Eamonn MacSuihbne, Dublin.

## All-Ireland Camogie Senior 'A' final:

Blackwater CS (Lismore) v Loreto (Kilkenny), Ardara, 3pm

HARD to credit that the Kilkenny college has never won the senior A camogie title, but then they have only been playing the code for the last 25 years. They are better known as a hockey school. They have made massive strides since then. They contested the 2002 senior final but failed, won the 2009 junior title and are in the final again this year and on their way to the senior final defeated St. Brigid's (Callan) who were chasing a hat-trick of titles, in the Leinster final. To reach the All-Ireland final they defeated St. Pats Maghera by a point in a thriller, thanks to the efforts of Aisling Dunphy (capt), Caoimhe Sheil and Aisling O'Grady.

Blackwater College are very new to camogie but in their short time playing it, have made tremendous strides, winning D, B, C and A Munster titles, in successive years. Shauna Kiernan and Marie Russell are joint captains of the team, and with both schools looking for their first senior national title in the premier grade, it could be a rousing final.

## All-Ireland Camogie Senior B final:

Borris VS (Carlow) v Coláiste Choilm (Cork), Cahir, 1pm

THE Carlow school will be hoping that Ann Murphy and Joanne Barcoe can find their scoring touch for this final. Between them they shared four goals in the recent Leinster decider but the scores dried up for the All-Ireland semi-final win over St. Colms HS from Draperstown Co. Derry. Defensively they are very strong with excellent players in full back Michelle Kelly and centre back Brid Kelly, but they will have to be at their very best to see off the Cork challenge which will be led by county senior Jennifer O'Leary who also helps with the coaching.

The Cork school won a C All-Ireland title in 2006 and has been building steadily towards premier honours. Apart from Miss O'Leary, Aisling Sheehan, Patricia Buttner, Kate Doyle and Sarah Buckley are also members of Cork teams which should give their school the edge.

# Cork look to build on early positives

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie

## SATURDAY

Senior Division 2 National League, Cork v Kilkenny, Mullinavat 2.30pm

NATIONAL League action continues as the Division 2 team make the journey to Kilkenny where they will form a double header of league action with the counties' first teams.

Last weekend, Cork recorded a draw with a strong Antrim 15 and on the balance the result was pleasing, granted Cork did have chances to take both points on offer but a draw was a good result.

Minus several of their panel, it gave the selectors a chance to unearth new talent and players such as Lydia Cunningham, Ailin O'Donovan, Emma Jordan, Michelle Hegarty and Ursula Quinn all performed well, while experienced campaigners such as Charlotte Kearney, Linda Dorgan, Leah Weste and Christine O'Neill were also prominent. It's very much a case of going from game to game at this stage but players such as Michelle Browne and Marion Jagoe will all be expected to feature as the season progresses.

Kilkenny, with two games played, are still pointless having suffered big defeats at the hand of Offaly and Tipperary.

With four minor and U16 All-Ireland titles to their credit many of these players are now coming on stream but again the line-up of the Kilkenny side will depend on the availability of players who are part of the counties Division 1 panel.

Lucinda Gahan, Anna Farrell Tara Warren and Elaine O'Shea should form the backbone of what we expect to be a young but determined Kilkenny line out, but going on last weekend's display we will expect Cork to continue their winning ways

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The Presentation, Thurles senior and intermediate camogie teams who will play in the All-Ireland senior final for the first time against Banagher in Nenagh on Saturday.

# Cork will wait until morning to name starters

## TOMORROW

National League Division 1:

Cork v Kilkenny, Mullinavat, 4pm. CORK begin their 2010 league campaign with an away game to Kilkenny tomorrow afternoon in Mullinavat, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

Significantly depleted through injuries and player unavailability, Denise Cronin and her selectors have held naming their starting 15 until tomorrow morning.

Brigitte Corkery, Emer Dillon, Una

O'Donoghue and Emer O'Farrell are unavailable for selection.

A major bonus for the Rebels, however, is the return of Jennifer O'Leary after two years.

Undoubtedly one of Cork's star forwards during the noughties, Jennifer is reported to be flying in training, although she did pick up a bit of a knee injury last week.

Gemma O'Connor, back after a four-month stint in Chad, took a deserved break abroad and just recently returned.

She may or may not figure in Cork's lineup.

Cork won't be overly concerned about winning the league, but considering the few league games scheduled, it would do them well to make the latter stages and avail of the match practice while they blend in players.

Cork have only two league games before the semi-finals.

The league structure sees the seven teams split into two groups with two from each group advancing to the

semi-finals.

Jenny Duffy is reportedly ill, as is newcomer Caroline Motherway, of St Catherine's. Amanda O'Regan is unavailable due to basketball commitments while Mary O'Connor is also sitting this one out.

Still, Cork have a strong panel to select from.

Aoife Murray, Rena Buckley, Joanne O'Callaghan, Catriona Foley, Lynda O'Connell, Orla Cotter, Emer O'Sullivan and Sile Burns should backbone tomorrow's line-up.

## CAMOGIE

National League Div 1: Dublin 2-6 Clare 1-8; Wexford 1-17 Galway 2-6; Kilkenny 3-4 Cork 1-6; Div 2: Wexford 3-8 Galway 1-3; Cork 3-6 Kilkenny 3-6; Antrim 0-13 Derry 2-7; Offaly 0-14 Tipperary 0-13; Limerick 1-10 Waterford 1-10; Div 3: Kildare 2-8 Meath 1-11; Laois 5-17 Armagh 2-7; Roscommon 5-13 Dublin 0-5; Div 4: London 2-4 Tyrone 1-6.



# Presentation Thurles in Search of Colleges Glory

By Noel Dundon

The Presentation Secondary School in Thurles has been enjoying a fantastic streak of success on the camogie fields in recent times with the Munster trophies currently residing in the school at junior, intermediate and senior level.

And, the seniors and juniors are both bidding to make history by winning the All-Ireland titles for the first time ever when they take to the field in the coming weeks in the C competitions- the senior final against Banagher takes place on Saturday afternoon next in McDonagh Park, Nenagh.

Coaches Margaret O'Dwyer and Henry Flynn have been very busy in recent months readying the girls for the fray. And, the success and work being undertaken by clubs in the locality has been a tremendous help to the Presentation as they went in search of honours having put the code on a firm footing in the school.

With the emphasis being placed on a high skill level and workrate,

the Thurles girls across the three grades have swept all before them and have made a real name for themselves in colleges camogie circles.

The seniors have been racking up huge scores on their path to the final as they defeated Carrigaline, Youghal and Kinvara along the way - they also received a bye against Middleton and Laurel Hill and with stars such as Cait Devane - an All-Star nominee in 2009; Cliona O'Dwyer who won Munster and All-Ireland club titles in camogie and football with Cashel and Brian Borus; and Claire Walsh who won a minor Leinster and All-Ireland title also in 2009, they are certainly a potent force. Throw in household names in local circles such as Rosemarie Hanafin, Sarah Fryday, Clodagh Quirke and captain Eithne Moran, and it is clear to see that quality runs right through the squad which represents the school at all three levels.

The squad comprises: Elaine Devane (Boherlahan), Karen Bohan (Thurles) Shauna Brett

(Thurles) Bernie Bergin (Moycarkey) Emily O'Brien (Clonoulty) Rosemarie Hanafin(Thurles), Eithne Moran (Capt (Moycarkey) Emma Carey (Thurles) Clodagh Quirke (Clonoulty) Andrea Loughnane (Thurles), Cait Devane (Clonoulty) Sarah Fryday (Clonoulty) Cliona O'Dwyer (Cashel), Michaela Graham (Moycarkey), Beatrice Canovas(Thurles), Claire Walsh (Harps Laois), Kora Kerrane (Thurles).

Marianne Murphy (Moycarkey) Aoihbinn Ryan (St. Brigid's Laois), Bernadine Kilbride (Harps Laois), Aimee Quinn (Clonoulty), Aine Symons (Thurles).

The intermediate competition, which only goes as far as Munster level, saw Thurles defeat Hospital, SMI Newcastlewest, Youghal and Roscrea as they swept to success to bolster the trophy cabinet in the school.

Then, they followed up with the junior title defeating Rathkeale, Carrigaline, Laurel Hill and SMI Newcastlewest in the final at The Ragg. And, having defeated St

macData's of Templeogue in the All-Ireland semi-final they now face St Grennan's of Thomastown in the final on March 20th at a venue yet to be decided.

The junior squad comprises:

Michelle Sheppard (Moycarkey), Laura Ralph (Moycarkey), Aimee Quinn (Clonoulty), Bernie Bergin (Capt) (Moycarkey), Kora Kerrane(Thurles), Rosemarie Hanafin (Thurles), Laura Donnelly (Thurles),

Clodagh Quirke (Clonoulty), Sarah Fryday (Clonoulty), Andrea Loughnane(Thurles), Michaela Graham (Moycarkey), Aine Symons (Thurles), Ciara Darmody (Moycarkey), Aine Devane (Boherlahan),

Marianne Murphy (Moycarkey), Katie Bergin (Moycarkey), Edel O'Dwyer (Boherlahan), Jennifer Mullally (Clonoulty), Michelle Lahart (Gortnahoe/Glengoose), Katie Longe (Clonoulty), Amy Lyons (Gortnahoe/Glengoose).



The Presentation Secondary School junior team which has joined the seniors by reaching the All-Ireland Final.



Grennan College, Thomastown qualified for the All-Ireland final in the junior camogie vocational schools championship. They beat Draperstown, Derry in an entertaining and firecely contested semi-final by 3-4 to 2-5. Pictured is the winning panel that includes Claire Forristal, Teresa Cassin, Niamh Quigley, Sophie Kavanagh, Alison Murphy, Megan Farrell, Sinead Whelan, Leanne Walsh, Kelly Hamilton, Kayleigh Begley, Niamh Donnelly, Eimer Donnelly, Sinead Naddy, Jessie O'Carroll, Niamh O'Shea, Roisin Bolland, Ashling Begley, Lucy Johns.

## Cork full value for a share of the spoils

Cork 3-6  
Kilkenny 3-6

FOR the second week running Cork grabbed a late equaliser to draw an entertaining senior division two clash in Mullinavat, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Forced into making several changes because of colleges finals and injury, the Cork backroom team were relatively pleased with the team spirit, with newcomers such as Emma Jordan, Ailin O'Donovan and Sinead Fahy impressive.

Michelle Browne had Cork two points ahead before Aine Fahy put Kilkenny into the lead with the game's opening goal inside 10 minutes and three minutes later, when Mags Fennelly hit their second goal Cork looked to be in trouble.

Tara Warren pointed a Kilkenny free to put three points between the sides but Cork responded well with Denise Luby finding the net for a vital goal, Emma Carroll and Luby swapped points as it remained deadlocked but Kilkenny hit two points without reply to open up a two-point lead.

Cork, with goalkeeper Jessica Kavanagh in superb form, held their composure and as they continued to put the Kilkenny defence under pressure Charlotte Kearney goaled a minute from the break as Cork turned over a point ahead, 3-2 to 2-4.

On the resumption it was neck-and-neck as the lead changed hands, Michelle Brown put Cork two points clear only for Tara Warren to peg it back to one, 10 minutes into the half Mags Fennelly avoided the Cork defence and shot low to the net and for the next 10 minutes Cork pressed for something.

Ailin O'Donovan and Tara Warren exchanged points as Kilkenny held their two-point lead, with four minutes remaining Michelle Browne pointed as Cork laid siege to the Cats goal.

With the game into injury time Cork forced a 45-metre free which Michelle Browne converted to give Cork a deserved share of the spoils after an honest and committed performance.

**Scorers for Cork:** M Browne 1-1 (0-2 45, 0-1 ft), D Luby 1-1, C Kearney 1-0, A O'Donovan 0-1.

**Kilkenny:** A Fahy 2-1, M Fennelly 1-1, T Warren 0-3 (0-2 ft), E Carroll 0-1.

**CORK:** J Kavanagh; A Sheehan, R de Faoite, E Jordan; L Weste, L Cunningham, C Lynch; L Dorgan (c), M Jagoa; A O'Donovan, C Kearney, S Fahy; D Luby, M Browne, U Quinn.

**Subs:** S O Callaghan for D Luby (37), S Duggan for R de Faoite (inj 41), D Luby for U Quinn (50).

**KILKENNY:** L Walker; R Fennelly, AM Walsh, S Shore; E Frisby, R Byrne, M Nolan; E Cantwell, L Phelan; L Gahan, E Carroll, A Fahy; N Corrigan, T Warren (c), M Fennelly.

**Subs:** D Tobin for S Shore (h-t), A Walsh for A M Walsh (h-t),  
Ref: A Monahan (Claro).

### RESULTS

**Gala Senior Division 1 National League** Dublin 2-6 Clare 1-8; Wexford 1-17 Galway 2-6.

**Gala Senior Division 2 National League:** Limerick 1-10 Waterford 1-10; Antrim 0-13 Derry 2-7; Offaly 0-14 Tipperary 0-13; Wexford 3-9 Galway 1-3.



# The big double is still a possibility

MICHAEL O'LEARY

**Loreto Secondary School ..... 3-6**  
**St Patrick's ..... 2-7**

AFTER an entertaining All-Ireland colleges junior camogie semi-final (Roinn A) in sunny Nowlan Park on Saturday the defending All-Ireland champions, Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny remained on course for a possible third title in four years along with the prospects of a junior/senior colleges double.

However, they had to endure a somewhat nervy closing few moments after a goal in the fourth minute of injury-time from St Patrick's (Magherafelt) sharp-shooter Shannon Kearney narrowed the gap. The Loreto girls held firm, however.

Playing with aid of the breeze in the first half the winners used the low ball to good effect. A 5th minute goal sent them on their way. Sarah-Anne Quinlan made the run at goal. Her shot deflected off an Ulster defender before Marie Doherty won the race with St Patrick's net minder Eimear Friel and scrambled the ball into the net.

Shannon Kearney replied with a point for the Ulster school before having to wait until the 15th minute for the Loreto school to reply with a well taken point from lively midfielder Miriam Walsh (1-1 to 0-1).

## Superb point

Kearney struck over a superb point from an acute angle in the 18th minute before Loreto struck once more in the 22nd minute. Good work by Lydia Fitzpatrick and Orla Hanrick set up the advancing Sara-

hAnne Quinlan and her shot was well saved by Eimear Friel. After consultations between the referee and umpires it was deemed the 'keeper had carried the sliothar over the line.

Kearney pointed three times from placed balls during the closing 10 minutes of the half to narrow the gap. Miriam Walsh raced through the St Patrick's defence to score a goal and Ciara Byrne added a point.

When leading by 3-2 to 0-5 at the interval, the Loreto were in a strong position.

## Weathered storm

Credit to the Magherafelt girls they responded to the challenge. Kearney (45) and Marie Doherty from play exchanged points during the early stages of the new half. Following a 12 minute scoreless spell, Clare Burns set up Aoife Duffy for a crackling goal. It was game on

again (3-3 to 1-6).

The Loreto weathered the storm, driven on by the defiant Lydia Fitzpatrick in midfield, along with Kate Holland at centre-back and Miriam Walsh in midfield.

After Orla Hanrick (45) and Noleen McKenna exchanged points in the 52nd and 55th minutes respectively, Hanrick turned provider and set up Sarah Anne Quinlan for an excellent point. Hanrick then pointed a 45 in the

third minute of stoppage-time.

Five minutes of added time were played. Despite Shannon Kearney's late, late goal, the Loreto booked their place in the March 20 final.

Scorers: Loreto Secondary School - Miriam Walsh, Marie Doherty, Sarah Anne Quinlan (1-1 each); Orla Hanrick (0-2, 45s); Ciara Byrne (0-1). St Patrick's - Shannon Kearney (1-6, three points frees,

one 45); Aoife Duffy (1-0); Noleen McKenna (0-1, 45).

Loreto Secondary School - K. Maher (Dicksboro), K. Doherty (St Lachtain's), Amy Byran (O'Loughlin Gaels), T. Hogan (St Brigid's), R. Lynch (Dicksboro), K. Holland (Lisdowney), T. Brennan (Lisdowney), M. Walsh (Tullaroan), L. Fitzpatrick (St Lachtain's), M. Walsh (St Brigid's), S.A. Quinlan (Young Irelands, Gowran), O. Hanrick (Dicksboro), M.

Doherty (St Brigid's), C. Byrne (Clara), A. Buggy (St Lachtain's). Sub - N. Browne (Dicksboro) for Buggy.

St Patrick's - E. Friel, B. Laverty, M. Quinn, A. Coyle, N. Convery, A. Cassidy, S. McPeake, N. McKenna, S. Quinn, C. McCloskey, A. Duffy, C. McKefry, M. McNicholl, S. Kearney, C. Burns. Sub - E. Agnew.

Referee - Willie Barrett (Tipperary).



Ciara Byrne (Loreto) keeps her eye on the sliothar as Maeve Quinn (Maghera) closes in during the junior camogie All-Ireland colleges semi-final in Nowlan Park. Photo: Eoin Hennessy/www.ehp.ie

# Neary hat-trick makes it a golden day for Cats

MICHAEL O'LEARY

**Kilkenny ..... 5-5**  
**Tipperary ..... 0-11**

AN important victory for last year's All-Ireland senior camogie finalists, Kilkenny secured the minimum of a play-off place in the group stages of the National Camogie League (Division 1) when they cruised to victory in the end over Tipperary at a dry but windy the Ragg on Sunday.

A nine point victory would suggest a highly impressive display, but that wasn't the case. Kilkenny made a good start and goals from

Michelle Quilty and Aoife Neary gave them a 2-1 to 0-2 lead after 12 minutes.

However, they failed to register a single score after that until the 41st minute as Tipperary took control, adding eight unanswered points during that period without producing any great fare.

However, Kilkenny dug deep and goals from Aoife Neary (2) and a fifth goal from Marie Dargan ensured an easy victory in the end.

While it wasn't the most convincing of performance, Kilkenny were pleased to have made some progress.

Tipperary's top scorer Claire Grogan (0-8, six frees, one 45) opened the scoring with a brace of

points before Aoife Neary converted a straight-forward free. Then she struck double glory in the 11th and 13th minutes.

Great work down the left-wing by Jacqui Frisby and Marie Dargan saw Edwina Keane race through on goal. Her blocked shot was slammed home by the opportunism of Michelle Quilty.

Lifted by that goal, the winners stretched the lead further within two minutes when Elaine Aylward's shot caused hesitancy amongst the Tipperary full-back line. Aoife Neary took advantage with a glorious overhead strike to the net and Kilkenny appeared to be in cruise control.

However,

Anne

Downey's troops became somewhat sloppy and complacent in their play and they lost their focus. They allowed Tipperary to narrow the gap to the minimum at the interval, 2-1 to 0-6.

The premier ladies completely owned possession during the opening 10 minutes of the new half. They added further points from Grogan (3, two frees, one 45) and a further effort from Geraldine Kinnane (0-10 to 2-1).

However, Kilkenny responded and took control for the closing 20 plus minutes. They out-scored their opponents by 3-3 to 0-1.

A swift, direct puck-out from Catriona Ryan saw Aoife Neary cut loose and

solo through the Tipperary defence, before hand-passing the sliothar into an empty net (3-1 to 0-10).

Edwina Keane pointed a free to regain the lead for the winners. Katie Power and Marie Dargan added further points. Kilkenny applied a double dose to rub salt into Tipp's wounds.

Neary completed her hat-trick in the 45th minute after being set up by the strong foraging Michelle Quilty, while a Marie Dargan goal in the 53rd minute after a great run from Edwina Keane was the icing on the cake.

However, Dargan's participation ended soon afterwards when she had to be stretchered off after clashing with an oppo-

nent.

Apart from golden girl Neary, others who impressed for the winners were Catriona Ryan, who was coolness personified in goal, Catherine Doherty, Anne Dalton and Lizzie Lyng, who produced a superb second-half performance, while Elaine Aylward lining out in midfield, Michelle Quilty and the lively Marie Dargan also showed up well.

Scorers: Kilkenny - Aoife Neary (3-2, 0-2 frees); Marie Dargan (1-1); Michelle Quilty (1-0); Edwina Keane, free and Katie Power (0-1 each). Tipperary - Claire Grogan (0-8, six frees, one 45); Cora Hennessy, Jill Horan, Geraldine Kinnane (0-1 each).

Kilkenny - Catriona Ryan, Amy Butler, Catherine Doherty, Jacqui Frisby, Lizzie Lyng, Anne Dalton, Eimear Lyng, Elaine Aylward, Keava Fennelly, Michelle Quilty, Katie Power, Marie Dargan, Deirdre Delaney, Edwina Keane, Aoife Neary. Subs - Collette Dormer, Denise Gaule, Claire Delaney, Briona Langton, Laura Kavanagh.

Tipperary - R. Kennelly, T. Shortt, Mairead Lutterell (Windgap), G. Stapleton, M. Shortt, T. O'Halloran, M. Tynan, J. Horan, J. McGrath, C. Hennessy, C. Devane, G. Kinnane, N. Walsh, C. Grogan, A. MoLoughney, S. Ryan, N. Flanagan. Referee: Eadhonn MacShubhne (Dublin).



# Loreto go in search of first part of big camogie double

## camogie

THE hugely talented group that has been raised on a rich diet of success will go in search of history for its school this weekend.

The Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny, will be bidding for their first title when they contest the All-

Ireland colleges senior camogie final against highly fancied Blackwater Community School (Lismore) in Ardfinnan on Saturday (3pm).

Indeed, the Kilkenny girls will be chasing the first part of a major double, because the schools has also qualified for the junior All-Ireland final which will be played on March 20.

The Loreto contested the All-Ireland senior final

without success in 2001 when Charleville (Cork) proved their masters. However, with a bunch of gifted camogie players who signalled their immense talent from the day they arrived in the school the team officials are hopeful of striking gold this time.

"This is a group of players progressing since we met them in First Year," admitted selector and teacher, Brendan

Williams, who shares the sideline duties with school Principal, Colm Keher, Vincent Shiel and Gerry Bolger.

Indeed, the amount of honours the players have won would fill a good size lorry and includes minor and under-16 All-Irelands at inter-county level, junior and 7-a-side All-Ireland colleges honours.

Blackwater, who have progressed through the Roinn B and C grades and

have taken national honours in consecutive years, are said to be a very good outfit. Their trainer Denis Ring, a former Cork minor hurling team manager, is no stranger to this level of competition.

He guided his former school, St Colman's (Fermoy) to All-Ireland senior colleges hurling honours in the past.

"This is an All-Ireland final. You have to be on top of your game to win,

because your past counts for nothing," Mr Williams insisted. "The girls are good. They should know that bearing in mind what they won in the past, but their past won't win them this final."

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## Meet the girls who are chasing the honours

**Sinead Maher** (18). Club: Dicksboro. 5'6".

Honours won include two minor All-Irelands, one at under-16 level and another at junior colleges level. She has also won a 7-a-side All-Ireland colleges championship.

**Niamh Kelly** (18). Dicksboro. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: J.J. Delaney.

She has won All-Irelands at minor (4), under-16 (1), junior colleges (1) and two at 7-a-side level.

**Sarah Dunne** (18). Graigue-Ballycallan. 5'5".

Sports star you would like to meet: J.J. Delaney.

Minor, under-16 and junior colleges All-Ireland winners medals also feature among her collection, as does a 7-a-side All-Ireland medal.

**Caoimhe Shiel** (18). Bennettsbridge. 5'2".

Sports star you would like to meet: Michael Phelps.

She has won four minor All-Irelands, two at under-16 level and one junior colleges. She won two All-Ireland colleges 7-a-side medals.

**Grace Walsh** (16). Tullaroan. 5'6".

With Kilkenny she won a minor All-Ireland, and she claimed two at under-16 level plus two junior colleges All-Irelands.

**Nicola Butler** (18). Graigue-Ballycallan. 5'5".

Sports star you would like to meet: Stephen Gerrard.

She won four minor and three under-16 All-Irelands plus a colleges junior All-Ireland. She featured on one 7-a-side college All-Ireland winning team.

**Aisling Dunphy** (17). Graigue-Ballycallan. 5'8".

Sports star you would like to meet: Ashley Cole.

She won four minor All-Irelands, three at under-16 level and one junior colleges title, plus two 7-a-side All-Irelands.

**Aine Curran** (18). Freshford. 5'9".

Sports star you would like to meet: Tiger Woods.

Another one who won four minor All-Irelands, one at under-16 level and one junior colleges titles. She holds two 7-a-side All-Ireland winners medals.

**Claire Phelan** (16). Lisdowney. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: Rob Kearney.

She featured on three minor All-Ireland winning sides, one at under-16 level and two at colleges junior level. She holds four 7-a-side All-Ireland colleges medals.

**Aoife Nolan** (17). O'Loughlin Gaels. 5'5".

She has figured on a junior colleges All-Ireland winning team, and holds Leinster honours at under-14, 16, junior (3) and senior level.

**Aisling O'Grady** (18). Dicksboro. 5'4".

Sports star you would like to meet: J.J. Delaney.

She won a minor All-Ireland, two at under-16 and one at junior colleges level. She also won All-Ireland colleges 7-a-side honours.

**Lydia Fitzpatrick** (18). Freshford. 5'6".

She won a junior colleges All-Ireland and two at 7-a-side level.

**Orla Hanrick** (15). Dicksboro. 5'4".

Sports star you would like to meet: J.J. Delaney.

She won one junior colleges All-Ireland, two at 7-a-side level and Leinster honours in a variety of grades.

**Tracy Brennan** (15). Lisdowney. 5'5".

Sports star you would like to meet: Rob Kearney.

She won two junior colleges All-Irelands and Leinster honours at under-16 (1), senior (1) and under-14 (2) level.

**Sonia Buggy** (16). Dicksboro. 5'5".

Sports star you would like to meet: Frank Lampard.

She won an All-Ireland at under-16 level, two junior colleges All-Irelands and one at 7-a-side colleges level.

**Emma Comerford** (16). Young Irelands. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: Henry Shefflin. She won one minor All-

Ireland, one at under-16 level and two at junior colleges level. She also won 7-a-side college All-Ireland honours.

**Aisling Curtis** (17). Clara. 5'8".

Sports star you would like to meet: Rob Kearney.

She won one under-16 All-Ireland, two junior colleges All-Irelands and a host of honours at Leinster level.

**Sarah Dunphy** (16). Graigue-Ballycallan. 5'4".

Sports star you would like to meet: Tommy Bowe.

She won two junior colleges All-Irelands; one Leinster under-14 championship and one senior colleges.

**Tara Hogan** (15). Graigue-Ballycallan. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: Henry Shefflin.

She won one junior colleges All-Ireland, and Leinster colleges honours at senior, junior and minor level.

**Kate Holland** (15). Lisdowney. 5'9".

Sports star you would like to meet: Paul O'Connell.

She won a minor All-Ireland, plus junior colleges and two at 7-a-side colleges level.

**Noelle Maher** (16). Tullaroan. 5'3".

Sports star you would like to meet: Tommy Walsh.

She won under-16 All-Ireland, two junior colleges All-Irelands and three 7-a-side colleges All-Ireland honours.

**Sarah-Ann Quinlan** (15). Young Irelands. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: Brian O'Driscoll.

She won two junior colleges All-Irelands and two 7-a-side colleges All-Irelands.

**Isabel Robinson** (16). Clara. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: Tommy Bowe.

She won an under-16 All-Ireland, two junior colleges All-Irelands and Leinster honours at under-16, 16, senior and minor level.

**Stacey Quirke** (18). St Martin's. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: Usain Bolt.

She won a minor All-Ireland, one at under-16 level, one at junior colleges level plus Leinster championships at minor and under-16 level.

**Niamh Byrne** (17). Clara. 5'7".

Sports star you would like to meet: J.J. Delaney.

She won three minor All-Irelands, two under-16, one junior colleges All-Ireland and three 7-a-side colleges All-Irelands.

**Miriam Walsh** (15). Tullaroan. 5'7".

She won one junior colleges All-Ireland, one at 7-a-side college level and

Leinster medals at under-14 (2) level.

**Laura Hennessy** (17). Graigue-Ballycallan. 5'2".

Sports star you would like to meet: David Beckham.

She won one under-16 All-Ireland; one junior colleges All-Ireland and one under-16 Leinster championship.

**Orla Ryan** (16). Graigue-Ballycallan. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: Joe Canning.

She won two junior colleges All-Irelands, one under-14 Leinster championship and a host of other

honours.

**Aoife Murphy** (16). Lisdowney. 5'2".

Sports star you would like to meet: Tommy Bowe.

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**Lydia Fitzpatrick** (14). Freshford. 5'6".

Sports star you would like to meet: J.J. Delaney.

She won one junior colleges All-Ireland, two 7-a-side colleges All-Irelands, two Leinster under-14 championships and a host of other honours.



Kate Holland (Loreto), who will be in action with the senior team at the weekend, wins the battle for possession as Mairead McNicholl (Maghera) closes in during the junior camogie All-Ireland semi-final in Nowlan Park. Photo: Eoin Hennessy

## Tipp were simply too strong

MICHAEL O'LEARY

**Tipperary** ..... 2-12  
**Kilkenny** ..... 0-5

TIPPERARY'S second string cruised to victory over a youthful Kilkenny outfit in this National Camogie League (Division 2) clash. Two quick-fire goals early on proved decisive when Kilkenny hopes were dealt a major blow.

To their credit, Kilkenny never gave up and they worked hard but they were always facing an uphill battle.

Kilkenny started brightly and dominated

possession during the opening five minutes as Anna Farrell pointed a free. However, Tipperary took over and goals in the 6th and 9th minutes effectively sealed the contest.

First Alison Loneragan's shot was blocked off Roisin Byrne, before making no mistake by following up on the rebound. Then a rather strange goal set Kilkenny back further.

Tipperary centre-forward Siobhan McGrath raced through and her shot caused a mix-up in the Kilkenny full-back line. In the confusion the ball ended up in the net (2-0 to

0-1).

Kilkenny's only other point during the half came from Tara Warren following a long distance free by Elaine O'Shea. Tipperary took complete control and they led by 2-7 to 0-2 at the interval.

Further points from Ciara Johnson (2), Siobhan Ryan (2, one free), Noreen Flanagan, Jackie O'Connor and Siobhan McGrath confirmed Tipperary's superiority. Kilkenny never threw in the towel and battled bravely despite their difficulties.

They restricted Tipperary to five second half

points as Kilkenny added points per Anna Farrell (free), her sister Michelle - introduced as a substitute - and a great one from fellow sub Catherine Walsh.

The defence battled bravely in trying circumstances with Edel Frisby and Roisin Byrne doing their utmost. Mariga Nolan performed well in the second-half.

Lucinda Gahan did trojan work and Anna Farrell was Kilkenny's best performer, with sister Shelley looking lively in possession when introduced as an early substitute.

Scorers: Tipperary -

Siobhan McGrath (1-1); Alison Loneragan (1-0); Ciara Johnson, Siobhan Ryan, two frees (0-3 each); Jackie O'Connor, Elaine Hough (0-2 each); Noreen Flanagan (0-1). Kilkenny - Anna Farrell (0-2, frees); Tara Warren, Shelley Farrell, Catherine Walsh (0-1 each).

**Kilkenny** - Anne Marie Lennon, Mariga Nolan, Alison Walsh, Roisin Byrne, Edel Frisby, Elaine O'Shea, Roisin Fennelly, Aine Fahey, Lisa Phelan, Ellis Cantwell, Lucinda Gahan, Anna Farrell, Emma Carroll, Tara Warren, Mags Fennelly. Subs - Shelley Farrell, Catherine Walsh,

AnneMarie Walsh, Davina Tobin, Elizabeth Byrne.

**Tipperary** - C. Kennedy, S. Ryan, S. O'Neill, M. Barry, E. Spillane, S. Larkin, J. Kirwan, C. Kenny, S. Ryan, N. Flanagan, S. McGrath, J. O'Connor, E. Hough, C. Johnston, A. Loneragan, Subs - S. Dwyer, D. Dunne.

Referee - Ger O'Dowd (Limerick).

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# Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarbhunscoileanna sa Chamogaíocht 2010



Luach: €2

## BCS, Lismore

Pobailscoil Na hAbhan, Lios Mhóir

White & Blue

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Tracey Kiely          | Cappoquin |
| 2. Shauna Prendergast    | Lismore   |
| 3. Jenny McCarthy        | Cappoquin |
| 4. Emma Foley            | Cappoquin |
| 5. Jessica Gavin Johnson | Cappoquin |
| 6. Shauna Kiernan (C)    | Lismore   |
| 7. Sarah Fenton          | Lismore   |
| 8. Marie Russell (C)     | Lismore   |
| 9. Michelle Tobin        | Tallow    |
| 10. Aoife Hannon         | Lismore   |
| 11. Jemma Burke          | Cappoquin |
| 12. Clara Aarons         | Lismore   |
| 13. Ruth Geoghegan       | Lismore   |
| 14. Caitriona McGlone    | Lismore   |
| 15. Niamh Prendergast    | Lismore   |

Subs:

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|---------------------|-----------|
| 16. Rachel Whelan   | Lismore   |
| 17. Emily Heneghan  | Lismore   |
| 18. Jackie Forbes   | Tallow    |
| 19. Amy Beecher     | Tallow    |
| 20. Kate Devine     | Lismore   |
| 21. Carole McCarthy | Cappoquin |
| 22. Olive Griffin   | Killeagh  |
| 23. Clodagh Walsh   | Ballyduff |

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## Loreto, Kilkenny

Coláiste Loreto, Cill Chainnaigh

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Sinéad Maher       | Dicksboro           |
| 2. Stacey Quirke      | St Martin's         |
| 3. Niamh Kelly        | Dicksboro           |
| 4. Sarah Dunne        | Graigie-Ballycallan |
| 5. Caoimhe Shiel      | Bennettsbridge      |
| 6. Grace Walsh        | Tullaroan           |
| 7. Nicola Butler      | Graigie-Ballycallan |
| 8. Aisling Dunphy (C) | Graigie-Ballycallan |
| 9. Niamh Byrne        | Clara               |
| 10. Áine Curran       | Freshford           |
| 11. Claire Phelan     | Lisdowney           |
| 12. Aoife Nolan       | O'Loughlin Gaels    |
| 13. Aisling O'Grady   | Dicksboro           |
| 14. Lydia Fitzpatrick | Freshford           |
| 15. Orla Hanrick      | Dicksboro           |
| Subs:                 |                     |
| 16. Tracy Brennan     | Lisdowney           |
| 17. Sonia Buggy       | Dicksboro           |
| 18. Emma Comerford    | Young Irelands      |
| 19. Aisling Curtis    | Clara               |
| 20. Sarah Dunphy      | Graigie-Ballycallan |
| 21. Laura Hennessy    | Graigie-Ballycallan |
| 22. Tara Hogan        | Graigie-Ballycallan |
| 23. Kate Holland      | Lisdowney           |
| 24. Emma Maher        | Freshford           |
| 25. Noelle Maher      | Tullaroan           |
| 26. Aoife Murphy      | Lisdowney           |
| 27. Sarah-Ann Quinlan | Young Irelands      |
| 28. Isabel Robinson   | Clara               |
| 29. Orla Ryan         | Graigie-Ballycallan |
| 30. Miriam Walshe     | Tullaroan           |

Roghnóirí:

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MAR. 2010



# Crowley goals seal it for Col Choilm

All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Senior B final

**Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig (Cork)** 3-9  
**Borris VEC (Carlow)** 2-5

by Brian Canty

TWO second-half goals from corner-forward Emma Crowley helped seal a memorable win for Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig in this championship decider at Cahir on Saturday.

Trailing by two points at the break, the Cork students produced a marvellous second-half turnaround that yielded 2-6, while their Carlow opponents managed just a point.

What led to such a collapse from the Carlow College is hard to pinpoint as they looked the more dangerous side during the opening exchanges. But the Cork girls, coached by county senior Jenny O'Leary and former Cork intermediate captain Hilda Kenneally hatched a half-time plan which paid a

rich dividend.

Kenneally revealed: "We just told the girls they had to cut the supply of ball down to their forwards because they were doing all the damage. All their full-forward line were deadly so we just broke it down completely and stopped them from playing the ball into them."

Clever forward play, typified by Niamh McCarthy, Samantha Gooney and Emma Crowley, were key factors in the Ballincollig win as was the excellent free-taking by Sarah Buckley who notched five points.

The Cork side shot into an early two point lead through Niamh McCarthy and Trish Buttimer but for the remainder of the half they were second best. The Carlow girls, with the three Kelly's — Emma, Michelle and Brid — all doing well in defence used the ball wisely and had a perfect target in full-forward Margaret Simpson.

Simpson repaid their hard work with a goal on five minutes before having a

**Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig's Emma Crowley is surrounded by fans and team-mates after their victory over Borris VEC in the All-Ireland Schools Senior B camogie final in Ardfinnan on Saturday.**

Picture Des Barry



hand in their second, flicked home by lively corner-forward Ciara Quirke on 27 minutes.

Crucially from a Coláiste Choilm point of view, they sandwiched these with a green flag of their own. A long ball into the square landed kindly for Samantha Coomey and her kicked effort squirmed over the line.

They re-started the second-half with a renewed sense of purpose; Clíodhna

Irish controlled the half-back line while Sarah Buckley, McCarthy and Crowley all made contributions in attack. Crowley bundled home a goal on 33 minutes, tacked on a point a minute later and had another goal on 45 minutes. They extended their lead to six points with 10 minutes remaining while all Borris could muster was a point by captain Ann Murphy.

**Scorers for Col Choilm:** E Crowley 2-1, S Coomey 1-2, S Buckley 0-5 (0-5), N McCarthy, T Buttimer (0-1) each.

**Scorers for Borris VEC:** M Simpson 1-2, C Quirke 1-1, K Nolan (0-1), A Murphy (0-1) each.

**COL CHOILM:** A Sheehan (Ballincollig); L Barry (do), A Coughlan (do), E O'Sullivan (do); C Irish (do), K O'Donoghue (do), J Hennigan (do); S Buckley (do), E Nolan (do); O Ni Chathasaigh (do), T Buttimer (do), N McCarthy (Inniscarra); E Scally (Eire Óg), S Coomey (Ballincollig), E Crowley (do).

**Subs:** E Looney (Inniscarra) for E Nolan (23), C Looney (Inniscarra) for L Barry (29), H Morgan (St. Finbar's) for O Ni Chathasaigh (40), S O'Sullivan (do).

Pen Pictures: Loreto, Kilkenny

**Stacey Quirke** St Martin's, 1 Minor All-Ire, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 Minor Leinster, 1 U-16 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 1 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 Intermediate Club, 1 U-18 Club, 2 U-16 Club, 1 Primary School  
**Niamh Byrne** Clara, 3 Minor All-Ire, 2 U-16 All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 3 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 Colleges Inter-provincial, 3 Minor Leinster, 2 U-16 Leinster, 2 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 3 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 Junior Club, 2 U-18 Club, 1 Primary School  
**Sinead Maher** Dickson, 2 Minor All-Ire, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 2 Minor Leinster, 1 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 1 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 Junior Club, 1 U-21 Club, 1 U-18 Club, 1 Primary School  
**Niamh Kelly** Dickson, 4 Minor All-Ire, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 Colleges Inter-provincial, 4 Minor Leinster, 1 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 1 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 Junior Club, 1 U-21 Club, 1 U-18 Club, 2 U-16 Club, 1 Primary School  
**Sarah Dunne** Graigue-Ballycallan, 1 Minor All-Ire, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 Minor Leinster, 1 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 1 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 U-21 Club, 1 U-18 Club  
**Caoimhe Shiel** Bennettsbridge, 4 Minor All-Ire, 2 U-16 All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 5 Minor Leinster, 2 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 1 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 U-14 Club  
**Grace Walsh** Tullamore, 1 Minor All-Ire, 2 U-16 All-Ire, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 Minor Leinster, 3 U-16 Leinster, 2 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 4 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 Junior Club, 1 U-16 Club, 1 U-14 Club, 1 Primary School  
**Nicola Butler** Graigue-Ballycallan, 4 Minor All-Ire, 3 U-16 All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 Colleges Inter-provincial, 5 Minor Leinster, 3 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 1 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 U-21 Club, 1 U-18 Club  
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**Clair Phelan** Lisdowey, 3 Minor All-Ire, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 4 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 3 Minor Leinster, 2 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 4 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 U-14 Club, 2 Primary Schools, 1 Primary School  
**Aoife Nolan** O'Leahy's Gaels, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 U-18 Club, 3 U-16 Club, 2 U-14 Club, 3 Primary School  
**Aisling O'Grady** Dickson, 1 Minor All-Ire, 2 U-16 All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 2 Minor Leinster, 1 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 1 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 Junior Club, 1 U-18 Club, 1 U-16 Club, 1 Primary School  
**Lydia Fitzpatrick** Freshford, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 2 Leinster U-14, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 2 Senior Club, 1 U-14  
**Orla Hanrick** Dickson, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 U-16 Leinster, 2 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 Junior Club, 2 U-16 Club, 1 U-14 Club, 3 Primary Schools  
**Tracy Brennan** Lisdowey, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 Leinster U-16, 2 Leinster U-14, 1 Leinster Senior Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 U-14 Club, 1 U-14 Hurling  
**Sonia Buggy** Dickson, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 2 Leinster U-16, 2 Leinster U-14, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 Junior Club, 1 U-18 Club, 2 U-16 Club, 1 U-14 Club, 3 Primary Schools  
**Emma Comerford** Young Ire, 1 Minor All-Ire, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 Minor Leinster, 2 U-16 Leinster, 2 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 4 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 U-18 Club, 2 U-16 Club, 1 U-14 Club, 3 Primary Schools  
**Aisling Curtis** Clara, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 U-16 Leinster, 2 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 4 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 U-18 Club, 2 U-16 Club, 2 U-14 Club, 4 Primary Schools  
**Sarah Dunphy** Graigue-Ballycallan, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 Leinster U-14, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 U-16 Club  
**Tara Hogan** Graigue-Ballycallan, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 1 U-18 Club  
**Kate Holland** Lisdowey, 1 Minor All-Ire, 1 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 Minor Leinster, 1 U-16 Leinster, 2 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 2 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 U-14 Club, 1 U-14 Hurling  
**Norrie Maher** Tullamore, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 3 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 2 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 3 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 Junior Club, 1 U-16 Club, 1 U-14 Club, 1 Primary School  
**Sarah-Ann Quinlan** Young Ire, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 7-a-side Colleges All-Ire, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 7-a-side Leinster Colleges, 1 U-18 Club, 2 U-16 Club, 1 U-14 Club  
**Isabel Robinson** Clara, 1 U-16 All-Ire, 2 Junior Colleges All-Ire, 2 U-16 Leinster, 1 U-14 Leinster, 1 Senior Leinster Colleges, 3 Junior Leinster Colleges, 2 Minor Leinster Colleges, 2 U-18 Club, 1 U-16 Club, 1 U-14 Club, 2 Primary School

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**Katie O Byrne** Mount Leinster Rangers, Two U16 Co '08 & '09, U14 Leinster medal '09, Schools mini 7 all Ire final '09  
**Michelle Kelly** Mount Leinster Rangers, U16 and minor Co Leinster final, Jun B Leinster and all Ire medal 2005, Schools mini 7s all Ire final '09  
**Clair Kirwan** Blacks and Whites, '09 U21 champions, '08 U18 champions, Jun Camogie league winners '09  
**Amy Skelton** Mount Leinster Rangers, U16 and U18 Leinster Co winners '09, Minor Schools Leinster winners '07, Numerous U10 - U21 Club Co final  
**Brid Kelly** Blacks and Whites, U16 Leinster final medal with Kilkenny '09, U21 Co final '09, Jun all Co league final '09  
**Kate Nolan** Myshall, Two Leinster U16, Sen club Co winners, U14 Leinster medal  
**Mary Ellen Doyle** Mount Leinster Rangers, U16 Leinster Co winners '09, minor schools Leinster winners '07, numerous U10 - U21 Club Co final  
**Niamh Kavanagh** St. Mullins, Jun Co final '08, Schools Leinster final winners '10, Leinster final medal '09  
**Aoife Carroll** Blacks and Whites, U21 Co final '09, Jun all Co league final '09, Leinster final schools Jun '09  
**Ann Murphy** Mount Leinster Rangers, U16 and Minor Co Leinster final winners, Jun B all Ire schools, Mary U10 - U21 Co final  
**Joanne Barcoe** Gorebridge/Paultown, Intermediate League winners '09, Jun Leinster medal '09, Sen Leinster winners '10  
**Margaret Simpson** Young Ires, U16 Leinster medal for Kilkenny '09, U18 club medal '09, Jun schools all Ire medal 2006  
**Clara Quirke** Myshall, Two Leinster U16, Sen club Co winners, Jun school Leinster medal  
**Shauna Barcoe** Mount Leinster Rangers, U14, U16, U18 Co Leinster final, Numerous U10 - U21 Co  
**Lorraine Bille** Mount Leinster Rangers, U14, U16, U18 Co Leinster final, Numerous U10 - U21 Co  
**Olivia McDonald** Mount Leinster Rangers, U12 - U21 Co final, Represented Carlow and school in Croke Park, Leinster finals with schools  
**Elaine Rodkins** Young Ires, U16 Co '08 and '09, Jun Schools Leinster Finals '09  
**Lauren Barcoe** Gorebridge/Paultown, U14 club champions '09, U14 Co Leinster medal '09, Also enjoys soccer  
**Rebecca O Dwyer** Mount Leinster Rangers, U14, U16, U18 Co Leinster final, Numerous U10 - U21 Co  
**Carol Dowling** Bunkill, Sen B Co Medal '09  
**Emily Murphy** Blacks and Whites, All Ire schools medal '08, U21 Co final '09, Jun all Co league final '09

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**Ruth Grogan** Lismore, Sen Mun Final, Sen All Ire Final, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Jemma Burke** Cappoquin, Junior Mun Final Runners winners '07, R-Up '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Emma Foley** Cappoquin, Junior Mun Final R-Up '08, Sen Mun Final, Sen All Ire Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Marie Russell** (Joint Captain) Lismore, Mun Final '06, Sen Mun Final, Sen All Ire Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Shauna Prendergast** Lismore, Junior Mun title '07, Junior Mun R-Up '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Niamh Prendergast** Lismore, Junior Mun Final Winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Niehlle Tobin** Tallow, Junior Mun Final winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun Final, Sen All Ire Semi Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Tracy Kieley** Cappoquin, Junior Mun Final winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Caitriona Mc Glone** Lismore, Junior Mun Final Winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Jackie Forbes** Tallow, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Shauna Kiernan** (Joint Captain) Lismore, Junior Mun Final Winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Mun Intermediate A winners 2005, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Kate Devine** Lismore, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun Champions '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Clara Aarons** Lismore, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun Champions '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Olivia Griffin** Killeesh, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun Champions '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Sarah Fenton** Lismore, Junior Mun Final Winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Jenny McCarthy** Cappoquin, Junior Mun Final Winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Emily Heneghan** Lismore, Junior Mun Final Winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Carole McCarthy** Cappoquin, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Mun Final winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C and All Ire Final, Sen All Ire Final '08 Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun winners '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Amy Beecher** Tallow, Junior Mun Final Winners '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun Champions '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Rachel Whelan** Lismore, Junior Mun Final Winner '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen Lge '10  
**Clodagh Walsh** Cappoquin, Junior Mun Final Winner '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, Mun A Final, Sen Lge '10  
**Aoife Hannan** Lismore, Junior Mun Final Winner '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun Champions '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10  
**Jessica Gavin Johnson** Cappoquin, 1<sup>st</sup> Year and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Mun Champions '07, R-Up Mun Junior '08, Sen Mun C Final, Sen All Ire C Final '08, Mun and All Ire B '09, U16's Mini 7s Mun Champions '09, Mun A Final, Sen League '10

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**Elaine Devane** (Elaine Ni Dhuibhinn) Boherlahan - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, Orla McDonagh U14 All Ireland Inter Co B14 U14 Finalist '07, Co U14 B League '07, Co Community Games U13's '06  
**Karen Bohan** (Karen Ni Bhuacháin) Thurles - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, Co U16B '09, Orla McDonagh U14 All Ireland Inter Co B14 Finalist '07, U14A Co League and Championship '06  
**Shauna Brett** (Shauna De Breic) Thurles - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, Co U16B '09, Orla McDonagh U14 All Ireland Inter Co B14 Finalist '07, U14A Co League and Championship '06  
**Bernie Borgeis** (Bernadine Ni Bheirgin) Moycarkey - Munster Post Primary Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, Co Intermediate '09, Co Jun A League & Championship '08  
**Emily O'Brien** (Emily Ni Bhráin) Clonsilla - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, Co U14B '06, Co Jun B '08, Jun North Munster League '09  
**Rosemarie Hanafin** (Rosemarie Ni Aifinn) Thurles - Munster Post Primary Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, Co U16B '09, All-Ireland Inter Co U14 '08 & '09, Cumann na mBanseoil U13's '06 & '07  
**Eithne Moran** (Captain) (Eithne Ni Mhuirín) Moycarkey - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, Co Intermediate '09, Co Jun A League & Championship '08, Co U14 2005, Co U12 2003  
**Emma Carey** (Emma Ni Chindha) Thurles - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, 4 Co titles, Member of Tipperary Panel since '06  
**Clodagh Quirke** (Clodagh Ni Chiaráin) Clonsilla - Munster Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, U14B Co '06, Co Jun B & North Munster League '08, Tipperary panel '07, '08 '10, Hurling U14 A West & Co '08, West Champions '07, '08  
**Andrea Loughane** (Andrea Ni Lacháin) Thurles - Munster Post Primary Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, Co U16B '09, Co U12A 2005, Cumann na mBanseoil U11 & U13 '06  
**Cait Devane** (Cait Ni Dhuibhinn) Clonsilla - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, Munster Jun '09, Co Jun '08, Schools Co '06, U16 Co '08, U14 Co '06  
**Sarah Fryday** (Sorecha Fryday) Clonsilla - Munster Post Primary Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, U14B Co '06, Co Jun B & North Munster League '08, Member of Tipperary panel '07, '08, '09, U16 Munster & All-Ireland Finalists '09, Hurling U14 A West & Co '08, West Champions '07, '08  
**Cliona O'Dwyer** (Cliona Ni Dhuibhir) Cashel - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, All-Ireland & Munster '09, Sen League '09, Co Sen '09, North Munster League '09  
**Michaela Graham** (Michaela Ni Ghreocháin) Moycarkey - Munster Post Primary Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, Co Jun '08, Co Intermediate '09, U16 Munster & All-Ireland Finalists '09  
**Beatrice Carranas** (Beatrice Ni Chiaráin) Thurles - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, 4 Co titles  
**Kora Kavanagh** (Kora Ni Chiaráin) Thurles - Munster Post Primary Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, Co U16B '09, Cumann na mBanseoil U13's '06 & '07, All-Ireland Inter Co U14B '09  
**Clair Walsh** (Clair Breathnach) Harps, Laois - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, Co Jun '07, '08, '09, Leinster '07, '08, '09, Minor Leinster & All-Ireland '09, Jun All-Ireland '07, '08  
**Marianne Murphy** (Máire Aine Ni Mhuirín) Moycarkey - Munster Post Primary Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, Co Intermediate '09, Co U14 '08, U16 Munster & All-Ireland Finalists '09  
**Aislinn Ryan** (Aislinn Ni Riain) St. Brigid's, Laois - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Int B '10, U16 Shield Final, Co U14  
**Bernadine Killeide** (Bernadine Ni Ghloilla Bhríde) Harps, Laois - Munster Post Primary Sen C & Intermediate B '10, U14 Shield Final, U16 Shield Final '09, Minor  
**Aine Symons** (Aine Ni Síomóin) Thurles - Munster Post Primary Sen C, Intermediate B & Jun C '10, Co U12, Co Feile '08 & '09, Co U16 '10

livan (Ballincollig) for E Scally (47), N Byrne (Inniscarra) for E Crowley (54).

**BORRIS VEC:** K O'Byrne (Mt. Leinster Rgs.); E Kelly (do); M Kelly (do); C Kirwan (Blacks and Whites); A Skelton (Mt. Leinster Rgs.); B Kelly (Blacks and Whites); K Nolan (Myshall); M Doyle (Mt. Leinster Rgs.); N Kavanagh (St. Mullins); A Carroll (Blacks and Whites); E Barcoe (Blacks and Whites); A Murphy (Mt. Leinster Rgs.); J Barcoe (Goresbridge/ Paultown); M Simpson (Young Irelands); C Quirke (Myshall).

Referee: W Barrett (Tipperary).



# Crowley is catalyst in Ballincollig comeback

By BRIAN CANTY

All-Ireland colleges' camogie final

Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig 3-9  
Borris VEC (Carlow) 2-5

A STUNNING second-half performance, which yielded two goals and six points, deservedly handed Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig the All-Ireland Colleges Senior B Camogie title after a terrific battle with Borris VEC (Carlow) in Cahir on Saturday.

Trailing by two points at the break, the Cork students produced a marvellous second-half turnaround, restricting the much-vaunted Leinster champions to a solitary point.

What exactly led to such a collapse from the Carlow College is hard to pinpoint as they looked the more dangerous during the opening exchanges but the Cork girls, coached by county senior Jenny O'Leary and former Cork intermediate captain Hilda Kenneally, hatched a half-time plan which paid dividends.

Clever forward play typified by Niamh McCarthy, Samantha Cooney and Emma Crowley were key factors, as was the excellent free-taking by Sarah Buckley who notched five points.

They blasted into an early two-point lead through 14-year-old Niamh McCarthy and Trish Buttimer but for the remainder of the half they were second best in most quarters and found themselves lucky to be going in trailing by just two at the interval.

The Carlow girls, with the three Kelly's — Emma, Michelle and Brid, all doing well in defence, used the ball wisely and rained balls on top for full-forward Margaret Simpson to good effect.

Simpson repaid the trust with a goal on five minutes before having a hand in Ciara Quirke's goal a short time after.

Crucially from a Coláiste Choilm point of view, they sandwiched these with a green flag of their own. A long ball into the square landed kindly for Samantha Cooney to squirm it over the line.

They restarted the second half with a renewed sense of urgency. Clíodhna Irish mopping up in the half-back line while Sarah Buckley, McCarthy and Crowley all made significant contributions in attack.

Crowley bundled home a goal on 33 minutes, tacked on a point a minute later and completed an amazing 10 minutes with another goal on 45 minutes to rock the Leinster representatives.

Oozing confidence Ballincollig extended their lead to six points with 10 minutes remaining while all Borris could muster was a point by captain Ann Murphy.

**Scorers for Coláiste Choilm:** E Crowley 2-1, S Cooney 1-2, S Buckley 0-5 (0-50), N McCarthy, T Buttimer (0-1) each.

**Borris VEC:** M Simpson 1-2, C Quirke 1-1, K Nolan (0-1), A Murphy (0-1) each.

**COLÁISTE CHOILM:** A Sheehan (Ballincollig); L Barry (do), A Coughlan (do), E O'Sullivan (do); C Irish (do), K O'Donoghue (do), J Hennigan (do); S Buckley (do), E Nolan (do); O Ni Chathasaigh (do), T Buttimer (do), N McCarthy (Inniscarra); E Scally (Eire Og), S Cooney (Ballincollig), E Crowley (do).

**Subs:** E Looney (Inniscarra) for E Nolan (23), C Looney (Inniscarra) for L Barry (29), H Morgan (St Finbarr's) for O Ni Chathasaigh (40), S O'Sullivan (Ballincollig) for E Scally (47), N Byrne (Inniscarra) for E Crowley (54).

**BORRIS VEC:** K O'Byrne (Mt Leinster Rgs); E Kelly (do), M Kelly (do), C Kirwan (Blacks and Whites); A Skelton (Mt Leinster Rgs), B Kelly (Blacks and Whites), K Nolan (Myshall); M Doyle (Mt Leinster Rgs), N Kavanagh (St Mullins); A Carroll (Blacks and Whites), E Barcoe (do), A Murphy (Mt Leinster Rgs); J Barcoe (Goresbridge/Paulstown), M Simpson (Young Irelands), C Quirke (Myshall).

**Referee:** W Barrett (Tipperary).

# First senior title for gritty Loreto

All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Senior A final

Loreto (Kilkenny) 2-5  
BCS, Lismore (Waterford) 1-7

by Brian Canty

ANOTHER All-Ireland title for Kilkenny, another championship decider ending in tears for Waterford.

This All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Senior A decider at Ardfinnan on Saturday was a thrilling affair but it was impossible not to feel sorry for the losers Blackwater Community School who squandered three glorious first-half goal chances before missing a hat-trick of late equalising chances.

Winning manager Colm Keher was a relieved man at the final whistle: "We're just thrilled to have gotten through it. We won our semi-final by a point and we won again today by the same."

"The girls showed tremendous fight late on and it's magnificent for the school. It's our first senior title and I'm delighted for everyone."

His side flew out of the traps and had 1-4 on the board after 20 minutes, the goal coming courtesy of Aoife Nolan who anticipated the flight of a long range free by Aisling Dunphy before kicking home from close range.

Marie Russell brought BCS back into it with a few frees approaching half-time but the opening period was all about the majesty of Grace Walsh at centre-back (younger sister of Tommy), while Caoimhe Shiel beside her also shone.

Lydia Fitzpatrick restored the Loreto advantage with a goal straight after half-time but that signalled the storm-force comeback from the Waterford girls. Catriodhna McGlone began proceedings with a stunning individual goal on 40 minutes before points from Russell (3) had the margin back to just a goal.

Then came a major turning point when McGlone ran clean through on goal but her snap shot flew over the bar. Loreto, despite not scoring for the final 20 minutes, survived the siege to secure the championship.

Losing manager Denis Ring praised the manner of his side's tightback. "Those girls just don't give up, they keep going. They were absolutely fantastic and I couldn't be prouder of them. It's just a shame we didn't win. Just before half-time we had three very good goal chances and we didn't take any one of them. We fell just short by a point today which was heart-breaking."

**Scorers for Loreto:** L Fitzpatrick 1-1, A Nolan 1-0, C Phelan 0-2 (0-20), A Curran, O Hendrick (0-1) each.

**Scorers for BCS Lismore:** M Russell 0-5 (0-50), C McGlone 1-1, R Whelan 0-1.

**LORETO:** S Maher (Dicksboro); S Quirke (St Martin's), N Kelly (Dicksboro), S Dunne (Graigie-Ballycallan); C Shiel (Bennettsbridge), G Walsh (Tullaroan), N Butler (Graigie-Ballycallan); A Dunphy (do), N Byrne (Clara); A Curran (Freshford), C Phelan (Lisdowney), A Nolan (O'Loughlin Gaels); A O'Grady (Dicksboro), L Fitzpatrick (Freshford), O Hendrick (Dicksboro).

**Subs:** A Murphy (Lisdowney) for A Nolan (41), N Maher (Tullaroan) for S Dunne (43), K Holland (Lisdowney) for A O'Grady (43).

**BCS LISMORE:** T Kiely (Cappoquin); N Prendergast (Lismore), J McCarthy (Cappoquin), S Prendergast (Lismore); J Johnson (Cappoquin), S Kiernan (Lismore); S Fenton (do); M Russell (do), M Tobin (Tallow); A Hannon (Lismore); J Burke (Cappoquin), C Aarons (Lismore); R Geoghegan (do), C McGlone (do), R Whelan (do).

**Subs:** E Heneghan (Lismore) for J Burke (42).

**Referee:** J O'Leary (Cork).

Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig – Senior B Finalist 2010



Borris – Senior B Finalist 2010



**Borris VEC**  
Gairmscoil Borris Ceatharlach

Maroon & Black

1. Katie O Byrne
2. Emma Kelly
3. Michelle Kelly
4. Claire Kirwan
5. Amy Skelton
6. Brid Kelly
7. Kate Nolan
8. Mary Ellen Doyle
9. Niamh Kavanagh
10. Aoife Carroll
11. Elizabeth Barcoe
12. Ann Murphy (C)
13. Joanne Barcoe
14. Margaret Simpson
15. Ciara Quirke

Mount Leinster Rangers  
Mount Leinster Rangers  
Mount Leinster Rangers  
Blacks and Whites  
Mount Leinster Rangers  
Blacks and Whites  
Myshall  
Mount Leinster Rangers  
St. Mullins  
Blacks and Whites  
Blacks and Whites  
Mount Leinster Rangers  
Goresbridge/Paulstown  
Young Irelands  
Myshall

Subs:

16. Shauna Barcoe
17. Lorraine Bible
18. Olivia Mc Donald
19. Elaine Rudkins
20. Kate Kelly
21. Lauren Barcoe
22. Rebecca O' Dwyer
23. Carol Dowling
24. Emily Murphy

Mount Leinster Rangers  
Mount Leinster Rangers  
Mount Leinster Rangers  
Young Irelands  
Goresbridge/Paulstown  
Goresbridge/Paulstown  
Mount Leinster Rangers  
Ballinkillen  
Blacks and Whites

Roghnóirí:

Orla Bambury, Mary Smith and Catriona Moore

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## Colaiste Choilm do Cork proud in Schools Camogie All-Ireland



The Colaiste Choilm Ballincollig team celebrate their Schools Senior B Camogie All-Ireland final victory over Gairmscoil Borris, Carlow yesterday. See page 67 for match report.

Picture: Des B.

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**Niamh Mooney** (Niamh Ni Mhaonaigh) Drumcullen. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly Sen Club 2009, Offaly U-16 A 2009, Offaly U-14 B 2006, Cumann na mBunscoil 2006.

**Sorcha McGarry** (Sorcha Ni Ghearra) Lusmagh. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly Minor Schools 2009, Leinster U-14 B 2007 & 2008, Offaly U-14 B and B Féile 2008, Offaly U-12 B 2006.

**Sile Dolan** (Sile Ni Dhólaín) St Rynaghs. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Leinster Sen Schools D Football 2009, Offaly Minor B Camogie 2008, Offaly U-16 Football 2007, Offaly Minor Football 2007, Offaly U-14 2005.

**Niamh Larkin** (Niamh Ni Loreain) Lusmagh. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, U-16 B All Ireland 2008, Offaly U-16 B 2007, Offaly U-14 B 2006, Offaly Indoor Camogie Title.

**Clare Keenaghan** (Clár Ni Choinneacháin) Lusmagh. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Leinster Sen Schools D Football 2009, Offaly U-14 B 2007, Offaly Minor Football 2009, Offaly U-16 Football 2008 & 2009.

**Aoife Brady** (Aoife Ni Bhréidigh) Lorrha. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Tipperary Jun A 2009, Tipperary Jun B 2007, Tipperary Jun A Football 2007, Tipperary Jun B Football, U-16 B All Ireland 2007 and U-14 Munster A 2005, Tipperary U-16 Football 2007.

**Colette Cleary** (Colette Ni Chléirigh) Lorrha. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Tipperary Jun A 2009, Tipperary Jun B 2007, U-14 All Ireland 2007, Tipperary Jun B Football 2007, Tipperary U-16 Football 2007.

**Claire Camon** (Clár Ni Chamáin) St Rynaghs. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Leinster Sen Schools D Football 2009, Offaly Minor Football 2009, Offaly U-16 Football 2008, Offaly U-14 2005, Offaly U-14 Football 2005 & 2006.

**Michelle Dolan** (Michelle Ni Dhólaín) St Rynaghs. Team Vice Captain. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Leinster Sen Schools D Football 2009, Offaly Minor B 2008, U-14 Leinster B 2005, Offaly U-14 2004, Kildare U-14 2004, Offaly Minor Football 2007 & 2009, Offaly U-16 Football 2007 & 2008.

**Leanne Kelly** (Leanne Ni Cheallaigh) Lusmagh. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly U-14 B 2006, Offaly Indoor Camogie Title, Member of Offaly U-16 & minor teams.

**Jennifer Flannery** (Sinead Ni Fhlannabhra) St Rynaghs. Team Captain. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Leinster Sen Schools D Football 2009, Offaly Minor Football 2009 & 2008, Offaly U-16 Football 2007, Offaly U-14 Camogie 2007, Offaly U-14 Football 2005 & 2006.

**Tracy Lyons** (Tracy Ni Laighin) Kiltormer. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Galway Intermediate 2009, Connacht Jun A 2007, Galway Jun A 2007, Connacht Jun B 2005, Galway Jun B 2005, Galway Minor C 2008.

**Helen Dolan** (Eibhlín Ni Dhólaín) St Rynaghs. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly Minor Schools Camogie 2009, Offaly Minor B 2008, Offaly U-14 2008, Leinster U-14 B 2009, Offaly Féile Skills Winner 2009, Offaly U-14 Football 2007, 2008 & 2009, Div 3 Féile Football 2009.

**Alva Egan** (Almath Nic Aogáin) Lorrha. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Tipperary Jun A 2009, Dublin U-14 Football 2007.

**Rhona Lynch** (Rhona Ni Loinsigh) Lusmagh. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly U-14 B 2006, Member of Offaly U-16 team, Offaly Indoor Camogie Title.

**Tara Dooley** (Tara Ni Dhóiblaioich) St Rynaghs. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly U-14 2008, Offaly Minor Football 2009, Offaly U-16 Football 2009, Offaly U-14 & Féile Football 2009, Div 3 Féile Football 2009.

**Aoife Dolan** (Aoife Ni Dhólaín) Kiltormer. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly Minor Schools 2009, Galway Intermediate 2009, Galway U-18 B 2008, Galway U-16 B 2008, Galway U-14 C 2007 & 2008, All Ireland U-14 2008, Current Member of Galway U-16 panel.

**Laura Mahon** (Laura Ni Mhathúna) Lusmagh. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly Indoor Camogie Title, U-16 B All Ireland 2007, Offaly U-14 B 2006.

**Róisín Woods** (Róisín Nic Chonchoille) St Rynaghs. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Leinster Sen Schools Football D 2009, Offaly Minor B Camogie 2008, Leinster U-14 2008, Offaly Minor Football 2009, Offaly U-16 Football 2007, 2008 & 2009, Offaly U-14 Football 2008.

**Aisling Maloney** (Aisling Ni Mhaoldomhaigh) St Rynaghs. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly Minor B 2008, Leinster U-14 Football 2008, Offaly U-14 Football 2007.

**Clodna Mahon** (Clodna Ni Mhathúna) Lusmagh. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly Minor Schools 2009, Leinster U-14 B 2007, Offaly U-14 2007.

**Avril McEvoy** (Avril Nic Aoibhuí) Meelick Eyrecourt. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Offaly Minor Schools 2009, Galway U-16 2006, Galway U-13 2008, Connacht U-14 B 2008.

**Clodagh Cahill** (Clodagh Ni Chathail) Lusmagh. Leinster Sen Schools C 2010, Leinster Sen Schools D Football 2009, U-16 All Ireland 2008, U-14 Leinster 2007, Offaly Minor Football 2009, Offaly U-16 Football 2009.

### Pen Pictures: Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig

**Aisleen Sheehan** Cork u16, Cork u18, Cork Junior, Cork Senior 'B', Munster Senior, Munster Interpen

**Laura Barry** Scioth na Scoil Finalists 2006, Cork Colleges u14 2008, Cork u16 2009, Muskerry u16 2009, 2010

**Alison Coughlan** Club Senior 'A', Cork u18 '09, Cork u16 '08, All Ire Jun C '07, All Ire Sen C '06, Cork Colleges u14 All Ire

**Emer O'Sullivan** Senior 'A' Ballincollig, Senior 'B' County Final 2009, Cork u16 2008 Munster, All Ireland Junior 2007

**Cliona Irish** Senior 'A' Ballincollig, Senior Schools All Ireland 2006, Junior Schools All Ireland 2007, U16 County 2007

**Kate O'Donoghue** Cork Minor 2008, Cork Minor Munster Final 2009, Sen 'B' Cork, Sen 'A' Ballincollig, Munster Interpen

**Erin Looney** Senior All Ireland 2006, Junior All Ireland 2007, u16 County Final 2007

**Sarah Buckley** Cork Minor 2008, 2009, Cork Minor Munster Final 2009, Senior 'B' Cork, Senior 'A' Ballincollig

**Jessica Hennigan** Cork Colleges u14 2009, Muskerry 2010

**Elaine Scally** County Final u16 2009, County Final u18 2009, Cork Colleges u14

**Trish Buttmer** Cork Minor 2008, 2009, 2009 Munster final, Senior 'B' Cork, Senior 'A' Ballincollig

**Niamh Byrne** Cork Colleges u14 2009, Mini 7s in croke park 2007 representing cork

**Emma Crowley** Co Final u16 2009, Co Final u18 2009, Co Final Senior B r-up, Muskerry '09, '10, All Ire Schools Jun '07

**Samantha Coomey** Senior 'A' Ballincollig, Cork u16 Munster 2008, All Ireland Junior 2007

**Heather Morgan** Cork u14 2007, Cork 'B' u16 2009

**Sinead O'Sullivan** Muskerry 2010, 2009, Ballincollig Runners up u16 2010, Ballincollig Runners up u18 2010

**Órla Murphy** Scioth na scoil 2007

**Órla Ni Chathasaigh** Senior 'A' Ballincollig, Senior school All Ire 2006, Junior School All Ire '07, Co u16 2007, Jun Cork

**Niamh McCarthy** Cork primary games 2009, Mini 7's, Cork Colleges u14 2010, Cron Camos!

**Meabh MacNamara** Muskerry 2010, Ballincollig Runners up Minor, u16 2009

**Sarah McCoy** Muskerry 2010, Ballincollig Runners up Minor, u16 2009

**Shannon O'Brien** Senior Camogie Team Colaiste Choilm

**Erin Looney** u16 County, Munster Senior Colleges 2010, Scioth na scoil

**Caitlin Looney** u16 County, Mini 7's

**Katie Hogan** Junior plate county final 2009, Mid cork u13 2006, 2007, Scioth na scoil

**Ellen Murphy** Junior plate county final 2009, Mid cork u13 2006, 2007, Scioth na Scoil

## Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig

Colaiste Choilm, Baile An Chollaigh

### Blue

1. Aisleen Sheehan (C) Ballincollig
2. Laura Barry Ballincollig
3. Alison Coughlan Ballincollig
4. Emer O Sullivan Ballincollig
5. Clionhna Irish Ballincollig
6. Kate O Donoghue Ballincollig
7. Erin Looney Inniscarra
8. Sarah Buckley Ballincollig
9. Jessica Hennigan Ballincollig
10. Elaine Scally Eire Og
11. Trish Buttmer Ballincollig
12. Niamh Byrne Inniscarra
13. Emma Crowley Ballincollig
14. Samantha Coomey Ballincollig
15. Heather Morgan St. Finbarr's
16. Sinéad O Sullivan Inniscarra
17. Caitlin Looney Cloughduv
18. Órla Murphy Ballincollig
19. Órla Ni Chathasaigh Ballincollig
20. Eimear Nolan Ballincollig
21. Niamh Mc Carthy Inniscarra
22. Shannon O' Brien Ballincollig
23. Sarah Nic Aodh Ballincollig
24. Meabh Nic Mheanmain Eire Og
25. Kate Hogan Ballinora
26. Ellen Murphy Ballincollig

### Roghnóirí:

Hilda Kenneally, Jennifer O Leary

### ALL IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	Winner	Runners Up	Score	Winning Captain
1969	Pres. Kilkenny	St Aloysius, Cork	3-2 to 1-2	Mary Tallis
1970	Pres. Kilkenny	Sacred Heart, Newry	2-3 to 1-1	Liz Neary
1971	Sacred Heart, Newry	Pres. Mountmellick	3-2 to 2-1	Anne McCone
1972	Pres. Oranmore	St. Louise, Kikeel	6-1 to 4-4	Marie Murphy
1973	Pres. Mountmellick	Pres. Athenry	4-2 to 1-2	Carmel Cottrell
1974	Pres. Athenry	St. Louise, Kikeel	3-1 to 1-0	Midge Poniard
1975	Pres. Athenry	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-4 to 2-4	Midge Poniard
1976	St. Aloysius, Cork	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 0-2	Jacinta O' Brien
1977	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	2-2 to 1-3	Cora Hennessy
1978	Pres. Athenry	Loreto, Coleraine	2-3 to 2-2	Anne Poniard
1979	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	Pres. Athenry	3-3 to 1-3	Majella Hallinan
1980	North Pres, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	4-7 to 1-1	Imelda Cronin
1981	St. Patrick's, Cork	Assumption, Walkinstown	1-3 to 0-5	Ann O' Mahony
1982	St. Patrick's, Shannon	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	1-7 to 1-4	Caroline O' Meara
1983	St. John Of God-Artane	St. Patrick's, Cork	2-6 to 2-1	Adele Campbell
1984	Maryfield, Dublin	North Pres, Cork	2-5 to 0-5	Roisin Brady
1985	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Cork	4-7 to 3-3	Deirdre Costello
1986	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	FCJ Bunclody	3-5 to 0-4	Angela Cooney
1987	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-8 to 0-4	Brid Stratford
1988	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	FCJ Bunclody	2-13 to 1-5	Imelda Hobbins
1989	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Patrick's, Keady	5-9 to 2-10	Triona Dolphin
1990	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	Scoil Mhuire, Cashel	3-11 to 2-0	Imelda Maher
1991	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	Vocational, Thomastown	3-6 to 0-0	Siobhán Keane
1992	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	St. Brigid's, Callan	7-7 to 2-4	Pamela Nevin
1993	St. Brigid's, Callan	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-7 to 1-2	Sinead Millea
1994	St. Mary's, Nenagh	St. Patrick's, Maghera	1-10 to 1-2	Noelle Kennedy
1995	Pres. Kilkenny	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-4 to 2-4	Deirdre Phelan
1996	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	1-15 to 3-3	Deirdre Sheehan
1997	St. Mary's, Charleville	St. Brigid's, Loughrea	2-16 to 4-2	Vera Sheehan
1998	St. Mary's, Charleville	Colaiste Bride	1-11 to 1-4	Sinead Callaghan
1999	St. Mary's, Charleville	Colaiste Bride	3-10 to 0-5	Caomhe Harrington
2000	St. Mary's, Nenagh	Seamount, Kinvara	3-6 to 0-7	Mary Rose Ryan
2001	St. Mary's, Charleville	Loreto, Kilkenny	4-7 to 0-3	Niamh Bowles
2002	St. Mary's, Charleville	Portumna Community	4-16 to 1-9	Aine Kelleher
2003	Colaiste Bride	St. Patrick's, Maghera	5-7 to 0-3	Ciara O' Connor
2004	Colaiste Bride	Charleville [0-8 to 0-8]	3-7 to 2-4	Ursula Jacob
2005	Colaiste Bride	St. Mary's, Charleville	1-8 to 2-3	Bronagh Furlong
2006	St. Mary's, Charleville	Pres. Athenry [2-5 to 2-5]	1-9 to 0-4	Mary Coleman
2007	St. Mary's, Maghera	Pres. Athenry [0-11 to 3-2]	2-9 to 2-6	Michaela Convery
2008	St. Brigid's, Callan	St. Mary's, Charleville	3-7 to 0-5	Leanne Fennelly
2009	St. Brigid's, Callan	Portumna Community	1-11 to 1-6	Denise Gaule

### ALL IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

1999	Sacred Heart, Clonakilty	Kilcormac Vocational	3-13 to 2-5	Geraldine Collins
2000	St. Patrick's, Shannon	St. Cuan's, Castleblaney	3-5 to 1-0	Siobhán Kelly
2001	St. Brigid's, Callan	Mercy, Woodford	2-5 to 1-4	Aoife Tracy
2002	Mercy, Waterford	Scoil Mhuire, Ballinasloe	2-8 to 1-5	Mairéad Murphy
2003	Coachford College	Pres. Athenry	1-5 to 0-7	Joan Twomey
2004	St. Rynagh's, Banagher	St. Raphael's, Loughrea	2-7 to 0-7	Susan Earner
2005	Mercy, Woodford	Ursuline's, Thurles	2-6 to 0-5	Phylis Hayes
2006	St. Fergal's, Rathdowney	St. Patrick's, Keady	2-9 to 2-4	Eimear Delaney
2007	St. Mary's, Nenagh	Castlecomer CC	3-6 to 1-8	Aoife McLoughney
2008	Christ the King, Cork	St. Kilian's, New Inn	2-12 to 3-6	Aine Moynihan
2009	BCS Lismore	St. Mclnissi's	4-5 to 3-4	Jodie Walsh

### ALL IRELAND COLLEGES SENIOR C CHAMPIONSHIP

2006	Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig	Gort Community School	1-6 to 1-2	Maria O' Donoghue
2007	Greenhill, Carrig On Suir	St. Brendan's, Birr	4-9 to 1-4	Lisa Phelan
2008	Blackwater CS, Lismore	Sacred Heart, Tullamore	3-3 to 1-5	Sandra Prendergast
2009 (AET)	St. Colm's, Draperstown	Grennan Coll. Thomastown	1-9 to 0-11	Fiona Breen



Too many early wides give Cats the points

Kilkenny 3-4  
Cork 1-6

AN EDGY first round of the league performance saw Cork defeated by Kilkenny in Mullinavat on Saturday afternoon, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

Despite enjoying good possession Cork failed to open up a gap after a string of wides saw them fail to score in the final quarter.

With the sides level 15 minutes into the second half, it was Kilkenny who grabbed the crucial goal late on.

Kilkenny started well, Deirdre Delaney netting inside a minute after a good move split the Cork defence. Aoife Neary, Denise Gaule and Michelle Quilty were winning good possession. Cork settled with Rena Buckley and Catriona Foley gaining the upper-hand in defence, Orla Cotter dominating at midfield and Katriona Mackey winning good ball in the left corner. Yet scores from play for both sides were hard to come by.

Midway through the half Kilkenny led 1-1 to 0-2. Cork were level three minutes later after Rachel Moloney pointed her second free and Anna Geary hit a great point.

An uncharacteristic stray puck-out by Aoife Murray saw Michelle Quilty gain possession, pass inside to Kate McDonald who found Ann Dalton. Still with a lot to do, Dalton deftly struck the net. An Aoife Neary free and a Jenny O'Leary point saw Cork three behind at the break, 2-2 to 0-5.

Referee Eamonn Browne, feeling unwell, was replaced at the break by John Morrissey. Sile Burns had the sides level three minutes in after Catriona Ryan should have saved.

That was Cork's last score from play, their remaining point coming from another Moloney free on 16 minutes.

Kilkenny meanwhile had failed to increase their tally but 1-2 between the 18th and 24th minutes saw the home side achieve maximum points from their two games and advance to the semi-final on April 10.

A win for Cork against Tipperary next Sunday will see them through.

**Scorers for Kilkenny:** D Delaney 2-0, A Neary 0-4 f, A Dalton 1-0.

**Cork:** R Moloney 0-3 f, S Burns 1-0, O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary 0-1 each.

**CORK:** A Murray, L O'Connell, C Foley, J O'Callaghan, E O'Riordan, R Buckley, P Mackey, O Cotter, E O'Sullivan, S Hayes, A Geary, J O'Leary, S Burns, R Moloney, K Mackey.

**Sub:** C O'Neill for S Hayes (54).

**KILKENNY:** C Ryan, A Butler, C Doherty, J Frisby, L Lyng, E Keane, E Lyng, E Aylward, K Fennelly, M Quilty, A Dalton, K McDonald, D Gaule, D Delaney, A Neary.

**Subs:** K Power for K Fennelly (40), K Hamilton for D Delaney (60).

**Referee:** Eamonn Browne (Tipp) 1st half, John Morrissey (Tipp) 2nd half.

Weekend results	
National League	
Div 1:	
Dublin 2-6, (M Moynihan 2-0, J Hoary 0-3 (0-2f), Lucey 0-1f, L O'Hara, A Murphy 0-1 each)	
Clare 1-8, (D Murphy 1-4(0-1f), C Morey 0-2f, R Ryan, D Sheedy 0-1 each)	
Wexford 1-17, (K Kelly 1-7 (0-3f, 0-3'45), K Parrock, U Jacob 0-3 each, A Codd 0-2, U Leacy, M O'Leary 0-1 each)	
Galway 2-8, (V Curtin 1-2, C Bowes 1-0, E Kilkelly, B Hanney, A Connolly, N Mc Grath 0- each)	
Kilkenny 3-4, (D Delaney 2-0, A Dalton 1-0, A Neary 0-4f)	
Cork 1-6, S Burns 1-1(0-1f), R Moloney 0-2f, O Cotter, A Geary, J O'Leary 0-1 each)	
Div 2:	
Wexford 3-9, (C O'Connor 1-7 (1-0 pen, 0-4f, 0-1'45), S Nolan 1-1, F Kavanagh 1-0, S Kehoe 0-1)	
Galway 1-3, (A M Starr 1-0, T Murray 0-2 (0-1f), A Donohue 0-1)	
Cork 3-6, (M Browne 2-4 (0-1f), D Luby 1-1(0-1f), A O'Donovan 0-1)	
Kilkenny 3-6, M Fennelly 2-1, A Fahy 1-1, T Warren 0-3 (0-2f), E Carroll 0-1)	
Antrim 0-13, (S Graham 0-4, R Mc Carry, M Graham 0-2, each, J Adams 0-2, (0-1f), S Thorne, M Convery, C Doherty 0-1 each)	
Derry 2-7, (S Cassidy 2-0, G Mc Goldrick 0-5 (0-3f), M Mc Convery 0-2)	
Offaly 0-14, (E Darmody 0-7 (0-4f, 0-2'45), A Watkins, M Davis, 0-2 each, A Sullivan, S Flannery, J Brady 0-1 each)	
Tipperary 0-13, (S Ryan 0-6 (0-2f), C Hennessey, S Mc Grath, G Kinnane 0-2 each, S Dwyer 0-1)	
Limerick 1-10, (O Curtin 1-2, E O'Brien 0-4 (0-2f, 0-1'45), N Mulcahy 0-3, V Sheehan 0-1)	
Waterford 1-10, (A Lyng 1-6 (1-4f), K Kelly, N Morrissey 0-2 each)	
Div 3:	
Kildare 2-8, (L Walsh 2-1, S O'Carroll 0-4 (0-3f), L Bowes, C Farrell, C Nolan 0-1 each)	
Meath 1-11, (L Lynch 1-0, J Dolan 0-6 (-3f, 0-3'45), K Troy, L Oakes, S Hackett, F O'Neill, A Maguire 0-1 each)	
Laois 5-17, (T Cuddy 5-0), A Mahony 0-6f, E Delaney 0-4, L Mahony 0-4 (0-3f), N Dollard 0-3)	
Armagh 2-7, (C Mc Sorley 3-5 (0-2f), C O'Brien 0-1)	
Roscommon 6-13, (K Hopkins 3-4 (0-2f), A Mc Geaney 3-3, N Coyle, C Curley 0-2 each, S O'Brien, C Kelly 0-1 each)	
Dublin 0-5, (M Moynihan 0-3 (0-2f), E Murphy, O Brennan 0-1 each)	
Div 4:	
London 2-4, (A Kenneally 1-1, E Taylor 1-0, S Mc Neela, J O'Donovan 0-1 each, B Grennan 0-1f)	
Tyrone 1-6, (M Jordan 1-1, S Jordan, E Mc Aliskey -2 each, S Hagan 0-1)	
Westmeath v Carlow off.	
U16's C' C'ship	
Cavan 9-2, (S O'Reilly 2-1, L Faye 2-0, L Martin, A Powers, G Powers, E Joyce, K Smyth 1-0 each, E Brady 0-1)	
Donegal 0-0.	
Kildare 4-8, (S Cummins 2-3, S Conaty, E Henegan 1-0 each, C Merrins 0-2, C Reilly 0-1)	
Westmeath 2-3, C Murtagh, C Tate 1-0 each, N Grace 0-2, A Boyhan 0-1)	
Meath v Carlow off.	



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Banagher College  
Coláiste Na Sionna, Banagher

Presentation, Thurles  
Clochar Na Toirbhirte, Dúrlas

White with Blue trim

Navy & Red

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| 1. Niamh Mooney           | Drumcullen |
| 2. SORCHA McGARRY         | Lusmagh    |
| 3. Sile Dolan             | St Rynaghs |
| 4. Niamh Larkin           | Lusmagh    |
| 5. Clare Keenaghan        | Lusmagh    |
| 6. Aoife Brady            | Lorrha     |
| 7. Colette Cleary         | Lorrha     |
| 8. Claire Camon           | St Rynaghs |
| 9. Michelle Dolan (Vc)    | St Rynaghs |
| 10. Leanne Kelly          | Lusmagh    |
| 11. Jennifer Flannery (C) | St Rynaghs |
| 12. Tracy Lyons           | Kiltormer  |
| 13. Helen Dolan           | St Rynaghs |
| 14. Alva Egan             | Lorrha     |
| 15. Rhona Lynch           | Lusmagh    |
- Subs:
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| 16. Tara Dooley     | St Rynaghs        |
| 17. Aoife Dolan     | Kiltormer         |
| 18. Clodagh Cahill  | Lusmagh           |
| 19. Laura Mahon     | Lusmagh           |
| 20. Róisín Woods    | St Rynaghs        |
| 21. Clodna Mahon    | Lusmagh           |
| 22. Avril McEvoy    | Meelick Eyrecourt |
| 23. Aisling Maloney | St Rynaghs        |

Roghnóirí:  
Kathleen Gleeson & Jerry Drennan

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| 1. Elaine Devane     | Boherlahan |
| 2. Claire Walsh      | Harps      |
| 3. Shauna Brett      | Thurles    |
| 4. Bernie Bergin     | Moycarkey  |
| 5. Emily O'Brien     | Clonoulty  |
| 6. Rosemarie Hanafin | Thurles    |
| 7. Eithne Moran (C)  | Moycarkey  |
| 8. Emma Carey        | Thurles    |
| 9. Clodagh Quirke    | Clonoulty  |
| 10. Andrea Loughnane | Thurles    |
| 11. Cait Devane      | Clonoulty  |
| 12. Sarah Fryday     | Clonoulty  |
| 13. Cliona O' Dwyer  | Cashel     |
| 14. Michaela Graham  | Moycarkey  |
| 15. Beatrice Canovas | Thurles    |
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| 16. Karen Bohan        | Thurles            |
| 17. Kora Kerrane       | Thurles            |
| 18. Marianne Murphy    | Moycarkey          |
| 19. Aoibhín Ryan       | St. Brigids, Laois |
| 20. Bernadine Kilbride | Harps Laois        |
| 21. Aimee Quinn        | Clonoulty          |
| 22. Aine Symons        | Thurles            |

Roghnóirí:  
Henry Flynn & Margaret O'Dwyer

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# Carrigtwohill take Intermediate title

**St Aloysius Carrigtwohill 3-6**  
**St Aidans Community 1-4**

ST Aloysius Carrigtwohill performed superbly in the opening 30 minutes of this Cork College's Intermediate B final in Carrigtwohill as they settled quickly.

Shauna Keniry struck a point before striking for the game's opening goal inside the opening quarter as St Aidans battled to get into the contest. Gillian O'Gorman hit St Aloysius' second goal, but St Aidans never panicked, and working away they breached the St Aloysius defence with Lauren Callanan striking an excellent point to get her side on the score board 23 minutes into the contest.

With St Aidans beginning to settle they won the majority of possession for the remainder of the half, but weakness in front of goal proved costly as the St Aloysius defence cleared their lines unchallenged and at the break it was St Aloysius who led 2-2 to 0-1.

It was a much improved St Aidans who resumed the second half and with Edel O'Connell now operating at full forward they had an excellent target player. Inside five minutes for the restart she

grabbed a goal and three minutes later she hit a point as St Aidans keep their foot on the pedal. Stephanie Beausang and Shauna Keniry hit points as St Aloysius battled to maintain their lead.

Nicole Hickey grabbed a goal to steady St Aloysius, but still St Aidans were threatening in front of goal with Sarah Gaffney called on to make three good saves as they battled for a goal. Shauna Keniry and Stephanie Beausang pointed as Jennifer Hosford an O'Connell replied.

In the finish it was St Aloysius who ran out winners thanks in the to their seven point interval advantage which stood to them through a much closer second half.

**St Aloysius:** S Gaffney; E Corry, C O'Connor, K O'Neill; C Daly, E O'Neill (c); K Comerford; S Beausang, N Hickey; P Kenneally, R Sheehan, S Keniry; R Long, G O'Gorman, A M Rohan. Scorers: S Keniry 1-3, S Beausang 0-2 (0-1 45") N Hickey, G O'Gorman 1-0 each, P Kenneally 0-1.

**St Aidans:** C O'Sullivan; N O'Sullivan, L O'Sullivan, K Fitzgerald; A Noonan, S Callanan (c), J Hosford; A O'Keefe, L Callanan; E O'Connell, A Dowling, C Noonan E Sheehan, J Lane, N Linehan. Subs: C O'Connell for E Sheehan (h/t). Scorers: E O'Connell 1-2, J Hosford L Callanan 0-1 each.

**Referee:** Danny O'Neill.

# Glanmire take Cork Colleges Intermediate C championship crown

**Glanmire Community College 2-7**  
**Ballincollig Community School 0-5**

GLANMIRE Community College overcame the challenge of Ballincollig Community School to be crowned Cork Colleges Intermediate C champions recently.

Glanmire's Nicole O'Brien was on target pointing three frees, and with Aisling Whooley grabbing an all important goal from play they were in control. Sarah Fahy added a

point to the Glanmire tally as they built up a four point interval lead of 1-4 to 0-3 i.

Ballincollig Community School battled hard to get into the contest and form the restart they gave it everything. Claire Meaney, Roisin Murray and Siobhan Hutchinson battling hard.

Through the half Glanmire held their advantage. Nicole O'Brien was again on target pointing twice, once from play and from a free, while

Sarah Fahy struck for Glanmire's second goal, and holding the upper hand Aisling Whooley added a point as they continued to dictate matters.

Ballincollig worked hard to add to their tally, but the strong Glanmire defence held firm and Ballincollig added two points to their tally. They failed to breach the Glanmire defence for the vital goal as Glanmire ran out winners to take the title.

**Glanmire Community College**  
A Carry; C Cashman, S Gaffey, S Keena; E Meaney, A Murray, T Kerrigan (c); Y O'Callaghan, I Kearney; A Whooley, N O'Brien, S Fahy; K Walsh, S Dooley, L Murphy. Scorers: N O'Brien: 0-5 (0-4), A Whooley, S Fahy 1-1 each.

**Ballincollig Community College**  
A Driscoll; G Heffernan, O Boyle, G Hutchinson; R O'Callaghan, C O'Riordan, S Hutchinson; A Barry, C Meaney; E Lynch, A Murphy, R Murray; A Hutchinson, O Meaney, A Dennehy. Sub: J Boyle for G Hutchinson. Scorers: C Meaney, R Murray 0-2(0-1) each, S Hutchinson 0-1(f).

**Referee:** Peter Downey (Inniscarra).

# National league round-up

MIXED fortunes for the Cork teams as the gala national leagues enter their second weekend: for the senior division-one team, it was a first outing and a repeat of the All Ireland senior final, when they travelled to Mullinavat.

In an entertaining contest, Cork had to give way to a Kilkenny side that featured most of their first-choice players. Goals proved crucial: Kilkenny grabbed three, with Deirdre Delaney hitting two of those, while Ann Dalton had one, as Cork, minus the services of players such as Mary O'Connor, Jenny Duffy and Gemma O'Connor, found the going tough as Kilkenny ran out winners on a 3-4 to 1-6 score line.

The senior division-two

side remain unbeaten, having recorded two draws in the last two weeks, two goals from Charlotte Kearney proved vital as they came from behind to grab a draw with Antrim. In Mullinavat, it was neck and neck, as Cork and Kilkenny battled it out for the points. With full-time looming, Michelle Browne pointed a 45 to give Cork a deserved draw.

Next weekend, Tipperary are in town on Sunday in both senior division-one and two clashes. The division-one side need to win to make it through to the semi-final, while the division-two side, which features experienced senior players, have two victories out of three.

The counties will meet on

# Calling camogie players past and present

CORK's Mary Moran is working on new publications which will see the history of Camogie updated. Mary is calling on former camogie players in Cork to come along and share stories with her.

"Everybody is welcome, particularly the more senior people; everybody has a story and when one starts she will remind others of things that happened to them. Maybe it would be little things that went wrong, or just how being involved in

camogie affected their life."

Mary has a vast collection of scrap books which document each year.

Cork camogie has had characters and she is hoping that by bringing current and former players, trainers, coaches, selectors, water carriers, hurley carriers and body else who would have been involved all together it will help her in her research.

Tonight is the night at St Finbarrs club from 8 pm onwards and again everybody is welcome.

Saturday, when the under-16 A, All Ireland championship gets under way, with Cork travelling to Tip-

perary to take on the home side. What a pity all three games are not on in Cork on the same day.

**People and Places** Vera Mannion was a member of the only Mayo camogie team ever to reach an All-Ireland senior final.



**WINNER** Vera Mannion

## Vera Mannion and camogie's golden age

**People and Places**  
**Michael Connors**

VERA Mannion, Balla, who died in recent weeks, was a member of the only Mayo camogie team ever to reach an All-Ireland senior final. That was back in 1959 when the girls from Mayo played Dublin in the decider at Croke Park. She was a first cousin of Kilkenny hurling legend, Eddie Keher.

Formerly McDonnell from Skiddemagh, Manulla, Vera displayed an interest in sport from an early age. In the mid to late 1950s, camogie found a new lease of life in Mayo and was a popular sport in a number of parishes. With people like the late P.J. Hennelly of Manulla, who later became general manager of the Connaught Telegraph, and the late Gerry Bracken of Newport, former editor of The Mayo News, the game received extensive publicity and this generated a lot of support for camogie in the county. Tony Gibbons from Newport was also associated with the team management in that era.

Vera was one of those who had a natural talent for camogie and she soon graduated to the senior ranks. It was a very proud day for all associated with the sport when Josie Ruane from Keellogues led the team onto Croke Park on that far off day almost 50 years ago. As things transpired, Dublin proved far too strong for the Mayo girls on the day and recorded a comfortable victory. Yet, the memory of that journey bonded together all who were part of it and established friendships for life.

Later times saw Vera take on the job of referee and she handled many of the big games on the national circuit. In October 1964, she refereed the All-Ireland senior final between Dublin and Antrim which, once again, was won by the Dublin girls. The same year, she was chosen as referee for the inter-provincial final between Munster and Leinster which was played in Cahir, Co Tipperary. She was also a regular attendee at All Ireland camogie finals over the decades.

Kathleen McEvilly (nee Staunton) from Killawalla, a member of the 1959 Mayo team, said Vera made a huge contribution to the game of camogie in Mayo. "She was secretary of the camogie board for a good many years. Vera had a special way with people. She was such a lady, a really lovely person."

Vera was daughter of Mamie and James (better known as 'Son') McDonnell and was the only girl in a family of five. She did clerical work in Castlebar Bacon Factory for a number of years. But sport was to play a huge role in her young life and it was an interest that stayed with her right to the end.

Apart from her time spent playing with Mayo, she also took an active interest in Balla GAA club and served in various offices with the club. Her abiding passion in sport was GAA even though she was also an accomplished golfer.

A lady of gentle and quiet disposition, Vera was very well liked and highly respected in the Balla and Manulla communities. She was involved with the Social Services in Balla for many years and her compassionate nature was always to the fore.

News of her very sudden death came as a huge shock to the people of the area. She and her husband Noel had attended a Mayo County Council dinner dance in Castlebar just a few hours earlier.

Vera was devoted to her family and friends. She was very much a part of the Balla community over the years and had friends in many parts of the county through her involvement in the camogie association. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

# Déise's stalemate in Killmallock

**NATIONAL CAMOGIE LEAGUE DIVISION 2**

**LIMERICK 1-10**  
**WATERFORD 1-10**

Waterford's third outing yielded their first point of this year's campaign. It could so easily have been two, but some wayward shooting proved their undoing. Having surrendered a six point half time lead to Galway the previous week and leaving the points behind a positive performance was imperative.

Niamh Mulcahy had an early point for the home team. This was followed by five consecutive scores by Waterford as they dominated possession. Looking secure defensively during this period, the attack moved at pace and some slick passing ensured a healthy five points to one lead midway through the half. Nicola Morrissey's two points were the result of outstanding teamwork.

However Limerick, relegated from Division 1 last season, were given a lifeline when defensive hesitancy allowed Orla Curtin score a soft goal. They finished the half stronger as Waterford struggled to regain their composure. The Shannonsiders leading by three points at the break 1-5 to 0-5.

This trend continued on the restart with four unanswered points for Limerick. Slowly the visitors turned the tide and point by point got to within four of the leaders. A long rang free from Aine Lyng dropped fortuitously under the bar on the 55th minute to leave just one between the sides setting up a hectic finale. The same player levelled soon after and victory looked a distinct possibility.

However Limerick nudged in front again with a further point from Mulcahy on the stroke of time. Stung by last weeks defeat, Waterford attacked again. The ball broke to Karen Kelly on the right hand side and the St. Anne's player levelled matters.

Overall the selectors will be happy with the draw. Parts of the performance will please them, particularly the skill in the early part of the first half and the tenacity in the latter part of the second. The game also identified areas to be worked on, Limerick put a lot more legal pressure in the tackle whereas Waterford conceded far too many frees. Players are been given the opportunity to pin down a starting berth with all panel members receiving pitch time in the first three matches.

**Scorers:** A. Lyng 1-6 (1-4f), N. Morrissey 0-2, K. Kelly 0-2).

**WATERFORD:** Aisling O'Brien, Kate Marie Hearne, Mary O'Donnell, Aileen Cummins, Sally O'Grady, Trish Jackman, Margot Heffernan, Mairead Murphy, Shona Curran, Aine Lyng, Jennie Simpson, Grainne Kenneally, Deirdre Fahey, Karen Kelly, Nicola Morrissey, Aine Breathnach, Clara Hogan, Aisling Kelly, Lorraine Whelan, Mags McCarthy, Fiona Ni Chadhlá.

**LIMERICK:** S. Moynihan, N. Richardson, S. Collins, J. Garvey, S. Carey, C. Davis, C. Mulcahy, D. Fitzpatrick, J. O'Gorman, K. Brosnan, O. Curtin, E. O'Brien, N. Mulcahy, V. Sheehan, K. Carroll, C. Scanlon, A. Sheehan, F. Maloney. Scorers: O. Curtin 1-2, E. O'Brien 0-4, N. Mulcahy 0-3, V. Sheehan 0-1.



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# Marie is a master of all trades, especially camogie

*The Ashbourne Cup may not have finished with a win for a Cork college, but it certainly did for Cork's MARIE O'NEILL who was on the winning WIT side*

THE recent Ashbourne Cup at least left one Cork girl happy, even if the students of hosts CIT and beaten finalists UCC held different views on camogie's premier third-level competition.

Waterford IT justified their position as favourites by edging UCC 0-11 to 1-6 in the final, having inflicted a heavy defeat on CIT in qualifying for the hectic weekend's activities.

And Cork's lone representative in a star-studded side, Watergrasshill centre-forward Marie O'Neill, now has another reason to be content with her lot because she is the February winner of our popular awards scheme.

The 23-year old is in the middle of a masters degree in economics/finance in Waterford, but still managed to fit in a punishing schedule since the start of the season in pursuit of glory.

It's clear the WIT management borrowed a chapter or two from Brian Cody's well-documented and obviously successful method of preparing teams and the players benefited accordingly.

"We got stuck into it almost from the first week we were in college," Marie said, unsuspecting of what lay in store initially.

"The big thing was playing matches against each other, 15 against 15, because those games were something else altogether.

"I've never seen so much cutting in all my life and the reason for that was everyone was gunning for a starting place in the team.

"It was really touch-and-go for everyone, because hardly anybody was guaranteed a place."

Attention to detail made a favourable impression on O'Neill, who was immediately struck by the general approach to camogie in the college.



MARK WOODS

"Everything was very professional, from the way the trainers and coaches spoke to you one-on-one, to the physical side of things and much more.

"My course coordinator is Sheila O'Donoghue, who, apart from being my lecturer, is also involved in camogie.

"She understands what it takes to do both and trying to find the right balance between the two.

"We'd chat away and she's great.

"There are only 12 people in my class, so everyone knows each other well, from fellow students to lecturers and sure the camogie girls are treated like royalty."

The training regime had no regard for Irish winters and irrespective of the elements, the girls stuck to the plan.

"There were times, when we were out in the cold, the snow and the rain, really horrible, horrible weather, but it had to be done.

"We did a lot of core work at the start to get us in shape for the season before getting into match situations."

The intense competition for places was a feature of the whole season and left most on tenterhooks.

"We were all wondering what the team would be for the first game, because we genuinely didn't know who'd be in or who'd be out.

"I mean, for the final, one of the girls who played midfield and is a county player with Waterford was dropped.



Watergrasshill's Marie O'Neill in action for Imokilly during the Cork County Senior Camogie Championship in Ballinlough.

Picture: Richard Mills

"Our team was pretty much all inter-county players and even among the subs we had a few inter-county players there, too.

"Despite it all, though, it was worth the effort."

Indeed! Waterford declared their intentions in the first game against CIT, who were simply blown away in the process, Marie helping herself to six points to cement the number 11 role.

And the fact that it was a Cork college made victory taste that bit sweeter, especially as it contained some familiar faces.

"I'd be good friends with Elaine O'Riordan, who played midfield for CIT.

"Mags and Julie McGrath from Tipperary were others, but I'd know quite a lot of their team."

That set up a semi-final against UU Jordanstown where the Waterford girls were odds-on to reach another decider.

"I personally thought we'd hammer them, but it was one of the toughest games I'd played in a long time.

"It was a real physical battle. They were very strong. A lot of them were well able to hurl, but they found it hard to score, though their backs were good."

Yet, WIT were rarely troubled as they qualified to meet UCC on a 2-10 to 0-3 scoreline, comfortable without ever catching fire.

As you'd expect the Cork side contained another set of friendly faces, though Marie's direct opponent was from the other end of the

country.

"Fionuala Carr from Down was marking me, as she was last year, when I played with UL and she played with Jordanstown.

"I spent four years studying economics/finance in UL before moving to Waterford.

"I played one Ashbourne Cup season with UL in 2009. We didn't qualify for the cup, getting rightly hammered by Waterford IT, of all people, and ended up playing in the shield.

"Little did I realise then that I'd be back playing in another Ashbourne with WIT this time round."

Marie found out that you don't have to be at your best to win finals. The only thing that matters is being on the right side of the score line and WIT did that...just.

"It was a typical final, tough and nothing was spared. We won by two points, but, to be honest, we didn't play well and much of the credit has to go to UCC because they were dogged and didn't allow us play.

"It was such a great feeling at the end. It was in doubt right to the final whistle. We were five or six points up at one stage until they got a stupid goal.

"Our goalie went to catch the ball only for it to slip through her fingers. She was saying afterwards 'I had it in my hand.'

"That gave them a huge boost and we had to go chasing them, but Ursula Jacob scored two classic points near the end. The final whistle brought sheer relief. I was never so tired in all my life.

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### Marie's Factfile

**Name:** Marie O'Neill.  
**Age:** 23.  
**Born:** Cork.  
**Schools:** Watergrasshill NS, Loreto Convent Fermoy.  
**Third level:** UL and WIT.  
**Subjects:** Masters in Economics/Finance.  
**Sports:** Camogie, ladies football.  
**Club:** Watergrasshill.  
**Honours won:** 3 under-age All-Irelands, 1 Senior All-Ireland, 2 All-Ireland intermediates, 2 national leagues, 1 All-Ireland Junior Colleges, U14, U16, U18 All-Irelands in football, 1 national league.  
**Most memorable moment:** Captaining Loreto to All-Ireland Junior Colleges title.  
**Worst sporting moment:** Losing junior county final to Ballyhea last year.  
**Hobbies:** Reading, swimming.  
**Favourite food:** Lasagne.  
**Favourite drink:** Coke.  
**Pet hate:** Nail biting.

Marie O'Neill from Watergrasshill, who was a member of the WIT Ashbourne Cup winning team and is February's Evening Echo Ladies Sportstar of the Month winner.

Picture: Larry Cummins



Marie O'Neill considers captaining Loreto Convent, Fermoy to an All-Ireland Junior Colleges title one of the highlights of her career to date.

Picture: Eddie O'Hare

"It was a hectic weekend of games. I started centre-forward and then they moved me out to the wing and that only means one thing, more running."

"I hate having to do it. All season it was the same 'Marie, wing-forward.' I dread it."

"I'm happy standing at centre-forward, playing the ball, none of this running around lark."

"But, I suppose it has to be done."

Marie's Ashbourne Cup achievements will come as little surprise to those involved in the Cork camogie scene.

The winner of three under-age All-Irelands with the county, Marie was part of the senior panel, which won the 2006 O'Duffy Cup by defeating Tipperary in the decider.

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And Marie was also involved the following season in Cork's attempts to retain their crown only for Wexford to spoil the party.

She was approached to play for the intermediates in the recent start to the league, but reluctantly turned it down.

"My college commitments are very time consuming. I'm living in Waterford, which means I can't come back to Cork for training."

"I'm out of the loop, because I've not lived in Cork for five years now."

"Anyway, I'm swamped with all the work I've got to do for the masters."

"It's very intensive, something I hadn't really anticipated."

"I just got my results for Christmas and I did really well which is very pleasing."

"Hopefully, Cork will come calling again."

Marie expects to finish her masters in August and then its decision time about her career.

"Job prospects aren't great at the moment and I suppose college is the best place to be."

"I'd like to do secondary-school teaching, even though I'm studying economics/finance, but we'll wait and see what happens. A

financial analyst sounds okay, too."

Despite an impressive medal collection, the stand-out memory comes from a different time, early in secondary school.

"My biggest sporting thrill so far was captaining Loreto Fermoy to the All-Ireland College's junior title."

"We had great craic along the way. My younger sister Helena was also on the team and the fact that so many Watergrasshill players were involved made it even more special."

"Ger Holland, who plays hurling for Fr O'Neill's, was our trainer and we all put in a fierce effort."

A more than capable footballer as well, Marie experienced the other side of sport last season with her beloved Hill, where her dad owns the popular Hut bar in the village.

Losing the county junior camogie final to Ballyhea and the football decider to Éire Óg left a sinking feeling, something that, no doubt, will spur them on even more this summer.

"We were all in bits after losing. It was heartbreaking. We've got to win some counties this year."

Not surprising it was Eamon Ryan's infectious enthusiasm at national school which led to her football career and sport runs deep in the family, too.

Older sister Brid won a minor All-Ireland with Cork, and younger brother Eoin won an All-Ireland Vocational Schools with Coláiste an Chraoibhin.





# Loreto are crowned queens of camogie

## Camogie



ALAN NEARY

**Loreto SS, Kilkenny .....2-5**

**Blackwater CS, Waterford .....1-7**

**LORETO** Secondary School team manager Brendan Williams was honest in his assessment of Saturday's All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final success over Blackwater Community School, Waterford at Ardfinnan in Tipperary.

A panel with 128 All-Ireland winners medals between them saw off a spirited second half comeback from Blackwater (Lismore), but according to Williams the Cats are capable of better.

"It was a mixed performance in some ways. Look we won the final and in many respects that's all that matters, but we definitely didn't play quite as well as we are capable of playing," summarised Williams after the Kilkenny school's first win in the championship.

"For some reason things didn't click as well as we wanted despite a great

start to the first - and second - halves," William added.

Incidentally, the Loreto succed St Brigid's College, Callan, who won the title the previous two seasons.

At the quarter way stage the Kilkenny side were 1-4 to no score in front, but three quick-fire scores before the break brought Blackwater Community School back into contention.

By the interval the Waterford side chased a 1-4 to 0-3 deficit, but despite a goal and a point from Loreto right after half time, the Cats endured a nervy finale.

Outstanding Blackwater Community School skipper Marie Russell kept the Waterford side in contention with a spate of accurate frees, but the Loreto held on.

"We looked very comfortable at the start of the game, but by half time we were under a massive amount of pressure. Waterford came at us in droves," said Williams.

"Really I can't explain what happened. We have some very skilful players and usually our skill is what opens the opposition up, but it wasn't straightforward today. Blackwater were very well organized and athletic, but we didn't make it easy for ourselves at times.

"In saying that I felt the half backs of Grace Walsh, Caoimhe Shiel and Nicola Butler really stood out and of the starting 15 probably they fulfilled their potential the best. We had chances over the 65 odd minutes. Noelle Maher got herself into a great position just after she came on, and the likes Aoife Murphy caused them problems too.

"We have one very, very experienced side but nine of the starting 15 are in their final year, sixth year, so inevitably there'll be opportunities for others next season. It's a great way for many of the team to end their time in secondary school, and with very few of the substitutes and the panel in their last year an experienced core will remain."

Inside the opening 60 seconds Lydia Fitzpatrick sent Aine Curran clean through the Blackwater defence, but the out-rushing Treacey Kiely intervened for the Suirsiders. The play switched to the far end where Russell passed towards Catriona McGlone, who made a weaving run across the face of the goal some 30 yards out.

### Fruitless foray

However, it was a fruitless foray as the Loreto regrouped in numbers and blocked McGlone just as she appeared set to shoot on goal.

The opening Loreto point stemmed from a move down the right flank, and a series of clever hand passes.

Aisling Dunphy fed Aoife Nolan, who in-turn picked out Fitzpatrick, who broke the deadlock with five minutes showing on the clock.

The perseverance of Aisling O'Grady yielded a ninth minute point for Loreto as Claire Phelan flashed over a free after a foul on Dunphy. O'Grady again took quite a bit of punishment in the run up to the Loreto's third score, which came courtesy of another Phelan free.

A solo run and finish

from Aine Curran made it 0-4 to no score before Aoife Nolan made the most of some slack defending and scored a goal some 13 minutes in.

Loreto looked to be cruising, but three points in the space of eight minutes from Russell (two frees) and Niamh Prendergast meant Blackwater Community School trailed by a less than daunting 0-3 to 1-4 at half-time.

### Making presence felt

The interval whistle couldn't come quick enough for the Cats and the wide count of 3-1 in favour of the Waterford representatives at the break told its own story. However, any hope of a Blackwater comeback seemed to evaporate when Dunphy provided Fitzpatrick with a goal chance 35 seconds into the second half.

The ruthless Fitzpatrick obliged as Loreto moved seven points in front.

O'Grady was by now making her presence felt. A brilliant hand-pass from the forward took two Blackwater out of the play before Orla Hanrick scored.

As the second half went on the Cats began to concede frees with greater regularity and there was a sense of inevitability about McGlone's goal eight minutes in.

Four frees followed from Russell while at the far end of the field, Loreto substitute Noelle Maher was unfortunate not to net six minutes from the end. As for the Cats, well Dunphy saw her attempt from 30 yards fall short of the goal-mouth in a thrilling finale



Grace Walsh (Loreto) gets away from Jemma Burke (Blackwater, Lismore) during the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final in Ardfinnan. Photo: Eoin Hennessy/www.ehp.ie

which included five minutes of additional time.

That Fitzpatrick strike right after half time was hugely influential on a day when Loreto held on for a one point win to add to their Junior A triumph in 2009.

**Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny** - Sinead Maher (Dicksboro), Stacey Quirke (St Martin's), Niamh Kelly (Dicksboro), Sarah Dunne (Graigue-Ballycallan), Caoimhe Shiel (Bennettsbridge), Grace Walsh (Tullaroan), Nicola Butler (Graigue-Ballycallan), Niamh Byrne (Clara), Aine Curran (Freshford), Claire Phelan (Lisdowney), Aoife Nolan (O'Loughlin Gaels), Aisling O'Grady (Dicksboro), Lydia Fitzpatrick (Freshford), Orla Hanrick (Dicksboro). Subs - Aoife Murphy (Lisdowney) for Nolan 31 mins; Kate Holland (Lisdowney) for Dunne 40 mins; Noelle Maher (Tullaroan) for O'Grady 40 mins.

**Blackwater Community School - Tracey Kiely, Shauna Prendergast, Jenny McCarthy, Emma Foley, Jessica Galvin-Johnson, Shauna Kiernan, Sara Fenton, Marie Russell, Michelle Tobin, Aoife Hanrick, Jemma Burke, Clara Aarons, Ruth Geoghegan, Catriona McGlone, Niamh Prendergast. Subs - Rachel Whelan for Geoghegan 40**

mins. Referee - John O'Leary (Cork). Scorers: Loreto Secondary School - Aoife Nolan (1-0); Lydia Fitzpatrick (1-1); Claire Phelan (0-2, frees); Aine Curran, Orla Hanrick (0-1 each). Blackwater Community School - Marie Russell (0-6, frees); Catriona McGlone (1-0); Niamh Prendergast (0-1).



Claire Phelan (Loreto) races between Niamh Prendergast and Michelle Tobin (Blackwater CS, Lismore) during the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final in Ardfinnan. Photos: Eoin Hennessy/www.ehp.ie



Loreto manager, Brendan Williams during the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final in Ardfinnan.





The Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny, the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie champions 2010. Back (l to r) Isobelle Robinson, Sarah Dunphy, Niamh Kelly, Grace Walsh, Niamh Byrne, Claire Phelan, Sinead Maher, Aine Curran, Aoife Nolan, Nicola Butler. Middle (l to r) Emma Maher, Noelle Maher, Aisling Dunphy (Captain), Sarah Dunne, Lydia Fitzpatrick, Aisling O'Grady, Orla Hanrick, Stacey Quirke, Caoimhe Shiel, Sarah-Ann Quinlan. Front (l to r) Sonia Buggy, Tara Hogan, Laura Hennessy, Miriam Walsh, Emma Comerford, Tracey Brennan, Aisling Curtis, Orla Ryan, Kate Holland, Aoife Murphy. Photo: Eoin Hennessy/www.ehp.ie

# Blackwater CS lose out in All-Ireland thriller

ALL-IRELAND A COLLEGES  
CAMOGIE FINAL

LORETO, KILKENNY 2-5  
BLACKWATER CS 1-7

BY RIOBARD LOTT

Loreto Kilkenny and BCS Lismore served up a fascinating hour's camogie at the All Ireland Colleges Senior A final at Ardfinnan. Lismore, playing into the stiff breeze in the first half, employed Rachel Whelan as a third midfielder to curb the influence of Aisling Dunphy and Niamh Byrne for the first quarter. The half back line of Jessica Johnson, Sarah Fenton and Shauna Kiernan defended resolutely and their full forward, Caitriona McGlone, was unfortunate when hitting the side netting after gathering a long clearance from Kiernan.

Loreto opened their account with a point from Lydia Fitzpatrick. Claire Phelan added two frees and another after a sequence of hand passes, a tactic which worked well for the Brendan William's Kilkenny girls throughout the tussle. Aoife Nolan flicked the sliotar past BCS keeper Tracey Kiely after a high delivery proved problematic. Lismore replied with two frees from Marie Russell and Rachel Whelan scoring from an acute angle before the break.

Ruth Geoghegan began to improve and, with Clara Aarons, Michelle Tobin and Jenny

McCarthy gaining vital possession, Loreto faced a spate of attacks and responded with a fortuitous goal, Fitzpatrick converting after a mix up in the goal area. Orla Hanrick added a point and it looked ominous for BCS, trailing on a scoreline of 2-5 to 0-3. Lismore have been unbeaten for the past three years, having annexed the Senior C, Senior B title back to back by narrow margins so their supporters were not surprised when they refused to accept defeat. A marvellous goal from McGlone followed by a converted Russell free ignited the crowd. The distribution of centre back Grace Walsh under pressure allied with Claire Phelan gathering some loose possession steadied the ship for Kilkenny but hit two wides when scores were at a premium. Caitriona McGlone had a shot blocked and Russell converted the resultant 45 to put a goal between the teams with ten minutes remaining. Kilkenny introduced Kate Holland to mark a resurgent Ruth Geoghegan but were unable to break the dominance of the Lismore half backline. McGlone and Russell added two points and Denis Ring's well trained Waterford side pushed Shauna Kiernan forward in search of the equaliser but the tenacity and resolve of newly crowned champions was epitomised by a superb "Teddy McCarthy" style catch by full back Niamh Kelly in the dying seconds to thwart a valiant Blackwater Community School.

LORETO: Sinead Maher, Stacey Quirke, Niamh Kelly, Sarah Dunne,



Loreto's Kate Holland reaches for possession while being challenged by BCS Lismore forwards Ruth Geoghegan and Aoife Hannon in the All Ireland Schools Senior Camogie A final.

Caoimhe Shiel, Grace Walsh, Nicola Butler, Aisling Dunphy (C), Niamh Byrne, Aine Curran, Claire Phelan (0-3), Aoife Nolan (1-0), Aisling O'Grady, Lydia Fitzpatrick (1-1) and Orla Hanrick (0-1).

BCS LISMORE: Tracey Kiely, Shauna Prendergast, Jenny McCarthy, Emma Foley, Jessica Johnson, Shauna Kiernan (C), Sarah Fenton, Marie Russell (0-5), Michelle Tobin, Aoife Hannon, Jemma Burke, Clara Aarons, Ruth Geoghegan, Caitriona McGlone (1-1), Rachel Whelan (0-1). Sub: Niamh Prendergast for Jemma Burke



Blackwater CS players feeling the pain of defeat. Photos: Des Barry.



# Heartbreak for Borris as final step proves too much

COLÁISTE CHOILM,  
BALLINCOLLIG  
BORRIS VS

3-9  
2-5

By Kieran Murphy

BORRIS VS played their hearts out. They led at half time and scored the best point of the game. They battled to the bitter end.

But it wasn't to be as Coláiste Choilm of Cork took the all-Ireland title at their expense in Cahir on Saturday.

Tears were shed at the end as the girls from the South Carlow school watched their rivals claim the cup which they had coveted. For captain Ann Murphy it was particularly disappointing as she does her Leaving Certificate in June. Her chances of a senior medal are over.

"What can I say? Getting to an all-Ireland final is a proud moment. Our girls have been here before.

"You win some. You lose some," she said in the aftermath of this defeat.

Murphy may be leaving school this year but she promised her team mates will return.

"We have a great young team with ten girls in third year. Great prospects for the future. They will be back and I know they will bring it home for us some day. Maybe next year or the following but I know they will do it," she said.

It has started promisingly enough. The lead exchanged hands several times in the first half. Coláiste Choilm started well with Niamh McCarthy scything through the Borris defence to shoot a second minute point. Trish Buttimer repeated the act a minute later.

Borris steadied themselves and Margaret Simpson struck a fine point and followed this up with a goal. Ciara Quirke made it when her cross on to the edge of the small square was met by the full forward.

The lead was short lived as Samantha Cooney, the full forward at the other end, poked the ball to the net from close range with the Borris defence looking helplessly on.

The next score by Borris was worth travelling to see. Quirke took the ball on the run, beat her marker way out on the left and shot over from a narrow angle after creating the space to get a clear swing at



The Borris VS team which lost the all-Ireland senior B camogie final, back from left: Carol Dowling, Emma Kelly, Elizabeth Barcoe, Aoife Carroll, Ann Murphy (captain), Mary Ellen Doyle, Michelle Kelly, Amy Skelton, Niamh Kavanagh, Bríd Kelly, Elaine Rudkins, Lorraine Bible. Front: Rebecca O'Dwyer, Oliva McDonald, Kate Kelly, Shauna Barcoe, Joanne Barcoe, Margaret Simpson, Kate Nolan, Ciara Quirke, Katie O'Byrne, Emily Murphy, Claire Kirwan

Photos: Caroline Quinn



Borris VS's Joanne Barcoe in action against Laura Barry, Coláiste Choilm

goal. It was a thing of beauty and it lifted the side.

Even though Sarah Buckley scored two points from frees for the Cork girls, Borris struck again. Joanne Barcoe beat her marker on the right and advanced on goal. She spotted

Quirke free to her left but her pass went to ground. Unperturbed the Myshall starlet doubled on the sliotar. The resultant goal gave her side a 2-3 to 1-4 interval lead.

"Ciara and Maggie are something else. When they got the ball they put it away. They work well between the two of them," said an admiring Murphy.

The game started to ebb away from the Carlow school as early as the 35th minute. In that short space of time Coláiste Choilm's Emma Crowley scored 1-1 without reply.

Sarah Buckley was lording it at midfield and it wasn't until the 45th minute that Kate Nolan got the eventual losers' first point of the second half. By that stage the supply of ball dried up into the Borris full-forward line.

"We couldn't get the ball into the full-forward line. Our full-forward line is quick and snappy. In the first half every time we got it in they scored. In the second we couldn't get it in and therefore couldn't get the scores," said Murphy.

Crowley pounced for her second goal after the ball ran loose in the small square. It signaled the end for

a gallant Borris side.

It could have been worse but Katie O'Byrne in the losers' goal brought off some great goal-line stops and cleared to good effect under pressure.

"Katie has had a brilliant year. High or low balls she saves them. If you can beat Katie you are a great team," said the disappointed captain.

Murphy herself added a point but to no avail.

"They had some great players at centre back and centre forward. Their midfield players were something else. You had to be a tower of strength to beat them. They were excellent," she conceded.

She also acknowledged the huge travelling support that has travelled with the team.

"Super. When we went to Derry people got up at 5am to be with us. We knew we had the support today between teachers, parents and friends. Everybody showed up," she said.

"I have had her for six years. It is our second all-Ireland with her and without her we wouldn't be here," she said.

**Borris VS:** Katie O'Byrne (MLR); Emma Kelly (MLR), Michelle Kelly (MLR), Claire Kirwan (Blacks and Whites); Amy Skelton (MLR), Bríd Kelly (Blacks and Whites), Kate Nolan (0-1f, Myshall); Mary Ellen Doyle (MLR), Niamh Kavanagh (St Mullins); Aoife Carroll (MLR), Elizabeth Barcoe (Blacks and Whites), Ann Murphy (0-1, MLR); Joanne Barcoe (Goresbridge/Paulstown), Margaret Simpson (1-2, Young Irelands), Ciara Quirke (1-1, Myshall). Sub: Shauna Barcoe (MLR) for Kirwan (40mins).

**Coláiste Choilm:** Aisleen Sheehan; Laura Barry, Alison Coughlan, Emer Sullivan; Clíodhna Irish, Kate O'Donoghue, Jessica Hennigan; Sarah Buckley (0-5fs), Eimear Nolan; Órla Ní Chataisigh, Trish Buttimer (0-1), Niamh McCarthy (0-1), Emma Crowley (2-1), Samantha Cooney (1-1), Elaine Scally. Subs: Caitlin Looney for Barry (20mins), Erin Looney for Nolan (25mins), Niamh Byrne for Scally (50mins) Heather Morgan for Crowley (55mins).

Ref: Willie Barrett (Tipperary).



Grace Walsh (Loreto) goes to meet the challenge from Jessica Gavin Johnson (B.C.S., Lismore) during the All-Ireland colleges senior camogie final in Ardara.

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# Sometimes shy Cats wrap up League semi spot

## Camogie

MICHAEL O'LEARY

**Kilkenny .....3-4**  
**Cork .....1-6**

THE Kilkenny senior camogie girls continued their excellent start to 2010. They progressed to a National League semi-final on April 10 following this victory over All-Ireland champions, Cork in Mullinavat on Saturday.

Kilkenny looked the sharper team throughout, and their inside forward line that included two goal heroine Deirdre Delaney troubled Cork from start to finish.

The Leesiders were without Gemma O'Connor, the travelling Briege Corkery and also Mary O'Connor who was on the subs bench, but all the same Kilkenny manager, Anne Downey will be well pleased following a strong team performance.

The winners got off to a whirlwind start. Inside two minutes 'Young camogie player of the Year' Denise Gaule set up Deirdre Delaney for a goal. Gaule did a lot of damage early on. She drew a foul in the 6th minute and Aoife Neary convert what was a straightforward free. Orla Cotter pointed in between (1-1 to 0-1).

Cork took over, and like against Tipperary in the Ragg last time out, Kilkenny went a good while without registering a score. They failed to score between the 6th and 31st minutes.

### Barren spell

Cork managed to draw level during that period courtesy of 15th and 18th minute pointed frees from Rachel Maloney and a point shortly afterwards by Anna Geary. A long barren scoring spell endured

from the 18th minute until the first minute of injury-time troubled before a magic moment produced by Kilkenny team captain Anne Dalton brought a smile back to the faces of local fans.

The lively Michelle Quilty raced through the Cork defence to set up Dalton. The latter sold a glorious dummy to an advancing defender before unleashing an unstoppable shot past Aoife Murray (2-1 to 0-4).

Neary (free) and the

returning Jennifer O'Leary - this was her first inter-county game since the 2007 All-Ireland final defeat to Wexford - exchanged points as Kilkenny held the initiative at the interval, 2-2 to 0-5.

Again Kilkenny hit a 'no score' patch after the turn. They failed to score until the 49th minute. The Rebels took the lead courtesy of an equalising goal from Sile Burns and then a point from the same player (1-6 to 2-2).

However, the Kilkenny

backs stood tall and firm with Catherine Doherty, Jacqui Frisby and centre-back Edwina Keane performing superbly. They showed great character as Delaney bagged her second goal to regain the initiative following great work by Michelle Quilty and sub Katie Power.

Cork were held scoreless during the closing 10 minutes. Aoife Neary pointed two frees to earn the League semi-final slot for the Cats, most likely against Galway in a repeat

of last year's All-Ireland semi-final and 2008 League final.

**Scorers:** Kilkenny - Deirdre Delaney (2-0); Aoife Neary (0-4, frees); Anne Dalton (1-0). Cork - Sile Burns (1-1, point free); Rachel Maloney (0-2, frees); Orla Cotter, Anna Geary, Jennifer O'Leary (0-1 each).

**Kilkenny** - Catriona Ryan, Amy Butler, Catherine Doherty, Jacqui Frisby, Lizzie Lyng, Edwina Keane, Eimear Lyng, Elaine Aylward, Keava

Fennelly, Michelle Quilty, Anne Dalton, Kate McDonald, Denise Gaule, Deirdre Delaney, Aoife Neary. Subs - Katie Power, Sarah Dermody.

**Cork** - Aoife Murray, Lydia O'Connell, Catriona Foley, Joanne O'Callaghan, Elaine O'Riordan, Rena Buckley, Pamela Mackey, Orla Cotter, Eimear O'Sullivan, Julia White, Anna Geary, Jennifer O'Leary, Sile Burns, Rachel Maloney, Katriona Mackey.

Referee - Eamonn Browne (Tipperary).

# Brown pulls off late, late rescue for Cork

## Camogie

**Kilkenny .....3-6**  
**Cork .....3-6**

THE Kilkenny intermediate camogie team are progressing nicely through the group stages of Division 2 of the National League. On Saturday in Mullinavat they were unlucky not to beat Cork, who earned a draw via a last gasp point from a 45 by sharp-shooter Michelle Browne.

Showing the benefits of playing together as a team, Kilkenny are starting to gel much more effectively as a unit. Making four changes

in personnel following the heavy defeat to Tipperary, plus numerous positional changes, Kilkenny looked better balanced and their form improved.

Cork made a magnificent start when Browne bagged a goal in the fourth minute. She added a pointed free within minutes. However, Kilkenny began to settle. They struck double gold in the 11th and 13th minutes.

### Slice of fortune

Aine Fahy, operating at wing-forward, soloed through the Cork defence before hand-passing the sliothar into the net. Then they enjoyed a slice of fortune within two minutes.

Tara Warren appeared to be attempting score a point. She mis-hit the ball. It broke loose to youngster Mags Fennelly, who struck an excellent shot to the net (2-0 to 1-1).

Suddenly Kilkenny were motoring. Warren pointed a free seconds later before this action packed clash saw Cork regain parity in the 17th minute. Denise Luby took advantage of a poor clearance from the Kilkenny defence when striking home from close range (2-1 each).

Emma Carroll pointed to regain the lead for Kilkenny. Then there wasn't a score registered until the 26th minute.

Luby pointed the leveling free before goalscorers Fennelly and Fahy pointed (2-4 to 2-2).

However, Cork had the last say in the half. Michelle Browne goaled to regain the lead for the visitors (3-2 to 2-4).

Defences tightened up greatly after the change, and forwards couldn't find space. Browne and Warren exchanged pointed frees before Mags Fennelly bagged her second goal in the 41st minute to edge Kilkenny 3-5 to 3-3 ahead.

Alin O'Donovan and Tara Warren exchanged points, and with Kilkenny maintaining their two point advantage in the closing minutes victory was

within their grasp. However, Michelle Browne pointed from play in the 57th minute and in the third minute of injury-time Cork were awarded a 45.

Browne, who starred in the 2008 All-Ireland intermediate final defeat to Kilkenny, stepped up and safely delivered the ball between the posts to deprive the home side of victory.

Kilkenny were disappointment at losing the extra point so late on, but the girls are making progress and that is more important in the long run. Next up is a clash against Derry on Sunday at a half-way venue.

**Scorers:** Kilkenny -

Mags Fennelly (2-1); Aine Fahy (1-1); Tara Warren (0-3, two frees); Emma Carroll (0-1).

**Cork** - Michelle Browne (2-4, two points frees, one 45); Denise Luby (1-1, point free); Alin O'Donovan (0-1).

**Kilkenny** - Laura Walker, Roisin Fennelly, Anne Marie Walsh, Sarah Shore, Edel Frisby, Roisin Byrne, Mariga Nolan, Eilish Cantwell, Lisa Phelan, Lucinda Gahan, Emma Carroll, Aine Fahy, Noelle Corrigan, Tara Warren, Mags Fennelly. Subs - Alison Walsh for Anne Marie Walsh; Davina Tobin for Sarah Shore, both half-time.

Referee - Andrew Monahan (Clare).

# Offaly Stun Tipp Intermediates

Offaly 0-14; Tipperary 0-13

Match report by David Kelly.

OFFALY stunned neighbours Tipperary with a hard fought victory in Banagher on Saturday.

Tipperary were met with the sheer physicality and determination of an energetic Offaly side, which did not look out of place at Senior 'B' grade.

Last year's Junior All-Ireland Champions started the brighter and had Tipperary startled with their half and full-forward line causing the Tipperary defence no end of problems. Points by corner forward Siobhan Flannery, half forward Michelle Davis and a converted free by centre forward Elaine Dermody gave Offaly the perfect start.

Despite the sluggish opening, Tipperary gradually entered the fray with corner forward Alison Loneragan being dragged to the ground while attempting to break through the Offaly cover. Siobhan Ryan converted the free, before centre forward Cora Hennessy sent a free from midfield over the posts to reduce the margin to a single point.

Geraldine Kinnane then forced the Offaly rearguard into a moment of hesitancy and Siobhan Ryan converted another free to give Tipperary a slender two point lead.

Tipperary's Paula Ryan was then called into action as Elaine Dermody neared in on goal. The danger was averted, with Dermody converting the 45.

Both sides traded scores before the half-time break. The pick of the bunch coming from Tipperary's Sandra Dwyer, after she was played in by Alison Loneragan.

The half-time score was flattering for a faltering Tipp side. Despite play-

ing second fiddle to a superior Offaly side, they were still in with a shout. At half-time the sides were level, six points apiece.

From the restart Tipperary's Siobhan Ryan converted a free after Cora Hennessy drew the foul to give Tipperary a one point lead. However, disaster struck seconds later when corner back Maria Tynan had to be taken off with a suspected dislocated shoulder.

Offaly then began to assert their dominance with the illustrious Elaine Dermody scoring a long range free and a 45 in quick succession to restore their lead. Midfielder Arlene Watkins then got in on the act, before wing back Sheila Sullivan sent over a long range effort. It was a statement of intent, and at this stage it looked as if Offaly might kick on.

However, a deflected point from Cora Hennessy and another from Siobhan Ryan helped Tipperary steady the ship going into the last quarter. Offaly's response was immediate with Michelle Davis getting in on the act.

The introduction of Siobhan McGrath paid dividends as Tipperary went in search of an equaliser. Siobhan McGrath popped up with two points to give Tipperary a narrow lead. They were living on the edge with 10 minutes remaining.

Offaly's Jean Brady and Elaine Dermody added two further points to leave Tipperary trailing by the narrowest of margins. Then came the crucial score. Offaly's Siobhan Flannery was bearing down on goal before she was hauled to the ground. Elaine Dermody opted for her point to seal the victory.

Tipperary responded with substitute

Aoife Moloughney reducing the margin. However, time ran out on Tipperary as Offaly were not to be denied. Their tenacity, physicality and coherence won them the game. They showed Tipperary no respect and were not afraid to perform on the big stage.

Tipperary can have no excuses. They simply failed to get out of the starting blocks. The loss will be further compounded by the injuries of two key players, corner back Maria Tynan (shoulder) and full forward Geraldine Kinnane (ankle).

Tipperary scorers: S.Ryan 0-5 (4 frees), C.Hennessy 0-2 (1 free), G.Kinnane 0-2, S.Dwyer 0-1, S.McGrath 0-2, A.McLoughney 0-1.

Tipperary: P.Ryan, M.Tynan, S.O'Neill, G.Stapleton, J.Kirwan, T.O'Halloran, M.Shortt, M.Ryan, S.Dwyer, A.Loneragan, C.Hennessy, J.O'Connor, A.Loneragan, G.Kinnane, E.Hough. Subs used: S.Larkin, A.McLoughney, S.Bourke and S.McGrath.

### Camogie Notes:

A busy weekend beckons this weekend starting first with our U16 county team. Hoping to build on their achievement of being All Ireland Finalists last year, manager Noelle Kennedy & selectors get their campaign underway this Saturday March 13th when Tipperary have home advantage against Cork.

Then, on Sunday March 14th it will be a double header in Cork when both Seniors & Intermediates travel south-bound as they try to get their campaigns back on track & come away with much needed victories.

Times & venue for all these games will appear on the Camogie website.

## CAMOGIE

### ALL-IRELAND U16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

**A: Galway 4-12** (M Brophy 3-4,0 Mc Grath 1-1, R Monaghan 0-4 (0-2), R Hennessy 0-2(0-1), S Skehill 0-1)  
**Kilkenny 2-7** (M Walsh 1-0, K Hamilton 0-2, A Bryan 0-1 each)  
**Dublin 2-11** (C Berkely 1-6 (0-4), F Fogarty 1-0, A Kelly 0-3, A Twoomey 0-2)  
**Wexford 0-4** (L Sinnott 0-2 (1, 45), A Murphy, E Walsh 0-1 each)  
**Tipperary 1-12** (T Kenney 1-0, A Ryan 0-4 (3, 145), S Fryday 0-3, M Graham 0-2, E Evison, A Loughane, C Mc Grath 0-1 each)  
**Cork 0-8** (E Jordan 0-4 (2), C Skine 0-3 (1), J Mulcahy 0-1)  
**B: Derry 5-7** (R Mulholland 3-0, C Mc Colgan 1-2, M Mullan 1-1, N Mc Kenna 0-2, S Kearney, O Mullan 0-1 each)  
**Antrim 2-2** (U Mc Cotter 1-1, F Maguire 1-0 (1), H Magee 0-1)  
**Armagh 3-10** (O Kearns 1-1, N Nugent, K Shortt 1-0 each, J Mullan 0-5, M Morgan 0-3, A Burney 0-1)  
**Down 1-7** (S Mc Garry 1-0, N Mullan, C Rocks 0-3 each, T Rooney 0-1)  
**C: Carlow 4-11** Westmeath 2-2; Tyrone 16-5 Donegal 0-0, Roscommon 8-2 Mayo 1-0

## CAMOGIE ALL STAR FOR OLYMPIC HOPEFUL

Promising Irish athlete Ciara Mageean has won an Ulster Colleges All Star award. The outstanding young middle distance runner - widely tipped as Irish athletics' next big star - hails from Portaferry on the tip of the Ards peninsula in County Down. Ciara is the Irish indoor 800 metres champion. A World Youth silver medallist, she smashed the Irish junior record. A student at the Assumption School in Ballynahinch, she follows in the footsteps of her older sister Maire who won a colleges All Star in 2008.



# Cork second string will face a tough examination

SUNDAY

Gala Division two Senior National League: Cork v Tipperary, CIT, 2pm

THERE will be a tough hour ahead for the division two side when they take on Tipperary in round three of the Gala National League at CIT on Sunday. Tipperary come to Cork with four points out of a possible six having lost out to Offaly in a hard fought contest in Banagher last weekend.

They had set a blistering pace in division two up to last weekend as they defeated Kilkenny and Antrim by huge margins.

Fielding a strong line out against Antrim, the Tipperary side features several All-Ireland senior medallists in their starting 15. Players of the calibre of Claire Grogan, Geraldine Kinnane, Cora Hennessy and Trish O'Halloran are without doubt senior division one players but a change to the bye laws this year saw a situation which allowed a loophole where players of this level were able drop a grade to play division two league and this is something which will have to be looked at in the coming weeks at congress when the rules regarding eligibility for league will have to be tightened up.

With their first team also in action on Sunday where a win is vital to preserve their interest in the league it remains to be seen what the strength of their division two team will be but certainly if they were to have players of the calibre of Claire Grogan in their division two line out Cork would be in trouble.

Cork's second string have given two credible performances recording draws with Antrim and Kilkenny and players of the calibre of Michelle Browne, Linda Dorgan, Leah Weste, Roisin De Faoite, Marion Jagoe, Lydia Cunningham and Jessica Kavanagh have performed superbly in the two outings to date and they will not be afraid to stand up to the challenge which is expected from a strong Tipperary side going for their third win in the league series.

Cork will be strengthened by the return of players who were on colleges' finals duty with Coláiste Choilm and they will no doubt turn in another spirited display as they go in search of their first victory.

Selectors Sheila Golden and Esther O'Leary remain from last year's backroom team and they are joined by former Cork and Milford player Lelia Long, who brings a wealth of experience.

Phillip Kavanagh from the Douglas club is coach to the side, and while this is Phillip's first venture at inter-county level he is hugely experienced having worked at under age and senior grades with his club.

Tipperary pose a huge threat but this is a young Cork outfit that has shown great character in their last two outings, it will be tough but Cork will not be found wanting.

# O'Leary is back



Cork's Jennifer O'Leary, left, returned to Leaside after a lengthy spell abroad.



LINDA MELLERICK

EVEN before the recession taking time out to travel seemed to be a prearranged condition of young adulthood.

It's almost the next stage of metamorphosis to leave college and travel before settling into a life of routine and commitments or work a while to raise some money and then go.

The ease of access and the acceptance worldwide of youngsters back packing is enviable.

Cork's Jennifer O'Leary returned last December after 18 months travelling to Sydney, Melbourne (to catch a few rugby and AFL games), Brisbane, touring the East Coast of Australia, skiing in New Zealand, visiting Thailand, Tasmania and the Fijian Islands.

I imagined it impossible to pick a highlight from that but I asked anyway.

"No matter where I explored, the people I met were definitely the highlight of it all. The Australian people love their country and are very proud. And so they should. It's such a vast, beautiful and carefree country.

"There is something for everyone, especially those who love the outdoors and are active. They are big fans of their sporting events on the weekends, as well as their barbecues and their approach to work is so laid back compared to us here in Ireland. We could learn a thing or two from them, it's all 'No Worries' to them.

"I must admit, I wasn't your typical backpacker. The longest time I travelled with the bag on my back was for two and a half weeks during my East Coast adventures. Here I stayed in hostels, tents and a sailing boat! Don't get me wrong, I still experienced the horrible cockroaches invading my house, the bedbugs in the bed, the budgeting each week to feed yourself!"

Dangerous experiences?

"Just a few would be, the Nevis Bungy Jump of 134m in New Zealand, the skydive in Mission Beach (a 20,000ft freefall); skiing in general, swimming in Australian beaches (sharks!). All were absolutely unbelievable and were pure exhilaration."

Outside of the adventure, what

## Win is a must for the Cork girls

SUNDAY

National League Division 1, Cork v Tipperary, CIT, 4pm

WITH the league table looking as is, Cork will need to account for Tipperary tomorrow to avoid being knocked out of this year's National League, writes LINDA MELLERICK.

A draw will see them level on points. There is no doubt that Cork should take the two points but a significant improvement is needed on last weekend's performance.

Lack of concentration and careless mistakes cost Cork in Mullinavat while a greater sense of urgency is required from those players looking to stake a claim for a starting position.

Much of the side will be in attendance at the wedding of former player Una O'Donoghue on Saturday and

### Division 1 League Grp 1

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Wexford	2	2	0	0	4
Dublin	2	1	1	0	2
Galway	2	1	1	0	2
Clare	2	0	2	0	0

### Grp 2

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Tipperary	1	0	1	0	0
Kilkenny	2	2	0	0	4
Cork	1	0	1	0	0

let's hope that doesn't take the focus of what is an important game for Cork. Regardless of whether Cork win the league or not they need the games and for that reason advancing is important.

Eoin Brislane is the new Tipperary camogie manager.

The Toomevara player, who has enjoyed several stints with the Premier

County senior hurlers, will be seeking double glory in 2010 as he will be hoping to steer both the senior and intermediate camogie teams to All-Ireland success.

He takes over the senior team from Fr Peter Brennan. His own playing career is still going strong with the north Tipperary club.

A loophole in the league rules allow those with senior All-Ireland medals play at intermediate level. This loophole does not extend to the championship.

Reports state that Tipperary are taking advantage of it however. It begs the question what the county are going to achieve by playing their senior players in the intermediate league and possibly winning it.

Not a step forward.



Marie O'Neill with her parents John and Betty O'Neill, sister Liz Rose and Helena, nephew Fionn, clubmates Val O'Neill and Noreen O'Connell.



# after trip to Oz

## Coachford too strong as they land senior title

Coachford College 4-7  
Kinsale Community School 2-5

COACHFORD COLLEGE took the Cork Colleges Senior B title recently as they recorded a victory over Kinsale Community School. Coachford hit the front thanks to Joanne Casey who struck three points from frees and their defence held a tight reign on the Kinsale attack, but eventually they yielded as Coachford snatched a goal Joanne Casey finding the net.

The Coachford defence was under a lot of pressure but keeper Emily Donovan dealt efficiently with anything that Kinsale threw at her bringing off some excellent saves.

Kinsale worked hard to get something out of the opening 30 minutes but with Laura Burke and Joanne Casey hitting points and Aoife Hennessy grabbing a goal, they had built up a good lead by the interval.

Kinsale started the second half in determined fashion and points from Jacinta Crowley and Caron O'Reilly lifted their spirits. Continuing to apply pressure they grabbed a goal, Aisling Moloney's long-range shot deceiving defenders as it headed to the net.

Now the Kinsale girls were working hard and the Coachford defence had to be at its best.

Coachford stretched their lead thanks to Erin O'Connell and the gap was back to eight points as the sides swapped points twice.

The result was put beyond Kinsale when Jenny O'Connell sent a ground stroke to the net, Aisling O'Reilly did grab a late Kinsale goal but by then, the title was secured by Coachford.

**Scorers for Coachford:** J Casey 1-5, A Hennessy 1-1, E O'Connell, J O'Connell 1-0 each, L Burke 0-1.

**Kinsale:** C O'Reilly 0-4, A Moloney, A O'Reilly 1-0 each, J Crowley 0-1.

**Coachford:** E Donovan, C O'Keefe (c), G O'Sullivan, M Collins, E O'Sullivan, A Barry-Murphy, S Buckley, R O'Mahony, A O'Connor, L Burke, J Casey, R McCarthy, E O'Connell, A Hennessy, S Dineen.

**Subs:** D Ahern for M Collins, L Buckley for R O'Mahony, E Clifford for A Hennessy, M Corkery for S Buckley, M Corkery for L Burke, N Doherty for R McCarthy, A Donovan for E O'Connell, E Lyons for S Dineen, E McCarthy for E O'Sullivan, J O'Connell for A O'Connor, C O'Leary for E O'Sullivan, E O'Riordan for A Barry-Murphy.

**Kinsale:** A O'Sullivan, C O'Callaghan, A Allen, E Moloney, P Collins, C Hayes (c), A Keating, J Crowley, J Mulcahy, C O'Reilly, C O'Driscoll, A Moloney, A O'Reilly, L Collins, C Campbell. **Subs:** L O'Donovan for C Campbell, J Condon for C O'Driscoll, N Coleman for L Collins, N Sheehan for A Keating, E Hannah for A Allen.

**Referee:** Oliver Webb (Tralee).



Coláiste Choilm's Elaine Scally balances the sliotar on her head as Borris' Shauna Barcoe attempts a clearance during the All Ireland Senior B colleges camogie final played at Cahir.

Picture: Tony Stack

was it like to work there? Is there a recession in Australia?

"Working in Sydney was very relaxed, highly enjoyable and a fantastic experience. I worked for a property management group called Stockland in the City for 10 months. You can only work for six months with one company when your on a first-year visa.

"However I got my second year and then could continue for another six months if I wanted to. It is definitely harder to get work in Australia now. They have been hit by the recession, but not to the same extent as Ireland. They have to watch their money a bit more now, you can see that companies do not celebrate as much as they used to.

The pay can be good if you get a role in an area you are qualified in,

however, if you were temping like I was, you make enough to get you by each week with a little bit of saving in between. A lot of Irish men used to work in labouring jobs when on their travels. The pay would be good here but you would have to work long hours to earn it'.

Where was your favourite place? "It's hard to pick one, but just based on the many brilliant friends I have made, the things I achieved through sport with the Central Coast GAA team and the length of time I stayed there, it has to be Sydney. There is never a dull moment here, you could never be bored. Just seeing the Harbour Bridge, the Opera House and the fantastic beaches you would feel just so lucky to be there. Some days I would go down to Circular Quay or Darling Har-

bour when I felt a bit homesick and I would just take a look around and think, yeah, this is why I'm here! I played GAA when I hit Sydney and joined Sydney Central Coast.

"We were based in Bondi and trained two times a week with games every Sunday. There are four camogie teams in Sydney and five ladies football teams, as well as the male teams.

"The team was brilliant; we won every competition in both camogie and football. It was amazing both socially and physically. I have made friends for life through sport in Sydney, I miss them."

"I would recommend people to take a time-out and see the world. It broadens the mind but also opens your eyes to what is out there.

"It can change your outlook on

life and makes you a more rounded person. I definitely experienced a lot and I feel like I have grown in so many positive ways that can only stand to me later on in life!

Eventually Jenny returned and is back working with her former employers Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig. She lined out with Cork in their first national league outing against Kilkenny last Saturday, is back playing club with Barryroe, hockey with Belvedere and a bit of football with Clonakilty.

Not much time left for reminiscing about her traveling days? 'I felt the need to get back into the way things were before I left as I loved living in Cork and being involved in so much. Australia was unbelievable but there really is no place like home'.

## Win for Cork will set them up nicely

By MARY NEWMAN  
Camogie

**SATURDAY**  
**All-Ireland U16 A**  
**Championship,**  
**Cork v Tipperary,**  
**The Ragg, Co Tipperary,**  
**2.30PM.**

FIRST into the All-Ireland arena are the U16 players from Cork and Tipperary as the counties fire the opening shots of 2010 at The Ragg tomorrow in the first game in the round-robin series.

Last year the decision was taken to start the All-Ireland U16 championship series early. In previous years the Munster championship was held prior to the open draw All-Ireland series and this helped selectors get a settled team in place before the All-Ireland series.

The change has put pressure on the backroom teams to pick a settled panel earlier but the new management team of Helen Duggan, Liam O'Sullivan, Brian O'Leary and John Moloney are enthusiastic and have worked hard, giving everybody a chance to stake a claim on a place on the panel.

Cork are paired in a group with Clare and Tipperary while All-Ireland championship Kilkenny, chasing four in-a-row, are paired with Dublin, Wexford and Galway. Games will be played on a round-robin basis with the top two progressing to the semi-finals.

As there are just three teams in the group, a win tomorrow would set Cork up nicely for their tie with Clare on April 10.

As with all underage sides in their first championship outing of the season, it's hard to gauge their strengths. Cork are captained by Alison Peate, who is hugely experienced having won national Féile na nGael honours with Douglas.

With no provincial games under their belts, we have little indications of the Cork side's form. They have prepared well but Tipp having lost out in last season's All-Ireland final, will be determined to go one better this season. Cork have named a 26-player panel for Saturday's clash and experienced campaigners such as Julie Mulcahy, Emma Jordan, Louise O'Flynn, Rita Crowley and Leeann O'Sullivan with senior and intermediate club experience behind them should all feature strongly.

**CORK U16 PANEL:** Alison Peate (c) (Douglas), Ailanna Barry (Millstreet), Nicole Creen (St Vincent's), Jennifer Barry (Bride Rovers), Orla Cronin (Enniskeane), Laura Barry (Ballincollig), Siobhan O'Mahony (Douglas), Rita Crowley (Sarsfields), Orla Healy (Innis-carra), Emma Jordan (Ballinhassig), Sarah Kavanagh (Douglas), Leeann O'Sullivan (Glen Rovers), Tessa Crowley (Valley Rovers), Sarah Moloney (Newtownshandrum), Claire Shine (Douglas), Aoife Twohill (Newtownshandrum), Julie Mulcahy (Courcey Rovers), Cioe O'Callaghan (Sliabh Rua), Shauna Keniry (Killeagh), Aisling O'Keefe (Glen Rovers), Clodagh Duggan (Douglas), Grainne Sheehy (Milford), Julie Mulcahy (Courcey Rovers), Rachel O'Callaghan (St Catherine's), Louise O'Flynn (Milford), Kaylynn Lee (Glen Rovers).

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### All Ireland Junior Colleges Finals

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##### Junior A Final

St. Brigid's Loughrea V Loreto Kilkenny  
Toomevara GAA Pitch @ 2pm  
Ref Eamonn Browne

##### Junior B Final

St. Flannans Ennis V St. Louis Grammar School Ballymena  
Ratoath GAA Pitch @ 2pm  
Ref Paul Beecher

##### Junior C Final

Presentation College Thurles V Grennan College Thomastown  
Nowlan Park Kilkenny @ 1pm  
Ref Cathal Egan





Presentation Thurles - All-Ireland 'C' Camogie Champions. Back row: (from left) - Henry Flynn (Manager), Rosemary Hanafin, Sarah Fryday, Cait Devane, Emma Carey, Clodagh Quirke, Beatrice Canovas, Emily O'Brien, Aine Symons, Aoibhinn Ryan, Bernadine Kilbride, Claire Walsh, Margaret O'Dwyer (Coach). Kneeling: Michaela Graham, Kara Kerrane, Cliona O'Dwyer, Andrea Loughnane, Eithne Moran (Captain), Karen Bohan, Shauna Brett, Bernie Bergin, Elaine Devane, Marianne Murphy. Picture: Bridget Delaney

## All-Ireland Senior C Camogie Colleges Final Thurles Coast to Historic Win

Presentation Convent, Thurles 3-19; Banagher College 1-1

By Liam Hogan

Presentation Convent Thurles produced the perfect performance in collecting their first ever Senior Colleges Camogie All-Ireland by defeating Banagher of Offaly at Toomevara last Saturday afternoon.

Played in perfect weather conditions Thurles had the look of a team that would

have been very comfortable at Roinn B competition. Rosemary Hanafin, Eithne Moran at half back, Emma Carey and Clodagh Quirke at midfield and the entire forward line never put a foot wrong.

The team scored 3-15 from play where centre forward, Cait Devane produced a wonderful display and finished the hour as top

scorer on 0-9, with five coming from play, while fellow wing forwards, Andrea Loughnane and Sarah Fryday contributed 1-7 from play.

Thurles had the ideal target woman in Michaela Graham who worked tirelessly all through the game until she had to depart the scene with a hamstring injury after 50 mins.

The Moycarkey girl had the ball in the Banagher net after nine minutes to put her side 1-2 to 0-0 clear. Over the next eleven minutes the winners reached 1-8, a margin that would have been far greater but for the heroic efforts of Sile Dolan, Aoife Brady and Collette Cleary in the Banagher defence.

Both Jennifer Flannery and Alva Egan gave everything in attack and Banagher's hopes were raised when Helen Dolan's mishit twenty five metre free caught the Presentation defence napping and the Offaly school were on the scoreboard with a green flag.

But Thurles were unfazed and they continued with their pinpoint accurate play. Andrea Loughnane provided the next score and both Cait Devane and Cliona O'Dwyer each grabbed two points putting the Tipp school thirteen points clear at the break.

Banagher began the second half with more urgency but failed to find the target,

However Thurles had the proper response when and unmarked Sarah Fryday needed two attempts to steer the ball past the helpless Niamh Moloney in goal.

Cait Devane added a forty-five before Alva Egan scored for Banagher on the 40th minute mark. Both Devane and Fryday replied with well worked scores for the winners as the subs bench was called upon with Karen Bohan and Aoibhinn Ryan made their entrances.

Another Sarah Fryday score left her side nineteen points clear and such is the strength in dept that the Presentation side had that another replacement Marianne Murphy (who had replaced Beatrice Canovas, six minutes into the second half) fired home a goal and a point inside two minutes leaving Sarah Fryday with the final say.

Yes it was the near perfect performance for the Navy and Red colours. Team coach Henry Flynn was full of praise for his girls after the game. He added that three of the team, Eithne Moran, Emma Carey and Beatrice Canovas are ineligible to play next year. In addition the Junior team are in an All-Ireland in a few weeks with Marianne Murphy on the side.

**TEAMS and SCORERS:**  
Thurles - C Devane 0-9 (0-2 frees and 0-2 = 45s); S Fryday 1-4; M Murphy 1-1; M Graham 1-0; A Lough-

nan 0-3; C O'Dwyer 0-2.  
Banagher - H Dolan 1-0 (free); A Egan 0-1.

**PRESENTATION THURLES:** Elaine Devane (Boherlahan); Claire Walsh (Harps), Shauna Brett (Thurles), Bernie Bergin (Moycarkey-Borris); Emily O'Brien (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Rosemary Hanafin (Thurles) Eithne Moran Capt (Moycarkey-Borris); Emma Carey (Thurles), Clodagh Quirke (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Andrea Loughnane (Thurles), Cait Devane (Clonoulty-Rossmore), Sarah Fryday (do), Cliona O'Dwyer (Cashel), Michaela Graham (Moycarkey-Borris), Beatrice Canovas (Thurles).

**SUBS:** Marianne Murphy (Moycarkey-Borris) for Canovas (36m); Karen Bohan (Thurles) for Bergin (47m); Aoibhinn Ryan (St Brigid's, Laois) for Graham (inj) (50m); Aine Symons (Thurles) for Loughnane (54m); Kara Kerrane (Thurles) for Quirke (54m).

**COLAISTE NA SIONNA BANAGHER:** Niamh Mooney; Sarcha McGarry, Sile Dolan, Niamh Larkin, Clare Keenaghan, Aoife Brady, Collette Cleary; Claire Camon, Michelle Dolan (V Capt); Leanne Kelly, Jennifer Flannery (Capt), Tracy Lyons; Helen Dolan, Alva Egan, Rhona Lynch.

**SUBS:** Clodagh Cahill for Keenaghan (17m); Tara Doolley for Larkin (57m).

**REFEREE:** Mike O Kelly, Cork.



Presentation Thurles senior camogie team captain Eithne Moran lifts the All-Ireland Colleges 'C' Cup after her side defeated Banagher College in the Final at Toomevara. Picture: Bridget Delaney

## Cork see off Tipp to seal semis spot

Camogie review

by Claire Egan

CORK qualified for the semi-finals of the National Camogie League defeating Tipperary 0-12 to 1-7 at CIT yesterday.

Sharpshooter Claire Grogan and Jill Horan caused the Cork rear-guard numerous problems in the first half. Grogan hit three points while a goal from Noreen Walsh gave them a five-point half-time lead. Rachel Moloney, Elaine O'Riordan and Katriona Mackey hit a point a piece to keep the Rebels within touching distance.

However, in the second half it was all Cork as All Star attacker Rachel Moloney led the way firing four superb points. Tipperary could only register two points courtesy of Grogan and Mairead Luttrell with the Cork defence in mean mood. Julia White tacked on three to push the Rebels ahead with Sile Burns and Lucy Hawkes adding a point each.

Meanwhile, Galway defeated Dublin 3-12 to 0-11 at Parnell Park. The Blues were trailing by five points with two minutes remaining before Veronica Curtin goalied to finish off the spirited challenge of a young Dublin side.

Wexford continued their winning streak defeating Clare 3-15 to 0-7 at Clarecastle. Clare had no response to the Wexford attack with captain Una Leacy, Aine Codd and Ursula Jacob to the fore.

GAA President's Award for Camogie volunteer

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Laois native Mary Donohue was amongst the recipients at last night's GAA President's Awards held at Croke Park.

Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Críostóir Ó Cuana presented the awards to 16 recipients at a gala dinner.

A founding member of Harps Camogie Club, Mary was commended for her unstinting dedication to the club, occupying a variety of roles since its establishment in 1995.

Speaking about the award Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Joan O'Flynn: "I am delighted to congratulate Mary Donohue on receiving the GAA President's Award for her contribution to Camogie in her native club The Harps in Laois. Volunteering brings Camogie to life all over the country. Mary is typical of many people doing extraordinary things developing Camogie everyday in schools, clubs and parishes. On behalf of the Camogie Association I am very pleased to recognise Mary and her family's dedication and generosity in 'giving something back' and making a lasting contribution to her community".

The GAA President's Awards acknowledge the contribution of volunteers and are drawn from the wider spectrum of the GAA family, to include representatives from all four provinces, Camogie, Ladies Football, GAA Rounders, GAA Handball, Scór and the Overseas and Schools sectors.

This year's winners will also be presented to the crowd at Croke Park at half time in today's AIB GAA Club Championship Football final.

This is the seventh year of the awards scheme.



Marie O'Neill, Watergrasshill camogie club, winner of the Evening Echo ladies Sportstar award for February





Charlotte Kearney's pair of goals proved vital as Cork retained their unbeaten run in division two.

# Kearney impresses in Rebels victory

**Cork** 2-12 **Tipperary** 1-8  
By MARY NEWMAN  
At CIT

**CORK KEPT** their unbeaten record intact as they powered to their first victory in the Gala Division Two National League against Tipperary at CIT yesterday.

Coming into the game on the back of two draws Cork faced a Tipp side that had only lost one of their three games but Cork dug deep to record a good victory. Without doubt it was their defence that were the spring board for success as they closed down the Tipp attack at every opportunity. The opening half saw Cork come under a lot of pressure but they worked hard and save for a

temporary lapse which saw Tipperary grab an early goal they were always in control. Lydia Cunningham at centre-back was superb while Christine O'Neill, Emma Jordan and Kate O'Donoghue also excelled in defence. Lynda Dorgan again covered huge ground at midfield for Cork where her strength and experience are vital while Maria Walsh, who contributed five points from play, Michelle Browne and Charlotte Kearney who grabbed two goals all did huge work as Cork took the game to their opponents.

Ciara Johnson's fourth minute goal was the main difference between the sides who were evenly matched in the opening 30 minutes and after they traded points

through the half, it was Tipperary who held a slender two-point half-time advantage 1-5 to 0-6. Cork restarted at lightening pace. Inside two minutes Charlotte Kearney and Michelle Browne had points as Jackie O'Connor hit one for Tipp. The vital break Cork needed came inside five minutes of the restart with substitute Denise Luby and Michelle Browne linking up well to turn provider for Charlotte Kearney to grab Cork's opening goal and now with their noses in front they took control. Twice the sides swapped points as Cork held their lead and with Maria Walsh and Charlotte Kearney hitting two in a row Cork were four points clear. Crucially their defence held firm dealing with anything Tipp threw at them. With a minute to go Charlotte Kearney first-timed a ground stroke to the

net for a superb goal that sealed victory for the Cork side.

**Scorers for Cork:** C Kearney 2-0, M Walsh 0-5, M Browne 0-3 (0-2), 0-1 (45), P Buttiner, A O'Donovan 0-1 each.

**Tipperary:** C Johnson 1-0, A Lornegan, D Dunne, J O'Connor 0-2 each, A McLoughney, S McGrath 0-1 each.

**CORK:** J Kavanagh, A Sheehan, C O'Neill, E Jordan, K O'Donoghue, L Cunningham, O O'Mahony, J Lynch, L Dorgan (cl), A O'Donovan, M Walsh, P Buttiner, M Jagoe, M Browne, C Kearney.

**Subs:** D Luby for M Jagoe (th-t), S O'Callaghan for P Buttiner (40), C Lynch for O O'Mahony (51).

**TIPPERARY:** P Ryan, S Ryan, S O'Neill, M Barry, E Spillane, S Ryan, S Bourke, C Kenny, J O'Connor, S McGrath, D Dunne, A Lornegan, C Johnson, A McLoughney, E Haugh.

**Subs:** C Kennedy for D Dunne (40), C Ryan for S McGrath (44), A Fogarty for E Spillane (55).

**Referee:** Ger O'Dowd (Limerick).

**RESULTS Senior Division 1 Gala National League:** Wexford 3-15 Clare 0-7; Galway 3-12, Dublin 0-11; Cork 0-12 Tipperary 1-7.

**Senior Division 2 Gala National League:** Offaly 4-11, Antrim 5-7; Derry 3-15 Kilkenny 0-4; Cork 2-12 Tipperary 1-8.

## CAMOGIE

### National League Div 1

**Wexford 3-15:** (U Leacy 1-4 (0-1), 0-1 (45), C Murphy, L Kavanagh 1-0 each, K Kelly 0-5 (0-4), K Parrock, L Holohan 0-2 each, E Quigley U Jacob 0-1 each)

**Clare 0-7:** (D Murphy 0-3 (0-2), C Morey 0-2 (0-1, 0-1 (45), N Murphy, S Mc Mahon 0-1 each)

**Galway 3-12:** (A Connolly 1-7 (0-3), 0-1 (45) V Curtin 2-0, N Mc Grath 0-3, M Dunne, O Kilkenny 0-1 each)

**Dublin 0-11:** (C Lucey 0-8 (0-6), 0-2 (45), C Burgess, J Hoary, S Ryan 0-1 each)

**Cork 0-12:** (R Moloney 0-5 (0-1), J White 0-3, S Burns, C Hawkes, K Mackey, E O'Riordan 0-1 each)

**Tipperary 1-7:** (N Walsh 1-0, C Grogan 0-4 (0-2), N Flanagan, J Horan, M Luttrell 0-1 each)

**Div 2**

**Cork 2-12:** (C Kearney 2-3, M Walsh 0-4, M Browne 0-3 (0-2), 0-1 (45), A O'Donovan, P Buttiner 0-1 each)

**Tipperary 1-8:** (C Johnston 1-0, D Dunne, A Lornegan, J O'Connor 0-2 each, S Mc Grath 0-1, A McLoughney 0-1)

**Offaly 4-11:** (E Darmody 1-5, M Gleeson, S Flannery 1-1 each, M Davis 1-0, A Watkins, A Kelly 0-2 each)

**Antrim 5-7:** (M Mc Aleese 1-6 (0-3), S Graham 2-0, E Mc Mullin 1-1, R Mc Carry 1-0)

**Derry 3-15:** (K Graham 2-0, K Bradley 1-0, G Mc Goldrick 0-6, K Kelt 0-4, M Mc Goldrick 0-2, J Carey, B Convery, S Cassidy 0-1 each)

**Kilkenny 0-4:** (T Warren 0-2, E Carroll, M Finley 0-1 each)

**Div 3**

**Kildare 4-8:** (A Maher 3-0, C Farrell 1-0, S O'Carroll 0-5, M Murrigh 0-2, L Bowes 0-1)

**Armagh 2-12:** (C Mc Sorley 2-8 (0-1), C Donnelly 0-2, B Murray, B O'Hagan 0-1 each)

**Meath 4-7:** (L Lynch 2-1, J Dolan 1-3 (0-2), L Oakes 1-0, S Hackett, F O'Neill, A Maguire 0-1 each)

**Dublin 1-4:** (J Elbert 1-0, E Murphy 0-3, K Farrell 0-1)

**Laois 0-13:** (L Mahony 0-7, L Delaney 0-3 (0-1), T Cuddy, S Fitzgerald, N Dillard 0-1 each)

**Roscommon 0-10:** (A Mc Geaney 0-5, K Hopkins 0-4, S O'Brien 0-1)

**Div 4**

**Tyrone 2-7:** (S Mc Cann 1-1, G O'Neill 1-0, E Mc Aiskry 0-4, S Jordan, M Gavin 0-1 each)

**Westmeath 3-3:** (D Mc Grath 1-1, A Martin, L Burke 1-0 each, G Egan, O King 0-1 each)

**All-Ireland U16 A Championship Galway 4-12**

**Kilkenny 2-7, Dublin 2-11 Wexford 0-4; Tipperary 1-12**

**Cork 0-8; B: Derry 5-7 Antrim 2-2; Armagh 3-10**

**Down 1-7; C: Carlow 4-11 Westmeath 2-2; Tyrone 16-5 Donegal 0-0; Roscommon 8-2 Mayo 1-0.**

## U16s face a must-win game after Tipp defeat

By MARY NEWMAN

U16 camogie

**Tipperary** 1-12  
**Cork** 0-8

A PHYSICALLY stronger Tipperary got their All-Ireland championship campaign off to a winning start with a seven-point victory over Cork in the first game of the round-robin series at The Ragg on Saturday.

The strength of the home side was evident from the early stages as they confidently held off the challenges posed by a lighter Cork on numerous occasions. Their ability to shield and protect the ball under pressure and to close their opponents down when on the attack proved to be the spring board for success as Cork failed to cope with their physicality.

Cork had their share of possession but an insistence in opting to run with the ball instead of laying off quick supply to their inside lines proved costly as their opponents consistently broke down their attack and cleared the danger.

Cork's cause was not helped by a leg injury to impressive centre-back Tessa Crowley who was forced to withdraw before the break.

Anne Eviston gave Tipp the early advantage with a point but two in-a-row from Claire Shine and Emma Jordan saw Cork hit the front.

Despite enjoying their fair share of possession Cork failed to capitalise in front of goal allowing Tipp hit five points in-a-row as Cork struggled to get to grips, Emma Jordan pointed a free but three unanswered Tipp scores secured a 0-9 to 0-4 lead at the break.

On the turnover Cork battled hard to get back into the game. Twice the sides exchanged points as Tipp maintained their advantage, but Cork came more into it reducing the deficit to four as Emma Jordan hit a superb point.

But they were dealt a killer blow when Tara Kennedy sailed past the Cork defence to unleashing an unstoppable shot to the net and now seven point in arrears Cork had it all to do.

They battled hard but again an insistence to run with the ball proved costly. Sara Friday and Grainne Sheehy swapped late point as Tipperary held their lead to the finish.

Cork know they will need to improve if they hope to remain in contention for All-Ireland honours. Clare will provide the next challenge on April 10 in the last game of the round-robin series where a win is a must.

**Scorers for Tipperary:** A Ryan 0-4 (0-3), 0-1 (45), T Kennedy 1-0, S Fryday 0-3, M Graham 0-2, C Mc Grath, A Loughnane, A Eviston 0-1 each.

**Cork:** C Shine, E Jordan 0-3 (0-1) each, G Sheehy, J Mulcahy 0-1 each.

**TIPPERARY:** O McInery, J Bourke, C Maher, L McLoughney, R Kennedy, C Quirke, M Walsh, S Fryday, A Eviston, C McGrath, R Hanafin, A Loughnane, T Kennedy, M Graham, A Ryan (cl).

**Subs:** M Ryan for M Graham (inj 36), C Ryan for A Loughnane (56), A McGrath for T Kennedy (60).

**CORK:** S O'Mahony, A Barry, A Peate (cl), L O'Sullivan, R O'Callaghan, T Crowley, C O'Callaghan, O Cronin, A O'Keefe, J Mulcahy, R Crowley, E Jordan, C Shine, J Barry, S Keniry.

**Subs:** O Healy for T Hawkes (inj 33), G Sheehy for J Barry (th-t), L O'Flynn for S Keniry (47), S Moloney for J Mulcahy (59).

**Referee:** Eamonn Mansfield (Kilkenny).

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###### Laois 0-13

Roscommon 0-10

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# Cork advance to the league semi-final



LINDA MELLERICK

Cork 0-12  
Tipperary 1-7

**AN INTENSE** display by visitors Tipperary at CIT yesterday had Cork fighting to the very end to achieve a two-point victory.

Trailing by five points at the break Cork outscored Tipp nine points to two in the second half, three excellent scores coming from newcomer Julia White.

Displaying a greater work-rate Tipperary's defence gave Cork little space up front resulting in the home side taking just two points from play in the opening half.

The first quarter of the match belonged to Tipp. Michelle Shortt, Julie McGrath and Jill Horan had the upper hand as seven minutes in Tipp led 0-3 to 0-2. That increased to four when Aoife Murray blocked a long Claire Grogan delivery and Nicole Walsh was quickest to react, striking the net.

Poor refereeing led to an overabundance of frees. Claire Grogan struck over her third and when Noreen Flanagan pointed with 14 minutes gone Cork looked in trouble, trailing 1-5 to 0-2.

That was where Tipperary's dominance ended. While Cork didn't open the scoring floodgates they managed to stem Tipperary's spree, holding them scoreless for the remainder of the half. Here Catriona Foley, Rena Buckley, Anna Geary and Elaine O'Riordan stood tall.

The second half belonged to Cork. Rachel Moloney roamed further out to midfield picking up a lot of ball. Anna Geary was back to her brilliant best and once again Foley, Buckley and O'Riordan dominated, ably assisted by Pamela Mackey.

Three Moloney frees and points from Sile Burns and Julia White



Rachel Moloney was in great form with the dead ball for Cork landing four fine frees for the Rebels.

had Cork level with 47 minutes gone on the clock. White was causing Geraldine Stapleton problems in at right corner-forward, the Tipp corner-back having difficulty matching the youngster for pace.

Rachel Moloney's point from play edged Cork in front for the first time. Despite not having scored in 42 minutes Tipp pushed back in search of an equaliser however White's second point made their job harder.

Máiréad Luttrell brought the gap back down to one. Cork substitute Lucy Hawkes stretched it again. Again Tipp brought it back through Clare Grogan but they couldn't quite get level and Julia White had the final say three minutes into injury time which saw Cork advance to the semi-final on April 10.

**Scorers for Cork:** R Moloney 0-5 (0-4 f), J White 0-3, E O'Riordan, K Mackey, S Burns, L Hawkes 0-1 each.

**Tipperary:** C Grogan 0-4 (f), N Walsh 1-0, J

Horan, N Flanagan, M Luttrell 0-1 each.

**CORK:** A Murray, L O'Connell, C Foley, P Mackey, J Duffy, R Buckley, A Geary, O Cotter, E O'Riordan, E O'Sullivan, R Moloney, K Mackey, J White, S Burns, M Murphy.

**Subs:** L Hawkes for M Murphy (41), M Walsh for E O'Sullivan (52), C O'Neill for L O'Connell (60 in).

**TIPPERARY:** R Kenneally, J Kirwin, T O'Halloran, G Stapleton, M Shortt, S Larkin, J McGrath, J Horan, M Ryan, C Hennessey, M Luttrell, N Flanagan, C Devane, C Grogan, P Walsh.

**Sub:** S Ryan for C Devane (57).

**Referee:** Á Mac Suibhne (Dublin).

## Ballincollig tournament reaches semi-final stage

THE opening rounds of the Ballincollig flood-lit tournament have reached their conclusion with four teams emerging to contest next weekend's semi-finals.

In an excellent competition which saw five Senior A and one Senior B club battle it out in group one Douglas topped the group with a victory over the home side Ballincollig in a thrilling contest last weekend where Douglas edged it with a goal to spare to go tops, earlier they Ballincollig had a victory over Cloughdun while Douglas were awarded the points as Cloughdun were unable to fulfil the fixture with them on the night.

In group two it went down to the wire the surprise here senior B side Glen Rovers emerging to grab a semi-final spot in a section

where it took scoring differences to divide the three teams. All the games in the section were close in the opening game Inniscarra had a 0-12 to 1-4 win over Glen Rovers who then went on to defeat Ballygarvan on 3-5 to 0-7 score line. Ballygarvan defeated Inniscarra 2-8 to 2-5 thus the three teams ended up level on points however in the final tot up Inniscarra were plus 5, Glen Rovers plus 2 and Ballygarvan minus 5 therefore it was Inniscarra and Glen Rovers who grabbed the semi final spots which will be played on Friday as follows.

**SEMI FINALS**  
Ballincollig v Inniscarra  
6.45pm

Glen Rovers v Douglas 8pm

The final will take place on March 26.

**Coachford College 4-7**  
**Kinsale Community School 2-5**

COACHFORD College was crowned Cork Colleges Senior B champions as they recorded a victory over Kinsale Community School. Coachford took command from the early stages as Joanne Casey struck three points from frees and with their defence holding a tight reign on the Kinsale attack they were in control.

Coachford snatched a goal through Joanne Casey and with their defence under a lot of pressure they had to be at their best to contain Kinsale. Coachford goalkeeper Emily Donovan dealt efficiently with anything that Kinsale threw at her, bringing off some excellent saves as Coachford continued to control the game.

Kinsale worked hard to get something out of the opening thirty minutes but with Laura Burke and Joanne Casey hitting points and Aoife Hennessey grabbing a goal, they had built up a good lead by the interval.

Kinsale started the second half in determined fashion and points from Jacinta Crowley and Caron O'Reilly



The Coachford Senior B Camogie team that defeated Kinsale recently.

## Four-goal Coachford too strong for Kinsale

lifted their spirits. Continuing to apply pressure they grabbed a goal when Aisling Moloney long range shot headed to the net. Now the Kinsale girls were working hard and the Coachford defence had to be at its best Ciara O'Keeffe Meg Collins and Eimear McCarthy prominent.

Coachford stretched their lead thanks to Erin O'Connell and the gap was back to eight points, twice the sides swapped points. The result was put beyond Kinsale when Jenny O'Connell sent a ground stroke to net, Aisling O'Reilly did grab a late Kinsale goal but by now the title was secured by Coachford.

**Coachford:** E Donovan, C O'Keeffe (c), G O'Sullivan, M Collins, E O'Sullivan, A Barry-Murphy, S Buckley, R O'Mahony, A O'Connor, L Burke, J Casey, R McCarthy, E O'Connell, A Hennessey, S Dineen. Subs: D Ahern for M Collins, L Buckley for R O'Mahony, E Clifford for A Hennessey, M Corkery for S Buckley, M Corkery for L Burke, N Doherty for R McCarthy, A Donovan for E O'Connell, E Lyons for S Dineen, E McCarthy for E O'Sullivan, J O'Connell for A O'Connor, C O'Leary for E O'Sullivan, E O'Riordan for A Barry-Murphy. Scorers: J Casey 1-5, A Hennessey 1-1, E O'Connell, J O'Connell 1-0 each, L Burke 0-1.

**Kinsale:** A O'Sullivan, C O'Callaghan, A Allen, E Moloney, P Collins, C Hayes(c), A Keating, J Crowley, J Mulcahy, C O'Reilly, C O'Driscoll, A Moloney, A O'Reilly, L Collins, C Campbell. Subs: L O'Donovan for C Campbell, J Condon for C O'Driscoll, N Coleman for L Collins, N Sheehan for A Keating, E Hannah for A Allen. Scorers: C O'Reilly 0-4, A Moloney, A O'Reilly 1-0 each, J Crowley 0-1.

**Referee:** Oliver Webb (Tracton).



# Calamity for Jane

O'Donnovan Rossa's Camogie star and Antrim's first All Star in 2008, Jane Adams has been ruled out of the 2009 season through injury. This week she speaks 'From the Heart' to HURLING WORLD.

## How did you become involved with camogie?

Well my daddy used to be a boxer and I was the first one that came into Camogie and then the rest of the family followed. I am the eldest of four. My first school was the primary school and they didn't have a Camogie Team at the time so I played in goals for the hurling team. I loved it from the start. We live behind a school I would jump over the wall and practice on my own, solo running and so on. We won one of the leagues and that was the first time our school ever won anything. Then later that year in the Belfast versus Dublin tournament that I captained, we beat Dublin for the first time. I was eleven.

## Did you play Camogie in secondary school?

After primary school I went into St Louise's Comprehensive College but it only had Camogie from about 5th year so there wasn't anything there. Then in '95 we went down to Limerick with Féile - The first time we had ever won Antrim, we beat Loughgiel who had been our main rivals and we actually won Féile.

## When did you start playing senior?

After that then when I was thirteen I played U-16 County and then when I was 15, I came onto the senior panel with Jim Nelson and John Crotty. They wrapped me in cotton wool and didn't want me playing too many matches. We went on to win the Junior All Ireland I was just a sub on and off the team when Antrim beat Cork. Then when I was 16 they upgraded me, so I had to play senior.

## Rossa has been very successful in recent years.

In 2000 we broke through and won the Antrim Championship for the first time in Rossa's History and since then we have won 7. The first year we beat Cushendall in the final. We beat Dunloy first and then Loughgiel, the 2 that were always going to beat us. So it was quite a big thing for us. We have won 5 in a row in Antrim, 5 in a row in Ulster and 5 in a row



Jane Adams

Ulster Leagues as well.

## Who were the main coaches who influenced you?

The coaches who influenced me that time were Sinead Boyle and Margaret Armstrong. Kevin Armstrong's daughter and Donal Og Nash as well. This year it's Michael McCullagh and Ronan McWilliams they are both development officers within Ulster. Mickey's been on board with Jim for the last 5 years. Jim has 4 in a row and



Looking to the future! Jane Adams on the terrace at the O'Donnovan Rossa grounds in West Belfast.

Rossa Camogie players Gráinne Connolly and Orla McCall chat with Jane Adams.

then Mickey took the last one.

## When did you damage your Knee?

4 week's ago on the 28th of April and guess who I was playing? Cushendall. The first time we played them in 7 or 8 years, it was just a league game - it was agreed that I wouldn't play the league games but we were short a few players of course I want to play every single match so I played. I was turning and dug my leg into the ground and I new straight of way it was gone. So I am having it done on the 11th of June in the Ulster Independent Clinic

over on the Malone road. I will probably go private to have it done quickly. I had the MRI scan done 2 days after. I went straight to Sport NI up in the Jordanstown Institute. It was too swollen to actually test so I went and had the MRI done. I have damaged the back of the capsule as well. So I would say 6 or 7 months but I am not going to push it.

## You have an All Star what does that mean to you?

In 2008 I got an All Star, the first for Antrim and third for Ulster and the first for Rossa.

I'll tell you straight away that winning the senior club with Rossa - nothing can top that. I know the All Star is brilliant but you don't go out for the individual. It was brilliant to get it and I was delighted. You don't go out at the start of the season and say that you want to win an All Star. You decide what you want to do with the club.

## Have you played in many different positions?

I played in many positions, in goal and in 2003, on the LynchPins the forerunners of the Camogie All Stars I was picked at midfield. Since then I have been picked a bit closer to goals. I do like running about out the field





Jane Adams in full flight for O'Donovan Rossa

but I know its in closer to goal where I do most damage so!

#### Do you think your absence will affect the club?

Last year when we played Ballyboden in the All Ireland semi-final I didn't have a good game at all, but everyone else played brilliant. That was a change for Rossa, before that if I hadn't been playing well the heads would have gone down, that shows maturity and their experience from the last few years has

told them that they didn't actually need me and they were going to win without me any-how so!

#### Talk about the club final last year.

We played Drom and Inch in the final. Everything went well. We didn't start really tough training until July. Then everybody just played out of their skin. It all just happened at the right time. The win was massive for not just us - we were in a club football final in 89 and Ciarán Barr captained Antrim in



O'Donovan Rossa Camogie team warm up for a home league game

the All Ireland final against Tipperary in 1989 - but I think it was massive for Antrim as well.

#### What was the homecoming like?

The journey home that night was brilliant I know that nobody wanted it to end. When we won the Féile in 95 there was 50 to 100 people but this time there were hundreds. There were a lot of St Paul's girls and St Johns it wasn't just a Rossa thing it was a Belfast and an Antrim thing and the girls from Portglenone came down and stayed the night.

#### Who is your idol?

I was down in Croke Park for the semi-final in 91 it was the first time that I had seen DJ playing and he just tore them apart I said Wow! Ever since then, I think he was just the 'Bee's Knees'.

#### How do you find training?

It's not easy but it's easy because you enjoy it. Keeping up the hard work is tough sometimes but the rewards you get out of it and in winning an All Ireland that's the best reward that you can get from it.

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## Dubai Celts Camogie

# Camogie in the Gulf

Words/Photos: Daniel Cotterell

The camogie scene in Dubai is also flourishing and if the past year is anything to go by, then it will have a very bright future indeed. The Celts ladies competed extremely well in the Dubai Duty Free Gulf Gaelic Games.

The opposition in this tournament was strong with Senior Cork side St. Catherine's and Derry County champions Eoghan Rua providing a stern test for the local ladies. The hosts were defeated heavily in their first game against St. Catherine's but showed a significant improvement in their next fixture against Eoghan Rua. Best for the girls here were, Anna Murray, Colleen Mallon, Moya Maginn, Orla Derrane and Orlaith Donnelly. The determination from the girls was well rewarded in their third fixture when they fully deserved their victory against St. Catherine's B team. This was truly a magnificent spectacle as the girls gave every ounce of energy in their bodies to pull off this victory. The stars for the girls in this game were, Pauline Lynch, Carina Saunders, Louise Glennon, Laura Comerford and Mairead Courtney.

This victory meant the hosts qualified for the shield final where they were pitted against the same opposition. The Cork side had learned valuable lessons from their defeat and managed to turn the screw in this second game winning by a narrow margin of two



Camogie action from the Dubai Duty Free Gulf Gaelic Games.

points. Many of this panel were dual players and the intensity of competition over the weekend took its toll on the girls. Best for the Celts were Sinead Moriarty and Aoife Bracken.

With the interest, enthusiasm and improvement that the girls have shown this year there will be plenty to look forward to in

the coming season. The hurling and camogie in this region is improving over time and is already at highly competitive level with those teams from home. There is no doubt that this improvement in our hurling and camogie teams will lead to further success in the year ahead.



## President's March Blog

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#### Planning the future and celebrating our achievements

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Over the last 18 months we have spent much energy in developing our new six year National Development Plan *Our Game Our Passion*. The Plan will be launched at our forthcoming National Congress in Newbridge on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March. It has five priorities:

- Growing participation – includes expansion of our club base from 549 clubs to 750
- Improving performance – includes expansion of coaches and referees and focus on coaching and refereeing standards
- Volunteer support and developing – includes introduction of awards at county level for volunteer of the year and distinguished service award and focus on women as leaders in sport
- Enhancing Camogie's profile – includes increasing attendances at games, more marketing and sponsorship and media coverage
- Excellence in governance and organisational development – includes developing a Member's Charter.

Through the combined efforts of all our volunteers from club to national level and overseas, our full time staff team and the support of others including the GAA, the Irish Sports Council, Sports NI, our sponsors and other bodies we can grow and strengthen Camogie even further. Check out [www.camogie.ie](http://www.camogie.ie) over next few weeks to download your copy of the Plan.

Camogie achievements continue to get widespread recognition at local and national levels. Recently it's been wonderful to have been part of three events where our City Halls and Town Councils acknowledged the sporting quality of our elite players and our game.

- In February, I joined the Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. Dara Murphy in Cork City Hall to welcome the 16 teams competing in the Ashbourne and Purcell Cups.
- In early March, it was a privilege to be part of the Civic Reception afforded to the All Ireland Senior Club Champions by Cllr. Eddie Bennett Mayor of Cashel Town Council who was also joined by Tom Hayes TD and Mattie McGrath TD.
- Last week, the clubs, county board, players and referees of Kildare Camogie joined with representatives of Kildare GAA, Kildare Community Games and other sporting bodies and Cllr. Willie Hamilton Mayor of Newbridge Town Council to launch the visit of our National Congress at the end of the month to Kildare for the first time.

This civic recognition of our sport is really important and enhances its status.

Our volunteers are also getting well earned recognition and special congratulations to:

- Liz Howard, Iar Uachtarán, who received the National Administrator's Award in the annual Volunteer Awards run by the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, the Irish Sports Council and the Federation of Irish Sports and
- Mary O'Donoghue (The Harps, Laois), who is the Camogie nomination for one of the GAA President's Volunteer Awards presented at a reception in Croke Park on 16<sup>th</sup> March.

More awards to follow! The Camogie Association's Annual Media Awards will be announced and presented at the Congress Dinner on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Eight awards in total will be announced. Four of these, in memory of former RTE sports presenter Mick Dunne, are sponsored by RTE and its Director General Cathal Goan will be in attendance. Again check out [www.camogie.ie](http://www.camogie.ie) later in the month for details of the award winners.

On the pitch, the All Ireland Colleges' competitions have reached their final stages. Well done to all the participants and mentors. Our national leagues are reaching their critical stages too with semi finals and play offs on the horizon.

With the long evenings coming up, it won't be too long now to the start of championship! If league form is a predictor of the championship last year's senior semi finalists are all still going strong. Offaly and Laois look promising too. Roscommon settling in at a higher level and Kildare look evens for the Nancy Murray Cup. Still, that's the beauty of championship – no real certainties and anything can happen.

Some of this year's innovations include:

- re-naming the Junior Championship to the Gala Premier Junior Championship
- dedicating the Junior All Ireland Cup as the Kay Mills Cup in recognition of one of our greatest players
- introducing assessment of referees for inter-county games and
- reverting the senior championship to a league format with open draw for the semi finals.

'Til the next time.



**Blacks & Whites - Kilkeny Junior Champions 1933, defeating James Stephens by 3-1 to 0-0**  
**Back:** Jim Moylan, trainer, Bramblestown; Muriel Hennessy, Paulstown; Biddy Hayden, Moonteenmore; Katty Barcoe, Coolatoghier; Nell Kelly, Curraghlane Upper; May Gorey, Sheepstown; Mary Malone, Annalack Upper; Allie Corcoran, Bramblestown; Jim Murphy.  
**Front:** Aggie Kennedy, Sheepstown; Babs Moylan, Bramblestown; Stasia Malone, Annalack Upper; Biddy Doherty, Tinnahinch; Breda Kelly, Curraghlane; "Toss" Ryan, Killeen; Nan Barcoe, Coolatoghier. Photo: Ned Moran

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# CAMOGIE world

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD FOR FORMER PRESIDENT

Former President of the Camogie Association, Liz Howard was recognised for her unstinting dedication to camogie at the 2009 Volunteer in Sports Awards at Farmleigh House.

Liz, who served as Uachtarán of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael from 2006 to 2009 was presented with the National Administrator of the Year Award by Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism, Martin Cullen at a special ceremony which included Olympian Ronnie Delaney, Irish rugby and Leinster player Malcolm O'Kelly and Dublin footballer Jason Sherlock.

"On behalf of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael I would like to congratulate Liz Howard on this award which she has received in recognition of her work for camogie as president of the Association. Liz continues to give full commitment, enthusiasm and energy to her role as a member of Central Council of the Association and her

continuous dedication to promoting and developing camogie at local and national levels has helped our sport greatly. I would like to also commend Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, Martin Cullen and his department for running this awards scheme which is a tremendous recognition of the contribution by volunteers to our sports," said Sinéad O'Connor, Ard Stiúrthóir

During her tenure as President of the Association Liz was instrumental in establishing a full-time administrative and games development team while she also initiated a Strategic Review of the Association, work which is ongoing at present.

The national awards to Volunteers in Irish Sport is an initiative of the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism in conjunction with the Federation of Irish Sports. The awards seek to recognise the voluntary contribution of people across Ireland to sporting clubs and societies. This is the second time for the awards to be presented- they were previously presented in 2007.



Dr. Ronnie Delaney, Chairperson of the Selection Committee for Volunteer in Sports Award 2009, Liz Howard, award recipient, Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, Martin Cullen



# St Brigid's aim to dethrone champions in junior A final

## Bid for first national A title for Galway in five years

BY STEPHEN GLENNON

**ST BRIGID'S** Vocational School Loughrea make their bid for All-Ireland honours, when they face reigning champions Loreto of Kilkenny in the national junior 'A' camogie decider at Toomevara GAA Pitch this Saturday (2pm).

Having claimed the Conacht junior crown following a late flurry of goals in their tie against Presentation Athenry, St Brigid's subsequently overcame St Joseph's, Borrisoleigh in an entertaining All-Ireland semi-final, on a scoreline of 8-12 to 5-9, a fortnight ago.

As a result, they will enter this weekend's national decider brimming with confidence.

No more so than sharpshooter Rachel Monaghan. The Mullagh girl scored 3-5 in that clash, of which 3-1 was

from play. Other capable score-getters are Azara Gordon, Lorraine Farrell and Amy Murphy, who also tallied 2-3 in tie, while substitute Mairead Whyte showed she had an eye for the target when finding the net against Borrisoleigh late on.

Captained by centre-half back Aisling Spellman, St Brigid's are also well-served by county U-16 goalkeeper Cathriona Daly, and defenders Niamh Murphy and Rachel Callanan along with midfielders Maria Cooney and Lauren Lee.

In all, St Brigid's boast of six players who lined out for the Galway U-16s in their victory over Kilkenny last weekend – namely Daly, Callanan, Aoibheann Kenny, Cooney, Monaghan and Farrell.

This is St Brigid's second final at this level, having lost out on the title to Cross and

Passion of Ballycastle following the concession of a late goal in the 2008 decider.

Interestingly, the Loughrea vocational school had already defeated Loreto in the All-Ireland semi-final.

For their part, Loreto – who claimed national honours in 2007 and 2009 – had a 3-6 to 2-7 win over St. Pat's of Maghera in their semi-final, with Miriam Walsh, Marie Doherty and Sarah Anne Quinlan scoring 1-1 apiece.

However, it was midfielder Lydia Fitzpatrick who was feted as the Player of the Match.

Producing an elegant display in the centre of the park, Fitzpatrick proved to a terrific driving force between defence and attack while her ability to read the game also marked her out as the top player on the day.

Just to underline the

strength of camogie in the Kilkenny school, Loreto recently secured their first ever All-Ireland senior 'A' colleges' title, defeating Blackrock CS of Lismore by 2-5 to 1-7 in the decider.

A number of their junior side was involved in that victory, including Fitzpatrick, who scored 1-1 in the senior final.

No doubt, the momentum would appear to be with Loreto, but, that said, Tommy Coen's outfit do boast of quality players throughout the park.

They are also a team capable of tallying a great many goals, and, as the saying goes, 'goals win games'. Be it sentiment or favour, St Brigid's VS get the nod to become the first Galway team since Pres Athenry claimed the junior title in 2005 to take home the prize on Saturday.



Members of the St. Brigid's Vocational School Loughrea Junior camogie panel with their manager Tommy Coen. From left: Niamh Murphy, Rachel Monaghan, Cathriona Daly, Lorraine Farrell, Aisling Coen, Laura Porter, Lauren Lee, Aisling Spellman (captain), Maria Cooney, Shauna Coen and Tommy Coen (Manager).



Bernie Daly presenting a set of socks to Rachel Monaghan, Aisling Spellman and Tommy Coen ahead of Saturday's All-Ireland Junior Camogie Final.



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# Galway to face Kilkenny in League semi-final clash

**Galway** 3-12  
**Dublin** 0-11

**DARREN KELLY**  
**AT PARNELL PARK**

**GALWAY'S** qualification for the National League semi-finals was secured last Sunday after this mixed performance in the capital yielded a 10-point victory.

The Tribeswomen got off to a stunning start as they scored 1-6 in the opening 11 minutes including an Ashlunn Connolly goal, before going out of the contest for the rest of the half. However, despite pressure from a resurgent home side creeping back into the game in the second period, two purple patches, including goals from Veronica Curtin, ensured Noel Finn's outfit maintained control and set up a meeting with Kilkenny on April 10.

Not known for making quick starts in matches, Galway began this encounter in Parnell Park determined to exorcise the ghosts of the previous week's disappointing effort against Wexford, and were two points ahead within a minute thanks to Niamh McGrath and

Orla Kilkenny. Ciara Lucey knocked over a couple of placed balls during this spell and Dublin also had a penalty stopped by Sandra Tannion, but the Tribeswomen maintained the momentum with Connolly adding three scores including one from play by the 10 minute mark.

Then 60 seconds later, the first goal arrived when Connolly was on the end of a Loraine Ryan delivery to take possession and hand passed to the net despite the attentions of Anne Kirwan. When McGrath knocked over her second point 30 seconds later, the visitors were 1-6 to 0-2 to the good.

But then Galway went out of the contest and only managed one more Connolly 45 before the break. The bumpy surface in Dublin didn't make ground play easy, but Galway were also guilty of poor hand passing and some terrible efforts at goal before the break.

However, they still held a six point interval advantage (1-7 to 0-4) thanks to the Metropolitan only managing two further frees through Lucey and their decision to play with a third midfielder, allowing



Veronica Curtin scored two of Galway's three goals in Parnell Park on Sunday.

about the winners. Preparations are at an early stage for this side and they will be glad to have ensured their final four spot. But they will be under no illusions that much work still needs to be done if they are to overturn the Cats in three weeks time.

Susan Earner was again commanding in goal; Tannion and Cahalan were equally inspiring in defence; Orla Kilkenny gave everything to the cause in midfield; Curtin, McGrath and Connolly got crucial scores in attack; while Sarah Noone, Cathy Bowes and Paula Kenny brought much need freshness upon their introductions.

**Galway:** S Earner; S Tannion, S Cahalan, C Gilt, A M Hayes, S Dervan, N Kilkenny, C Murray, O Kilkenny (0-2); V Curtin (2-0), L Ryan, N McGrath (0-3); M Dunne (0-1), E Kilkenny, A Connolly (1-5, three frees, one 45). Subs: S Noone for Gilt (37 mins), C Bowes for Murray (39 mins), P Kenny for Ryan (47 mins).

**Dublin:** S Carthy, A Kirwan, T Corrigan, J Murphy, R Costello, E O'Meara, C Power, L O'Hara, C Burgess (0-1); C Lucey (0-8, seven frees, one 45), S Ryan (0-1), A Kelly, J Hoary (0-1), M Moylan, S Mannon. Subs: D Smith for Costello (34 mins), A Maguire for Kelly (35 mins), K Farrell for Mannon (47 mins).

Referee: A Lague (Kildare).

## Double Defeat in League Hopes

**Senior League, round 3. Cork 0.12, Tipperary 1.07.**

A game of two different halves in C.I.T. last weekend brought Tipp's involvement in this year's league campaign to an end, and saw Cork reach the semi-finals. A superb defensive display from Tishy O'Halloran and Michelle Shortt for the hour wasn't enough as Tipp failed to answer Cork's second half dominance when they hit 7 unanswered points.

Claire Grogan opened Tipp's account with a pointed free in the 1st minute when Noreen Flanagan was fouled. Cork replied from the puck out with their first point. Again, a pointed free from Claire Grogan gave Tipp the lead, and when Cork's Rachel Moloney pointed, it was obvious both teams were going to battle to the end. All this inside 7 minutes, and then Tipp started to get on top.

A point from Jill Horan was followed from a goal from Nicole Walsh, who was quickest to react when Cork goalie Aoife Murray failed to deal with a ball from Claire Grogan. Cork tried to break through the Tipp defence, but displays from O'Halloran in her new role at number 3, & Michelle Shortt back to her best, ensured that there was no easy way through for the Cork attack. Further points from Noreen Flanagan and Claire Grogan, was only met by a Cork point from

Katriona Mackey on the stroke of half time. The half time score of Tipp 1.05 to Cork's 0.03 should have been greater for Tipp, who were guilty of some bad wides, something which came back to haunt the visitors at the end.

Cork started the second half stronger, and completely dominated from their half back line. Slowly, their pressure was paying off, forcing Tipperary to foul



Trish O'Halloran

resulting in 3 points inside the 10 minute mark. Their ability to be patient with the ball, and snuff out any possible attack, and by the 16th minute they had levelled the game. Cork hit another two points before Tipp finally landed their first score of the half in the 26th minute. A glimmer of hope was extinguished by Cork as Denise Cronin pointed. Mairead Luttrell forced Aoife Murray to pull off a point blank save in the

dying moments, and despite Claire Grogan pointing a placed ball, Cork's Julia White found the target for the final score of the game.

Tipperary battled hard, and never gave up, even when they were under severe pressure from Cork. A strong display from Mairead Luttrell at centre forward was noteworthy. However, this was a game that got away for Tipp, and a win would have given a semi final spot to last year's league finalists. The performance from all in defence was commendable, especially after leaking 5 goals to Kilkenny in the first round. However, the power & strength needed in the forward line is still absent, but with players due back from injury, there is no reason why Tipperary cannot feature in the latter stages of the Championship. Tipp's next competitive competition will be the Munster Championship, which will kick off in May, while the Gala All Ireland Championship will start with a game at home to Cork in June.

Tipperary: Rosie Kenneally, Julie Kirwin, Tishy O'Halloran, Geraldine Stapleton, Michelle Shortt, Sabrina Larkin, Julie McGrath, Jill Horan (0-01), Mary Ryan, Cora Hennessy, Mairead Luttrell, (0-01), Noreen Flanagan (0-01), Cait Devane, Claire Grogan (0-04), Nicole Walsh (1-00). Referee: Eamonn Mac-

## Cork Ends

Suibhne, Baile Ath Cliath.

**Intermediate League; Cork 2.12, Tipperary 1.08.**

The curtain raiser to the weekend's games in C.I.T. was this Intermediate game. Tipperary travelled to the venue knowing that nothing less than a win would keep their hopes of qualifying alive, and if results in other games went their way, then their campaign would be back on track. However,

first of their 2 goals mid way through, and despite the best efforts of Siobhan Ryan, who appeared very comfortable in her new position of centre back, Cork's strength on the ball, proved too much for the visitors. Despite the loss and disappointment, Tipp have a strong panel, with Aoife Moloughney, Ciara Johnson and Allison Loneragan having the potential to become very sharp forwards.

Tipperary has another game in this competition, a half way venue clash with Derry on April 4th. This game will be used as preparation for both the Munster & All Ireland Championships later in the year.

**Camogie notes;**

Next weekend, March 20th & 21st will see all clubs involved in the Senior, Intermediate/Junior A & Junior B grades start the first of their league games for 2010. All these fixtures are available on the web site, while the U14 A, B & C championships start on April 12th, & will continue every Monday night, & the U12 championship will start on April 15th & continue every Thursday through to final. These fixtures will be made available to clubs towards the end of March. The home club in every fixture is asked to please submit final scores to fixture secretary Michael Slattery.



Michelle Shortt

neither of these scenarios worked out, as Offaly guaranteed their final spot with a victory over Antrim in the final seconds of their clash, while Cork pulled away in the second half with a win over Tipp.

At half time, Tipp were ahead 1.05 to 0.06, but at the restart, Cork pegged back the margin, before Jackie O'Connor, who put in a good display for the hour, pointed to restore Tipp's lead. Cork got the



# Civic Reception for Camogie Champions

On Friday night last Cashel Town Council accorded a Civic Reception to Cashel Camogie Club in recognition of their outstanding season 2009-2010 which saw them raise silverware on six occasions, culminating in being crowned All Ireland Senior Club Champions.

Addressing those gathered in the council chamber Mayor Cllr. Eddie Bennett, said:

"Cashel Camogie Club during the last twelve months have achieved the ultimate in their

sport by winning the All Ireland senior club championship, and in the process established

a record of success never reached by any other club. As Mayor of our ancient Royal City of Cashel, with my fellow Town Councillors, I am pleased to extend to this skillful panel of champion players and their club, who have won the highest honours the sport of camogie can bestow on them. I welcome you each and all to this Civic Reception that you so richly deserve, and that we are so pleased and honoured to confer on such worthy All Ireland champions.

The long and proud history Cashel Camogie club has, and the role that

the former Presentation Convent School played in promoting the game as well, reflect with distinguished honour on the magnificent quality of volunteerism displayed by the people involved at club and school level over the years. Such people play vital roles in developing not alone the skills but also in activating Local and civic pride in young

sports people that make them model citizens. Cashel is as associated in this 21st century as the home of famous champion camogie players, as Knocknagow was in the 19th century for producing champion weight throwers.

The importance of Sport to people on social and health grounds alone deserve greater recognition for its vast positive contribution to society in general. The exemplary record of Cashel Camogie Club and its continuity at the highest level in a most competitive sport has raised the bar for all sports clubs at a local level. Cashel has a long and proud association with all branches of sport and has long and enduring links with our national games of which camogie is proudly one of. Tonight's Reception marks another very

special celebration and appreciation

of a great sporting achievement for this ancient city

that we proudly celebrate with acclaim".

In her response National Camogie President Joan O'Flynn, said it was a privilege to be present on this very special occasion for the Cashel club. Concurring with the other speakers that the team symbolised great achievement on the sporting field, the six trophies on display were one very visible measure of success but there were other ways of measuring that success and from her position as Camogie President the Cashel club represents a lot more than silverware. They symbolise pride in their community, in the jersey, in their achievements on the field, but more importantly the club represents some of the core values of sport in Ireland, which is about community, family, volunteering and a commitment to one's culture. She went on to say that all these values were very evident in what this team and club had achieved. In concluding she commended and thanked the Town Council for recognising the achievement of Cashel Camogie Club and rewarding them with this civic gesture.



Mayor Cllr. Eddie Bennett, presenting a framed scroll to Cashel Camogie Club Chairperson Emily Hayden, at the civic reception accorded to the club on Friday last. Also in the photograph are Marie McGivern, (Town Clerk) and Joan O'Flynn, (President of the Camogie Association).



Cashel Camogie Club players pictured at the civic reception in their honour in the Civic Offices, Friar Street, on Friday night last. Front L/R. Ciara O'Sullivan, Sheila O'Donnell, Emily Hayden, Sharon Hayes, Alison Lonergan. Back L/R. Una O'Dwyer, Noelette O'Dwyer, Paula Bulfin, Linda Grogan, Cora Hennessey, Claire Grogan.



# 'Bourne supremacy

*Pat Treacy documents the emergence of Waterford Institute of Technology as the third level's foremost camogie nursery*

Waterford Institute of Technology, over the last 25 years, has set the standard for all third level GAA clubs.

Their approach to gaelic games has been one of excellence across the board. They are now a renowned nursery. While the South East-based college is widely celebrated for its hurling achievements, WIT is now just as much a standard bearer for camogie. The past decade has seen them annex the Ashbourne Cup on four occasions, along with numerous league titles during the same period.

The success that has unfolded in recent times could not have happened without the excellence, professionalism and pure pride that courses through the veins of a highly organized club. This spring's Ashbourne success was spearheaded by manager Helena Jacob (a member of the renowned Wexford family). Her third year in charge saw WIT reach their third final in a row, winning in 2009 and '10.

Incredibly, it is her tenth year involved. "I played with the team for five years," she says. "I have been a selector,

and then the manager, for the past five years." Here is the WIT way: a continuous link between student, player, employee and management.

Helena is working in WIT's Campus Services and continues to serve the GAA cause. She relates: "I've had great support from the selectors. Conor Phelan, the former Kilkenny hurler and a former student, is the current GAA Development Officer. Current Waterford county camogie player Pauline Cunningham is also on our backroom team. The theme of WIT GAA down through the years is to be as good as we can. We are endeavouring to maintain that ethos and that standard. So far, thankfully, it is paying off."

It has been a long and sometimes tortuous road to the top of the Ashbourne Cup tree. The road began in 1984 with the formation of a camogie club in what was then Waterford Regional Technical College (WRTC). Dominance in the Purcell Cup – three wins in four years, along with three Division 1 league titles in the 1990s – had WRTC knocking for entry to the



**Lift for Waterford:** WIT's Karina Parrock is pursued by a UCC pair in the Ashbourne Cup Final held at CIT on February 21, 2010

Ashbourne Cup, which was only open to universities at that juncture. A re-organization of the two competitions later in the 1990s allowed entry to the top level of colleges camogie.

1999 will never be forgotten. It was the first visit for the Ashbourne Cup – a victory all the sweeter after heartbreaking defeat in 1998's decider. 1999 saw WIT reverse that result

against the same opponents, UCC, on Valentine's Day in Athlone. Pain and hurt lurched into joy and ecstasy.

WIT thereby became the first non-university side to win this title. Add in the hurlers' success a few weeks later in the Fitzgibbon Cup, which gained the college's first double, and there was one hell of a party.

That first victory was fitting reward

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for the time, effort and belief that the management team of Sheila O'Donohoe and Colm Bonnar had given over the previous decade. Their double act brought camogie to a new level of skill and success. Equally, both Sheila and Colm were to the fore in having WIT accepted into the Ashbourne Cup.

During 1999's celebrations, as a tribute to the former Tipperary All-Ireland hurler, the panel presented Bonnar with a luminous jacket. His rendition of the rock 'n' roll classic 'Tutti Frutti' during post-final fun inspired this choice of memento for the bainisteoir. That touch is the sort of atmosphere and attitude that prevails in WIT.

They were back in the winner's enclosure in 2001, defeating the University of Limerick in a dramatic final. Having gotten over UCC in a gruelling semi-final, WIT trailed by seven points as the game entered its last ten minutes. Two goals in a three-minute blast gave Waterford the momentum to snatch victory by two points, 2-7 to 1-8.

The Noughties proved a barren period so far as the Ashbourne Cup was concerned. However, success beckoned again in the latter years of the decade. Defeat to UCD in 2008 was followed by victory over the same opposition in 2009, denying the Metropolitans a much coveted three in a row. The hurlers completed WIT's second double a few weeks later, winning an epic Fitzgibbon Cup Final after extra time against Limerick Institute of Technology.

Then, for the first time in their history, WIT retained the Ashbourne Cup in 2010. They won their fourth title by seeing off UCC's challenge once again. The college had gained another massive boost.

Helena Jacob was particularly pleased with the spread of players from various counties. She remarks: "It was noticeable this year that Waterford had seven members of the winning squad. Camogie is really on the way up in Waterford and it's brilliant to see so many on our team."

Helena continued: "We would like to think that we are contributing to the great work being done in Waterford, and in all of the counties represented on our team. I was also delighted to see four of our players receiving Ashbourne All Stars: Collette Dormer at wing-back, midfielder Karina Parrock, wing-forward



**Silver lining:** WIT captain Ursula Jacob receives the Ashbourne Cup from Joan O'Flynn and Lynn Kelly on February 21, 2010

Trish Jackman and our captain Ursula Jacob, who got the full-forward berth."

One name that keeps cropping up when you mention camogie in WIT is Westmeath native Sheila O'Donohoe. Since she came to WRTC in 1988, Sheila has been involved over the past 20 odd years in every aspect of the club: administrator, selector and overall organizer. She is the current camogie Treasurer.

Sheila won three Ashbourne Cup medals with UCD prior to arriving in Waterford. This experience was invaluable to her new college's camogie aspirations. Sheila embraced her new surroundings from the beginning, recognizing the truly integrated nature of this club as regards its embrace of both codes.

Her enthusiasm and love of camogie is truly infectious. Above all, though, she has been a real friend and confidante to all the players for more than two decades. Sheila O'Donohoe is one of those unsung heroes (or should that be heroines...). A wonderful woman, all told.

Looking forward, I asked the current camogie manager whether she would stay on for a crack at the three in a row next year. Helena replied: "I suppose if they want me I'll give it a shot. We have a lot of the current panel available again. So hopefully we will give it a real go. But nothing is easy and the standard is rising all the time."

WIT is now one of the top nurseries for GAA players across the country. The results in various competitions speak for themselves. With people of the quality of Colm Bonnar, Helena Jacob, Sheila O'Donohoe and Conor Phelan, amongst many others, the college will surely continue in this role for years to come.



**Blue cheer:** The 2010 WIT Ashbourne Cup panel, which won an eighth title for the college

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## Popular academy is ready for action

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie news

AS the Easter break fast approaches Fiona O'Driscoll has announced details of the annual Camogie Academy which she is organising in Ballincollig Community School from Tuesday from April 6-9 (10am to 3pm each day).

The academy has proved to be a huge hit with young camogie players and each year many players return during the Easter break from studies in the hope of further enhancing their skills.

Each year many players coming along for the first time and indeed the academy is suitable for players with a minimum of two years camogie experience once players have the basic skills of the game.

For those trying to advance their game to the highest level it's a wonderful opportunity as participants will be coached by top class current and former inter-county players and by Fiona O'Driscoll who will have many tips to pass on.

As always a strong emphasis is placed on individual feedback by the organisers and each year reports from the young eager participants is very positive.

Now in its sixth year it has gone from strength to strength and the academy has evolved from Fiona's years of experience both on and off the playing fields.

The holder of six All-Ireland senior championship medals Fiona's exploits on the playing fields with both Cork and her beloved Fr O'Neill's with whom she won a Cork senior county championship medal have been well documented.

Fiona went on to become Cork senior camogie coach leading the county to All-Ireland glory in 2006.

She is chairwoman of the National Coaching and Development Committee and is a tutor with Cumann Camógaíochta Na nGael.

The aim is for the participants of the academy to improve their individual skills and knowledge of the game which in turn will assist them to become better camogie players. Each day activities begin at 10am-3pm and the academy programme includes the following:

Fundamental and Specialist Skills; Skills Circuit; Principles of Attack and Defence; Match Practice; Individual and Group Hurling Wall Activities; Discussion on Nutrition and Hydration.

The academy fee is €85 and application forms are available from camogie club secretary's or they can be downloaded from the website: [www.letsgo.ie](http://www.letsgo.ie) or for further information contact: 1890letsgo (1890 538746).

As places are limited it is advised to book early to avoid disappointment.

# Daly comes to



Noreen Daly has given extraordinary service to Cork camogie and Ballygarvan camogie.

IT MAY be clichéd. We may have exhausted the plaudits placed upon the typically 'anonymous' volunteer involved in GAA.

Managers and players in their hour of glory pay tribute to the figures who did the ground work, those who carried out the often thankless tasks thus ensuring a player, club or county reached the top.

There are so many volunteers involved in camogie in Cork.

Being a volunteer doesn't necessarily mean that you train an underage side. There are numerous facets to being a volunteer. You may look after the hurleys, you may be the water runner during a game, you may do umpire or the line, you may collect gate receipts; you may be on hand to administer first aid.

Ballygarvan's Noreen Daly has done just that — administer first aid to both her club and county for an extraordinary period of time. Twenty years with Ballygarvan Camogie club, 17 years with Ballygarvan GAA and eight years with Cork camogie makes her a volunteer worth mentioning.

Like many parents it was when Noreen's daughter Claire got involved that Noreen began making trips to the local pitch.

"Ballygarvan reformed in 1987. Claire got involved and I suppose it went from dropping her down to training to doing umpire or whatever was needed.

"Then they were looking for someone to do first aid and so I started doing that for Ballygarvan in 1990. I did it for the GAA club as well for 17 years so as you can imagine every Sunday and most evenings during the summer were taken up."

A registered nurse and a



registered midwife by profession Noreen is also the current child welfare officer with Ballygarvan. Child welfare has become a necessity of involvement with children over the past number of years. "Everybody has to be Garda vetted now, you have to be very careful," she explained.

Noreen became the first-aid with the Cork teams in 2002 after again volunteering her services.

"Well I used to go to the board meetings and somebody said one night that Cork had no first aid. I thought to myself, will I or won't I. I went home and said it to Joe (Noreen's husband) and he said 'chance it'. So I did and I was there for eight years."

For personal reasons Noreen had to step back from her commitment to Cork this year however she remains in the role with Ballygarvan.

Outside of her nursing duties many is the time I'd arrive at a match and find Noreen, amongst others, collecting at the gate. There could be two or three games on that day, at different times and different venues and they'd rush from one game to the next to carry out the same duty.

I often marvelled at that and I said so to Noreen. "Well," she replied, "if the county board ever asked for help and I could do it I would. I would like to say that we have an absolutely fantastic county board. They do a phenomenal amount of work."

Noreen must have many memories after so many years?

"Anytime that Cork won a

### CARRIGTHOILL

Our club had their first time on the new Carrigthoill all weather pitch on Saturday 6th March. We were blessed with the lovely weather and the girls were all delighted to be one of the first clubs onto it.

U10: The U10s are looking forward to their next few matches which are this time hosted by the Glen on March 27. They thoroughly enjoyed their earlier matches in Na Píarsaigh.

U12: The club will host their annual U12 blitz on Sunday. There will be four teams taking part; Youghal, Blackrock, Sars and ourselves. One of the day's highlights will be the U6s who are playing during the interval in a modified game against Sars, all of the U6s will receive a reward for their efforts. A great day in store for all. Food will also be supplied for the teams. All we need now is some good weather.

U14: The U14s are starting their league matches on March 28 in Dungourney, these girls both ours and Dungourney's will deliver a very exciting match. Good luck to our Under 14's in this first Match of the season.

U16: Our U16s played a challenge match against Youghal last Saturday and it turned out to be a cracking game. Our girls showed a great level of skill and determination. Goals were scored by Sarah Curtis, Rachel McCourt and a hat-trick by Clara Rohan. Well done girls it was a great example of camogie, training is now back on the GAA field.

Thursdays: U12s: 3pm to 4 pm. U14s and

16's: 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Saturday's: U6s, U8s, U10s and U12s all held at 1pm to 2pm on different sections of the field. U14s and U16s is held from 2pm to 3pm. New members always welcome

### CLONAKILTY

All teams are now back training for a few weeks, and matches will begin in earnest from the end of March. The Camogie club, along with the GAA and ladies football clubs, were involved in the very successful Oiche Ghaeilge agus Chultara on St Patrick's Eve, which was held in the GAA complex in Athamilla.

Many members were involved in providing the singing, dancing agus craic for the night. The three clubs gathered once more on St Patrick's Day for the annual parade.

A large, happy group of players and committee members displayed the family silver won during the 2009 season and provided lots of colour and music on the day. The club would also like to thank everyone who supported their recent fundraiser - Bag-Packing in Dunnes Stores, Clonakilty. A total of over €900 was raised, which will help to buy and renew essential training aids throughout the season. Finally, an exciting challenge match fundraiser will be held in Blackrock Hurling Club on Saturday April 17 at 1pm between All-Ireland camogie champions Cork and the camogie All Stars. Proceeds will go towards the Hope Foundation for The Street Children of Calcutta. There is also a great opportunity

to win a set of jerseys for Clubs/Schools. For further details, please contact Hope Foundation on (021) 4292990/ (086) 8355565.

### ST CATHERINE'S

While club activity is confined to the training ground at present, a number of our players were busy at the weekend at county level.

Special congratulations to Rachel O'Callaghan on making the Cork U16 team where she lined out at right half-back in Saturday's Championship outing against Tipperary. Unfortunately, Tipperary proved the stronger side in this game Cork now need to beat Clare to remain in contention. Cork had better luck in their other two weekend games against Tipperary, the Intermediate team where we were represented by Orna Neville and senior team by Orla Cotter and selector Anne Marie Hayes, were both successful.

Carolyn Motherway is our other senior panel member and we wish her a speedy recovery from her recent illness.

### BALLINHASSIG

Last Saturday Carrigthoill held their annual U11 Indoor Blitz in Riverstick. Ballinhassig beat Tracton in the semi-final and went on

to win a set of jerseys for Clubs/Schools. For further details, please contact Hope Foundation on (021) 4292990/ (086) 8355565.

play Carrigaline in the final, beating them 4-1. Kelsey Flynn got two. Cliona Coughlan and Rebecca Coleman got one each. The panel was Jane Harrington, Rebecca Coleman, Kelsey Flynn, Ellen Keating, Laura Mc Carthy, Grace O Leary, Aine Crowley, Cliona Coughlan and Leah Cullinane. Well done to all.

### GLEN ROVERS

Our players were busy last weekend with several club members lining out with the Cork Senior B and U16 teams, the U16 Cork side travelled to Tipperary but lost out to the home side in the first game of the championship series, Aisling O'Keefe, Leeann O'Sullivan and Kaylynn Lee represented us on the panel and we wish them well in their next game versus Clare on April 10.

The Cork Division two side recorded a superb victory over Tipperary in the third game of the National League Lydia Cunningham and Denise Luby performed well while Sinead Fahy was also a member of the panel, we say well done also to Denise Cronin and her charges who qualified for the senior division 1 league semi-final with a victory over Tipperary.

Under 15 seandun final Thoughts turn to our Seandun U15 final for 2009 when we meet

## Camogie round-up

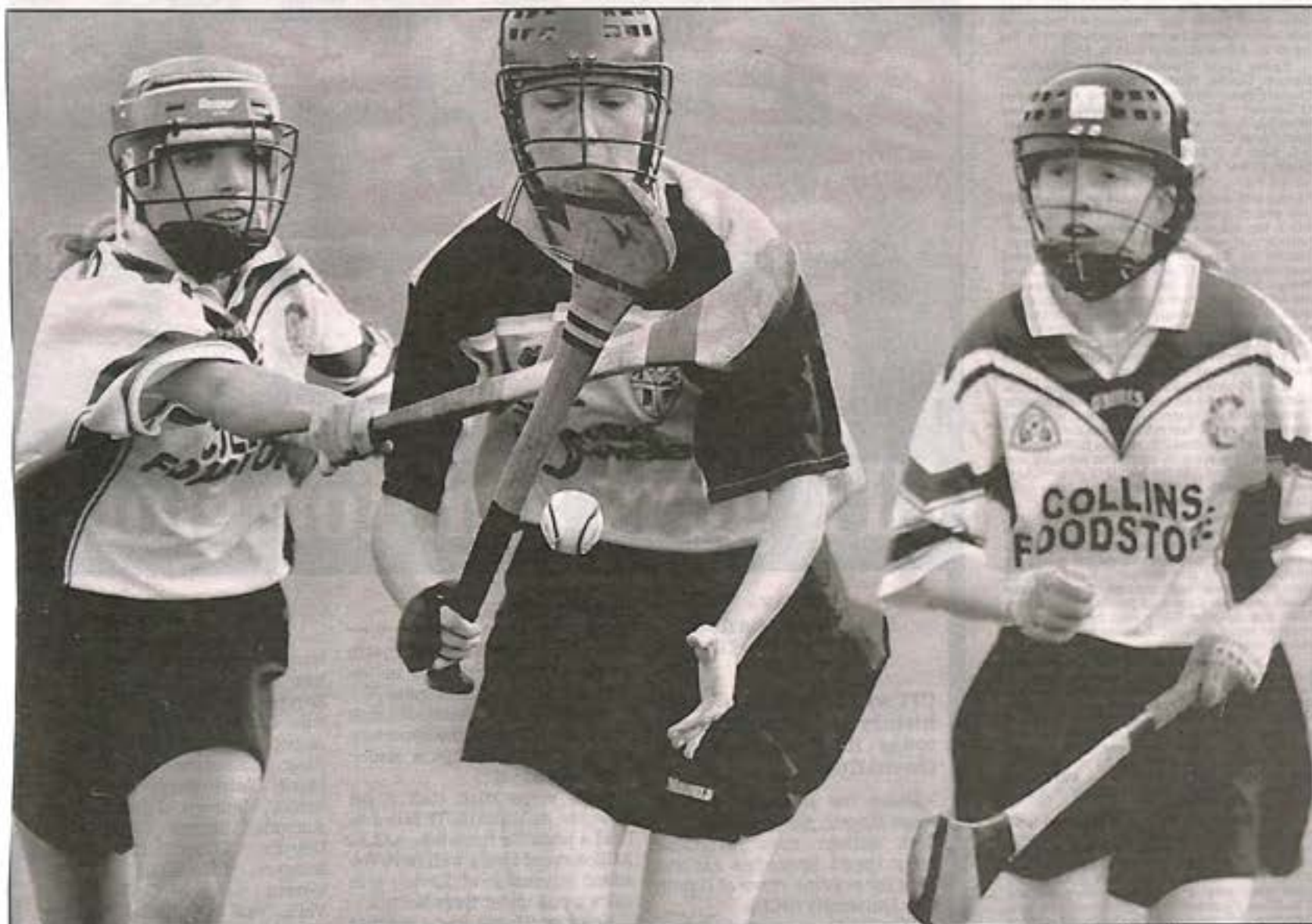


# the rescue often

## Rebel girls to face the All-Stars for charity

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie news



Noreen Daly's daughter Deirdre in action for Carrigdhoun against Milford. One of Noreen's greatest memories was seeing her daughter win a county medal with the divisional side.

championship match it was special but I think for me the first time we went to Croke Park when I was involved and won the All-Ireland was the highlight of my time with Cork.

"I would have been to Croke Park before as a spectator but being involved, just everything about the whole All-Ireland weekend, is special."

Carrigdhoun winning the county title in 2005 was an

other great highlight for Noreen, particularly with her other daughter Deirdre playing and Noreen again doing first aid.

"The year Ballygarvan won the senior B title was a huge moment in our club's history. It's going to be hard to win senior A but hopefully things will improve with the girls starting to come up through the grades. "Of course seeing our club players in Croke Park made

me very proud."

She must have seen many players come and go?

"Yes they did and I have to say that in all my years being involved not once did I get grief from any player and every one of them was really appreciative. The one thing I will say is thank God there was never a serious injury."

"You'd have the cuts and bruises and the few broken bones but no serious injury."

I think that is everybody's worst nightmare because you just wonder if you were in that situation how would you react and would you do the right thing.

"With litigation now if you move someone with a broken hip or anything like that you're in trouble."

With Ballygarvan Noreen feels that with new developments in the area the club will improve.

"Up to recently we had

very small numbers but with the new houses the numbers are getting bigger and we're very lucky in that some of our senior players are training the youngsters which is a huge help."

"We have Ollie (Hallahan) and he is just brilliant. We've had other great people throughout the years but Ollie is certainly the man keeping it all going."

Along with volunteers like Noreen.

## with Mary Newman

Douglas tomorrow at 3pm, in either Glen Field or Douglas.

Its all systems go as the underage leagues get under way On Sunday Carrigtwohill travel up to play our second U16 team at 6pm.

On the Saturday March 27 we will host the U10 four team tournament which began on the last Saturday in February when Na Piar-saigh, Brain Dillon's and Carrigtwohill come to the Glen Field.

On Friday next March 26 ASLAN will be in concert at Glen Rovers club tickets are on sale in the club at 20 and we are asked by the club to give it our support.

We are also currently working to secure a defibrillator for the club. Vouchers for six are on sale which can be used at Apache Pizza for the value of €17, this venture is sponsored by Apache who will supply the defibrillator to the club, and members will be circulated with details in the week ahead.

A reminder that our underage camogie academy caters for girls from age six upwards coaching is held on Tuesday nights 6pm to 7pm and Sunday mornings 11.45 to 1pm. Sessions are held indoors if weather is bad, we invite girls to come down and join at

any of the time above don't be shy come along and meet new friends and learn the skills of our great game.

Best wishes got to all our girls on the St Aidan's team who meet Midleton today in the Cork Colleges final at Midleton GAA pitch at 2.30pm.

Contact us with any queries at glenrover-scarnogie@gmail.com

### TRACTON

A date for our Cúl camps have been set for July 5 and training for under 12s to senior infants will be on every Saturday at 2pm from now on hope to see ye all in attendance.

### YOUGHAL

Congratulations to Siobhan Downing who became Munster champion with racquetball on Wednesday 3rd March.

Training times as follows: Juniors: Wednesday and Friday @ 7.30, U12s Wednesday 7pm and Friday 6pm U14s Monday and Thursday 7pm U16s Wednesday at 6.45.

### NA PIARSAIGH

It's been a very long time since Na Piar-saigh walked in the St Patrick's Day Parade so this year a big effort was made to enter.

We had 48 girls from the ages of 5 to 12

walked and a group of boys from the underage section also joined us.

Thanks to Daniell, Mairead, Natalie and Aoife who took turns in carrying the banner. All the kids wore their club jerseys, nicks and socks and carried their hurleys.

From the time we left Copley Street, the kids waved and chanted the whole way along the route till we came to the platform where we stopped for a few seconds to be viewed by the Lord Mayor.

A few of the older kids at the back displayed some of their skills such as lifting, hand passing and short pucking of the ball to each other. A great day was had by all and a special thanks to the parents for their contribution to the success of the day.

The leagues are now starting so we would encourage all the kids to come training. All newcomers welcome. Times for training are as follows ages 6-10 sat @ 11/ u14s-16s sat @ 12/ u11s-12s sat @ 1. contacts Trisha 0861713903/ Catherine 0863120574

### BISHOPSTOWN

Hard luck to our U16s who lost to Éire Óg last Monday night in last year's county semi-final. The girls matched the opposition for twenty minutes but Éire Óg took over after that. Our first U16 league game for this year is against Blackrock on the 27th. Last year's U13 Seandún final versus Glen Rovers is scheduled to be fixed shortly so best of luck to all involved.

Meetings are on-going at present to get train-

ing up and running shortly so anyone interested in playing should contact a club member. New members are always welcome.

For further information, keep an eye on [www.bishopstowngaa.com/camogie.html](http://www.bishopstowngaa.com/camogie.html)

### VALLEY ROVERS

On Saturday last our U11 team took part in the annual indoor Carrigdhoun Camogie blitz held in Riverstick Hall. In their section they played Ballinhassig, Carrigaline two and Ballygarvan.

They then went on to play in the semi final of the second section, which ended in defeat for the Innishannon girls against a Slabh Rua team that went on to win the final. Panel: Amy Coveney, Sinead Dart O' Flynn, Eimear Kiely, Daire Kiely, Sharon McCarthy, Emma O'Brien and Jessica O'Shea.

### KILLEAGH

Training for all teams has started indoors till further notice for U8-U14 inclusive on the following times U8s 5pm-5.45 on Tuesday, Under 10-5.45-6.30pm on Tuesday; U12s 4.30-5.30 on Thursday; Under 14 5.30-6.30 on Thursday. U16 upward are outdoors at 12.00 on Sunday.

A NOVEL camogie event to look forward to will take place in aid of the Hope Foundation to raise funds for its projects for the street children of Calcutta on Sunday April 17.

The main event is an exciting challenge between All-Ireland champions Cork and a camogie All-Star team takes place in Blackrock Hurling Club, Cork.

The All-Star side will be managed on the day by former Galway star Sharon Glynn, former Cork All-Ireland winning captain Sandie Fitzgibbon, and well-known inter-county referee John Pender. The side will be chosen from a list of players who have intimated their availability to participate on the day and one of the organisers, referee Jack McGrath is looking forward to the event.

"Having contacted the players in counties such as Kilkenny, Galway, Wexford, Tipperary there was been a great response and I hope we will be able to raise a bit of money and help a worthy cause."

"I approached Sandie, Sharon and John to come on board and they are delighted to lend a hand."

Camogie clubs and schools all over Ireland are also being invited to enter a competition to guess the final score of the match, and the closest to the final score will win a set of team jerseys for their club or school and a €100 voucher.

Madeline Cummins from the Hope Foundation is reminding camogie players everywhere to help out a very worthy cause.

"We are hoping that the day will be a huge success and we are delighted with the response from the players who have said they will make themselves available to play, clubs and schools have been contacted and we are hoping for a good response."

The Hope Foundation was set-up in 1999 and today funds over 60 projects in education, healthcare, shelter, vocational training, child protection and drug rehabilitation. There are over 250,000 children living on the streets and in the slums of Calcutta and each child desperately needs help.

HOPE is working with 16 Indian partner organisations to break the cycle of poverty

The event got a boost recently when it was formally launch in Cork by Joan O' Flynn, president of the camogie association, Amanda O'Regan, Cork All-Ireland winning captain, Denise Cronin Cork camogie manager, Marian McCarthy, camogie board chairwoman, former Cork star Sandie Fitzgibbon, Marie O'Brien, the secretary of Blackrock, Madeline Cummins, manager of The Hope Foundation, former Kilkenny hurler Frank Cummins and Mairead Uí Mhaoldéain, Blackrock camogie club.

The event is one to pencil into the diary as the stars of the camogie world converge on Cork.



# Cluichí Ceannais na n-Iarbhunscoileanna sa Chamógaíocht 2010

## Sóisear A

Gairmscoil Bhride, Baile Locha Riach

v

Clochar Loreto, Cill Chainnigh

[Eamonn Browne, Tipperary]

## Sóisear B

Coláiste Naomh Shlannbháin, Inis

v

Scoil Ghraiméir Naomh Louis,  
An Baile Meánach

[Paul Beecher, Dublin]

## Sóisear C

Coláiste Ghreannáin, Baile Thomáis

v

Clochar Na Toirbhirte, Dúrlas

[Cathal Egan, Cork]

Replay Date: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Luach: €2

## Loreto, Kilkenny

Clochar Loreto, Cill Chainnigh

### Black and Amber

1. Kirsty Maher	Dicksboro
2. Katie Doheny	Freshford
3. Amy Bryan	O'Loughlin Gaels
4. Tara Hogan	Graigie-Ballycallan
5. Rachel Lynch	Dicksboro
6. Kate Holland [C]	Lisdowney
7. Tracy Brennan	Lisdowney
8. Lydia Fitzpatrick	Freshford
9. Miriam Walsh	Tullaroan
10. Maureen Walsh	Freshford
11. Sarah Ann Quinlan	Young Irelands
12. Orla Hanrick	Dicksboro
13. Marie Doheny	Graigie-Ballycallan
14. Ciara Byrne	Clara
15. Anna Buggy	Freshford

### Subs:

16. Róisín Breen	Paulstown/Goresbridge
17. Niamh Browne	Dicksboro
18. Gráinne Egan	Graigie-Ballycallan
19. Dervla Gannon	Lisdowney
20. Claire Healy	Lisdowney
21. Róisín Kealy	Clara
22. Sarah Lanigan	Freshford
23. Niamh Leahy	Emeralds
24. Eva Maher	Dicksboro
25. Laura Murphy	O'Loughlin Gaels
26. Stacey Nugent	Graigie-Ballycallan
27. Róisín O'Neill	Danesfort
28. Ciara Phelan	Emeralds
29. Clodagh Power	Emeralds
30. Fionnuala Quinlan	Young Irelands
31. Ciara Tyrrell	Dicksboro
32. Megan Walsh	Danesfort

### Selectors:

Gerry Bolger, Colm Keher, Vincent Shiel & Brendan Williams

## Presentation Secondary School, Thurles

Clochar Na Toirbhirte, Dúrlas

### Red & Navy

1. Michelle Sheppard	Moycarkey
2. Laura Ralph	Moycarkey
3. Aimee Quinn	Clonoulty
4. Bernie Bergin [C]	Moycarkey
5. Kora Kerrane	Thurles
6. Rosemarie Hanafin	Thurles
7. Laura Donnelly	Thurles
8. Clodagh Quirke	Clonoulty
9. Aine Devane	Boherlahan
10. Andrea Loughnane	Thurles
11. Michaela Graham	Moycarkey
12. Aine Symons	Thurles
13. Ciara Darmody	Moycarkey
14. Sarah Fryday	Clonoulty
15. Marianne Murphy	Moycarkey

### Subs:

16. Edel O'Dwyer	Boherlahan
17. Katie Bergin	Moycarkey
18. Jennifer Mullally	Clonakenny
19. Michelle Lahart	Gortnahoe/Glengoole
20. Katie Longe	Clonakenny
21. Amy Lyons	Gortnahoe/Glengoole

### Selectors:

Henry Flynn & Margaret O'Dwyer

## St. Louis Grammar School Ballymena

Scoil Ghraiméir Naomh Louis, An Baile Meánach

### Navy and Sky Blue

1. Shari Carey	Loughgiel Shamrocks
2. Gemma Mooney	Geraldines Portglenone
3. Shannon Woulahan	Bridini Oga
4. Kathryn Bradley	Geraldines Portglenone
5. Maria Lynn [Vc]	Loughgiel Shamrocks
6. Lauren Elliott [C]	Dunloy Cuchullians
7. Eimear McGarry	Loughgiel Shamrocks
8. Lucia McNaughton	Loughgiel Shamrocks
9. Niamh Doherty [Vc]	Geraldines Portglenone
10. Sara Connolly	Loughgiel Shamrocks
11. Helen McGhee	Geraldines Portglenone
12. Anna Kearney	Geraldines Portglenone
13. Ellen Gribben	Dunloy Cuchullians
14. Cara McIntyre	Loughgiel Shamrocks
15. Emma McAleese	Geraldines Portglenone

### Subs:

16. Rioghnach McNaughton	Loughgiel Shamrocks
17. Danielle O'Mullan	Loughgiel Shamrocks
18. Jane McAleese	Geraldines Portglenone
19. Nicole McQuillan	Geraldines Portglenone
20. Corey Weir	Geraldines Portglenone
21. Sinead Dougan	St. Mary's, Ahoghill
22. Niamh Kennedy	Rasharkin
23. Courtney White	Dunloy Cuchullians
24. Leighann McTaggart	Geraldines Portglenone

### Selectors:

Helen McToal & Christine Doherty

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## St. Louis Grammar School Ballymena – Junior B Finalist 2010



St. Flannan's – Junior B Finalist 2010



## Ulster Colleges' All-stars 2010

Jolene Bradley, Slaughtneil Emmett's & St Patrick's Maghera. Played for Derry at all u-age level. 1 All-Ire u16 medal, Ulster Colleges' Sen medal.  
 Karen Kiel, Kibrea Pearces & St Patrick's Maghera. 2nd award. Played for Derry at all levels. 2 All-Ire u16 medals, Ulster Sen 2009, Ulster Colleges' Sen and Jun medals.  
 Siobhán McKaigue, Slaughtneil Emmett's & St Patrick's Maghera. Played for Derry at all u-age level. 1 All-Ire u16 medal, Ulster Colleges' Sen medal.  
 Ellis Ni Chaiside, Slaughtneil Emmett's & St Patrick's Maghera. Played for Derry at all u-age level. 2 All-Ire u16 medals, Ulster Colleges' Sen medal.  
 Grainne McNicholl, Swatragh Davitt's & St Patrick's Maghera. 2nd award. Played for Derry at all u-age level. 2 All-Ire medals, Ulster Colleges' Sen and Jun medals.  
 Brónagh Heggarty, Ruairi Óg Cusendall & St MacNisi's College Garraun Tower. 3rd award, 3 Ulster Colleges' medals, represented Antrim at all u-age levels.  
 Colleen Paterson, Ruairi Óg Cusendall & St MacNisi's College Garraun Tower. 6 Ulster Colleges' medals, & on Antrim u-16 team.  
 Alex McLaughlin, Ruairi Óg Cusendall & St MacNisi's College Garraun Tower. 3 Ulster Colleges' medals, represented Antrim at all levels.  
 Ashling Ward, St John's Camlough & St MacNisi's College Garraun Tower. 2nd award, 6 Ulster Colleges' medals, represented Antrim Rachel Kelly, Ballinascreen & St Mary's Magherafelt. 2nd award, 1 Ulster Colleges' Sen Medal. Represented Derry up to minor level. 2 U16 All-Ire titles and 1 U14 Ulster title.  
 Sarah Maguire, Creggan Kickham's & St Mary's Magherafelt. 1 Ulster Colleges' Sen Medal. Currently on Antrim Sen panel.  
 Ruby Marie Rice, Creggan Kickham's & St Mary's Magherafelt. 2 Ulster Colleges' medals, represented Antrim up to Minor level.  
 Mary Jo McCullagh, Ballinascreen & St Colm's Drogheda - 4 Ulster Colleges' medals, represented Derry at all u-age levels.  
 Charlene Soullion, Ballinascreen & St Colm's Drogheda - 4 Ulster Colleges' medals, represented Derry at all u-age levels.  
 Noreen Graham, St Mary's Ahoghill & St Louis Ballymena - 1 Ulster Colleges' medal, represented Antrim at all u-age levels.  
 Una McNaughton, Loughgiel Shamocks & St Louis Ballymena. 2nd award, 1 Ulster Colleges' medal, represented Antrim at all u-age levels.  
 Laura Hughes, Ballymena & Our Lady & St Patrick's Knock. played for Down at u-age level. Sen championship with Ballymena.  
 Orlagh Kearns, Cumann Míabhbh I/ Níll Camlough & Sacred Heart Newry. Represented Armagh at u-age level.  
 Niamh O'Neill, Naomh Eoin Belfast & St Louise's Belfast. Niamh has represented Antrim at all u-age levels.  
 Dania Donnelly, Ballinascreen & St Pius X Magherafelt. 1 Ulster Colleges' medal, represented Derry at all u-age levels.  
 Ciaran Magee, St Patrick's Portlerry & Assumption Ballynahinch. Represented Down up to u16 level.  
 Down u14 Player of the Year.  
 Maria Mooney, Coleraine Eoghan Rua & Loreto Coleraine. Represented Derry at all levels and captained them to Ulster u16 title '09.  
 Brid O'Hagan, An Port Mór & St Patrick's Dungannon. Represented Armagh at all levels, currently playing on Sen county team.

## Munster Colleges' All Stars [Leaving Cert] 2010



## Grennan College, Thomastown

Coláiste Ghreannáin, Baile Thomáis

Blue and White

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Claire Forrestal   | Thomastown      |
| 2. Sophie Kavanagh    | Thomastown      |
| 3. Niamh Quigley      | Thomastown      |
| 4. Teresa Cassin      | Thomastown      |
| 5. Alison Murphy      | Thomastown      |
| 6. Meighan Farrell    | Thomastown      |
| 7. Sinerad Whelan     | Thomastown      |
| 8. Leanne Walsh       | Thomastown      |
| 9. Kelly Hamilton [C] | Rower Inistoige |
| 10. Kayleigh Begley   | James Stephen's |
| 11. Niamh Donnelly    | Thomastown      |
| 12. Eimear Donnelly   | Thomastown      |
| 13. Niamh O' Shea     | Thomastown      |
| 14. Jessie Carroll    | Thomastown      |
| 15. Sinead Naddy      | Thomastown      |

## Subs:

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 16. Lucy Johns     | Thomastown      |
| 17. Aisling Begley | James Stephen's |
| 18. Roisin Bollard | Thomastown      |

## Selectors:

Miriam O' Donnell, Michael Conlon

## Weekend camogie results

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### Div 2

Down 2-11 (S L Carr 2-1 (1-1), K Tinsley 0-4, E Mc Cormack 0-3, N Muehner 0-2, L Hughes 0-1)  
 Galway 0-9 (F Kealy 0-3, C Mc Grath 0-2 (0-1), 0-145), A Callinan 0-2, S Healy, S Kelly 0-1 each)

Wexford 3-11 (F Kavanagh 2-3, S Kehoe 1-1, C O'Connor 0-3, S Nolan 0-2, S Redmond, B Curran 0-1 each)  
 Limerick 2-8 (M Casey, V Sheehan 1-0 each, N Mulcahy 0-6, O Curtin 0-2)

### Div 3

Armagh 3-7 (C Mc Sorley 3-7, Ipen, 0-2)  
 Roscommon 1-7 (A Mc Geerney 1-0, K Hopkins 0-6 (0-3), C Kenny 0-1)

### Div 4 play off

Tynone 1-12 (G O'Neill 1-1, E Mc Aliskey 0-5 (0-3), S Jordan 0-2, A Carr 0-2, C Hanna, M Jordan 0-1 each)  
 London 1-3 (A Kenneally 1-0, H Murphy 0-3)

## COLLEGES ALL-IREL JUNIOR FINALS:

### 'A'

Loreto Kilkenny 1-16 (S Quinlan 1-6, O Harrick 0-6, L Fitzpatrick 0-2, A M Walsh, M Donohy 0-1 each)  
 St. Brigid's Loughrea 2-7 (L Farrell 1-5 (0-2), R Monaghan 1-2)

### 'B'

St. Flannan's Ennis 2-17 (R Culligan 2-2, A Darcy 0-6, N Kaiser 0-5, S O'Keefe, O Devitt 0-2 each)  
 St. Louis Grammar Sch. Ballymena 2-3 (E Mc Aheese 1-1, C Mc Intyre 1-0, N Doherty, L Mc Naughton 0-1 each)

### 'C'

Grennan College, Kilkenny 4-8 (K Hamilton 2-4, K Begley, S Naddy 1-0 each, N Donnelly 0-1)  
 Presentation College Thurles 4-8 (M Murphy 2-1, S Fryday 1-4, A Devane 1-0, A Loughnane 0-2, M Graham 0-1)

## Association launches National Development Plan

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The Camogie Association aims to have over 60,000 people at the 2015 All-Ireland Camogie Finals and to increase its membership base by 40% over the next five years.



Speaking this weekend at the Association's National Congress in Kildare President Joan O'Flynn described the goals, which are part of the Association's National Development Plan as 'achievable and realistic' but she stressed it would require all elements of the organisation working in tandem in order to achieve this.

"This is the roadmap for the Association over the next five years. We have a strategy which focuses on participation and growing the game of camogie. For instance, if you look at our current club base we have over 540 clubs and we intend to grow that to over 750 by 2015. The key is to ensure that all elements of the association, full-time team, voluntary committees, provincial councils and county boards get behind this plan and work to achieve the goals that have been set."

'Our Game, Our Passion', The Camogie Association National Development Plan 2010-2015 was unveiled to over 150 delegates Saturday afternoon. President of the GAA Christy Cooney also addressed the gathering and highlighted the strong and vibrant working relationship between both associations.

Congress delegates also voted unanimously to adopt the motion proposing the compulsory use of helmets for all players engaged in training and playing. The rule will come into force at the beginning of next year.

The 2011 Congress will take place in Ulster with Belfast the proposed venue for the event.



## Cork Colleges senior title for Christ the King after exciting final

**Christ the King (Turners Cross) 2-12**  
**Colaiste Choilm (Ballincollig) 2-5**

CHRIST THE KING Turners Cross captured the Cork Colleges Senior A title with a victory over Colaiste Choilm Ballincollig recently. In a fast moving first half Christ the King made all the early running as Cork senior Katriona Mackey fired over three points while Ailin O'Donovan and Julia White hit one each.

First half goals were crucial as Christina Murphy and Sarah Culligan with one each helped Christ the King set the pace. Colaiste Choilm kept in touch with a Sarah Buckley goal and a point while Patricia Buttner and Emma Crowley also hit point as the Senior B All Ireland Colleges champions were put under pressure by a focused Christ the King side.

Cork senior Katriona

Mackey was in superb form as she picked off points while Julia White also kept the pressure on the Colaiste Choilm defence. Tracy McCarthy and White added point to the Christ the King tally. Heather Morgan grabbed a goal for the Ballincollig school while Emma Crowley and Sarah Buckley added points as they worked hard to stay in touch.

**Christ the King:** J Kavanagh; L Keneflick, E Jordan (c), P Mackey; L Browne, T McCarthy, M O'Mahony; M Moynihan, Ailin O'Donovan; J White, K Mackey, S O'Connell; C Murphy, Aine O'Donovan, C Lynch. Subs: S Long for K Mackey (10), S Duggan for M Moynihan, A O'Brien for M O'Mahony. Scorers: K Mackey 0-6, S O'Connell, C Murphy 1-0 each, J White 0-2, T McCarthy 0-1.  
**Colaiste Choilm:** A Sheehan; L Barry, A Coughlan, E O'Sullivan; C Irish, K O'Donoghue, E Looney; S Buckley, J Hennigan; E Scally, P Buttner, O Ni Chasaigh, E Crowley, S Coomey, H Morgan Subs: S O'Sullivan for E Scally, N McCarthy for O Ni Chasaigh, E Nolan for H Morgan. Scorers: S Buckley 1-2, H Morgan 1-0, E Crowley 0-2, P Buttner 0-1.  
**Referee:** Oliver Webb (Tracton).

## Determined St Aidan's scoop U16 B title

**St Aidan's (Ballyvolane/Dublin Hill) 4-5**  
**St Mary's (Midleton) 1-3**

ST AIDAN'S Community College (Ballyvolane/Dublin Hill) captured the Cork Colleges under 16 B title with a hard fought victory over a determined St Mary's Midleton side in Midleton.

Leeann O'Sullivan showed her accuracy putting over three first half points, two from frees and one from a 45,

as St Aidan's took an early lead. Jessica Treacy had the sides level when she struck a St Mary's goal at the end of the first quarter, but Edel O'Connell grabbed a goal for the Ballyvolane girls as St Aidan's quickly regrouped. With Leeann O'Sullivan and Roisin Culligan exchanging points St Aidan's led 1-4 to 1-1 at the break.

Leeann O'Sullivan extended her side's lead when her long range effort went to the

net. Jessica Tracy pointed in reply but again St Aidan's, powered by the excellent Aisling O'Keefe, Jennifer Hosford, Leeann O'Sullivan and Edel O'Connell, put St Mary's under huge pressure. Aisling O'Keefe and Edel O'Connell hit goals inside a three minute spell that effectively put the game beyond the Midleton girls, the hard working Lauren Callan added a point to extend the St Aidan's lead but St Mary's had

the last say with Roisin Culligan pointing a free.

**St Aidan's:** K Struthers; C O'Connell, C O'Sullivan, S Hourigan; J Hosford, L O'Sullivan (c), J Lane, A O'Keefe, L Callanan; C Noonan, K Fitzgerald, E Sheehan; N Drummond, E O'Connell, M A Long. Scorers: E O'Connell 2-0, L O'Sullivan 1-4 (0-21, 0-2 45"), A O'Keefe 1-0, L Callanan 0-1.  
**St Mary's:** S Kearney; L O'Neill, S Treacy, N O'Farrell; N Daly, L Treacy, S Landers; R Culligan, T Krushel; S Murphy, J Treacy, H Looney; R Steele, A R Sisk, E Desmond. Scorers: J Treacy 1-1, R Culligan 0-2 (0-11, 0-1 45").  
**Referee:** Billy O'Sullivan (Bishopstown).

**The Eire Og panel which brought the County Junior Camogie Championship to the Ovens based club in 1977, 1978 and 1979 at a reunion at Lee Valley Golf Club. Included are captains Marion McCarthy (1977), Mary O'Driscoll (1978) and Nancy O'Driscoll (1979) as well as Con Malone (coach) and Danny Murphy (trainer).**

Picture Mike English.



## Fiona O'Driscoll Academy in April

Fiona O'Driscoll has announced details of the annual Camogie Academy which she is organising in Ballincollig Community School from Tuesday, April 6 to Friday, April 9 (10am to 3pm each day).

The Academy fee is €85 and application forms are available from camogie club secretaries or on [www.letsgo.ie](http://www.letsgo.ie).

For further information, phone 1890 538746.

**Glen Rovers 4-5**  
**Douglas 2-1**

GLEN ROVERS proved stronger to take the Seandún Premier Under15 championship title for 2009 at the Glen Field on Sunday last. With weather hampering the playing of the game at the end of 2009 it was a wise choice from both clubs to wait to play this game as the excellent weather condition coupled with the superb surface made for an excellent game.

The players gave it every-

thing in quest of success and there were stars on both sides, both defences were excellent and made it hard for the forwards on both sides to gain the upper hand, for Douglas Alison Peate, Joy Leo and Mairead Mulrooney worked hard while for Glen Rovers Leeann O'Sullivan, Shauna Busted and Nicole O'Brien were magnificent in defence, Aisling O'Keefe worked herself to a standstill at mid field delivering superb ball to her inside line while up front Cloe Noonan and Rebecca Wall grabbed vital as did

Leeann O'Sullivan.

Aided by the strong wind the Glen took control Cloe Noonan had the ball in the net from the first attack and through the half they kept the Douglas defence busy. Aoife Downey hit a point to open the Douglas account but a Leeann O'Sullivan goal had the Glen five points clear. Keeping on the pressure the Glen extended their lead Leeann O'Sullivan pointing two frees to leave them 2-2 to 0-1 ahead at the break.

With the wind in their favour for the second half

Douglas got stuck into the game but they found it hard to break down the solid Glen defence where Ciara O'Sullivan and Jennifer Hosford worked hard to hold their lines. Leeann O'Sullivan pointed a 45 as the Glen held their lead but Douglas battled away Chelsea Noonan flicking the ball to the net to cut the Glen lead to seven points. With the clock ticking into added time, Cloe Noonan put the game beyond reach with her second goal to give the Glen Rovers girls the title and their first at this level.

**Glen Rovers:** K Lee; S Hourigan, S Busted, C O'Sullivan; J Hosford, L O'Sullivan, N O'Brien; A O'Keefe, L Callanan; M Sheehan (c); E O'Connell; K Fitzgerald C Noonan, S Bridgeman, A Wallace. Subs: R Wall for S Bridgeman (36), K Faivey for S Hourigan (50). Scorers: C Noonan 2-0, L O'Sullivan 1-3 (0-21, 0-1 45"), R Wall 1-0, A O'Keefe, L Callanan 0-1.

**Douglas:** S O'Mahony; A Peate, A Hourigan, R Quinn; M Mulrooney, J Leo, E Lynch; E Martin, C Hickey, E Kavanagh, C Duggan, A Downey, R Mc Carthy, E Mc Carthy, C Noonan. Subs: L O'Brien for S O'Mahony (24in), S O'Mahony for R Mc Carthy (48), L Cooney for E Mc Carthy (47), J Horgan for R Quinn (47), L Maher for A Downey (50). Scorers: L Cooney, C Noonan 1-0, A Downey 0-1.

**Referee:** Pat Moran (Carrigaline)



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**Pictured at the GAA Player of the Month awards in the Westbury Hotel, Dublin yesterday are Christine Heffernan, Interim Head of Corporate Affairs, Vodafone, and GAA President Christy Cooney, with from right, Kilkenny's Anne Dalton (camogie's player of the year for 2009), Galway's Iarla Tannian (hurler of the month), Dublin's Eamonn Fennell (footballer of the month), and Cork's Angela Walsh (ladies footballer of the year for 2009).**

Picture: Brian Lawless/Sportsfile

**Kilkenny star Vodafone Camogie Player of the Year**

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Kilkenny Camogie star Anne Dalton received the Vodafone Camogie Player of the Year Award this afternoon at the Westbury Hotel, Dublin.

The All-Star midfielder received her award at a ceremony which also included the Vodafone Ladies Footballer of the Year, Cork's Angela Walsh and the 2010 Vodafone Players of the month, Dublin footballer Eamonn Fennell and Galway hurler Iarla Tannian.

Congratulating Anne on her award Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Joan O'Flynn predicted a long and successful career for the current Kilkenny captain. "While Anne may have been disappointed on her biggest day last year by not winning the All-Ireland title, her performances throughout the year really stood out, making her a deserving winner of the Vodafone Player of the Year Award. To think that at 21 years-old she has already achieved so much suggests that there are many great days ahead for Anne and Kilkenny camogie," she said.

Despite last year's All-Ireland defeat to old rivals Cork it was a memorable year for Dalton, having earlier captained Waterford IT to Ashbourne glory. A holder of three All-Ireland club titles with Freshford St Lachtain's, Anne played a key role as WIT retained their university title in a memorable final this February defeating UCC. The legal studies student will now have her attentions focussed on Kilkenny's upcoming league semi-final fixture against old rivals Wexford.

This is the 14th year of the Vodafone Player of the Year Awards which honours top performers in GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football.



We are the champions..... Loreto Secondary School captain, Kate Holland shows off the winners trophy following their victory in the All-Ireland colleges junior camogie final. The Loreto became only the third school to complete the clean sweep by capturing the junior and senior All-Irelands, plus the 7-a-side All-Ireland championship.





The inaugural Éire Óg camogie team of 1966/67, who attended the reunion function for the club's three in-a-row team of 1977, '78 and '79. The team brought a County Junior Championship to the club in 1974.

Picture: Mike English

# Three-times winners are celebrated



Danny Murphy (trainer) and Con Malone (coach), who worked together to bring county junior camogie titles to Éire Óg in 1977, '78 and '79.

Picture: Mike English

IT was nostalgia all the way as Éire Óg camogie stalwarts from the past gathered at Lee Valley Golf Club recently to relive the glory days of 1977-'78 and '79 when they captured three County junior titles in a row.

The three captains Marion McCarthy (1977), Mary O'Driscoll (1978) and Nancy O'Driscoll (1979) were there and received much praise for their leadership qualities.

Present chairman Con Malone was the coach at the time and he together with physical trainer, Danny Murphy, played a major part in the successes of that era.

Feature of the team was the inclusion of four O'Driscoll sisters, Aileen, Nancy, Mary and Noelle.

The club also invited the 1966/67 team along. They were the first to play camogie for Éire Óg and they were congratulated on their trail-blazing endeavours which resulted in a county Championship win in 1974.

Girls interested in playing camogie out Owens way should contact Con Malone (chairman), Alanna McKenna (secretary) or Helen Walsh (treasurer) or any committee member.



The Éire Óg Camogie Club Committee, who organised the reunion of the 1966/67 founding team and the three in-a-row teams of 1977, '78 and '79 at Lee Valley Golf Club. Included are Con Malone (chairman), Alanna McKenna (hon sec) and Helen Walsh (treasurer).

Picture: Mike English



Happy, happy times... the Loreto Secondary School team, Kilkenny, celebrate following their victory in the All-Ireland colleges junior camogie final on Saturday.



# Camogie membership drive

by Jim O'Sullivan

THE Camogie Association plans to expand its membership and club base by 40% over the next five years and to put systems in place in the four remaining counties that don't have a board structure.

These are key features of their National Development Plan — 'Our Game, Our Passion' — which will be launched at the annual Congress in Newbridge this weekend.

Association president Joan O'Flynn is satisfied their target is 'realistic,' commenting: "We have 540 clubs at the moment and by 2015 we are aiming to have 750."

They also hope to strengthen their international base, to get away from a reliance on emigrants to help form teams.

"We're changing tactics," she says. "We'll be trying to develop under-age camogie and in that we have targeted London and North America for the next six years."

"There is a challenge out there and it's a difficult time in terms of resources but the 'driver' is people's passion for camogie and the voluntary commitment people have towards the game."

The motivation, she agrees, is to provide the opportunity for 'every youngster' wanting to take up the game.

"We want to put in place a proactive strategy where we are going to go out and target areas and clubs where there is no camogie with a view to growing it there. In particular we are targeting hurling clubs — areas where there is hurling but there isn't camogie — so girls get the same opportunity to play the national game as boys."

Their last strategic plan (2004/2008) was successful in terms of growing their club base by 20%, with new county boards established in Mayo, Kerry and Donegal.

The hope is that by 2015, the for-



**SITTING PRETTY:** President Joan O'Flynn with the intermediate and junior captains at yesterday's Gala All-Ireland Camogie Championship launch.

Picture: Inpho

mation of boards in Fermanagh, Sligo, Leitrim and Longford will give them a 32 county spread.

Cork dual star Mary O'Connor is Director of Camogie, working in tandem with five Regional Directors and recently Mayo ladies footballer Claire Egan was appointed as Director of Communication and Marketing.

Central to their effort in growing the game is the 'Player Pathway' strategy, described as a six-phase model of a

player's journey through camogie.

"We have been focusing on developing young players from the age they take up the game — usually around six — right through to retirement as a player and then continuing an involvement in the association," stated Joan O'Flynn.

"The idea is that coaches, members and players would be able to identify what kind of skills a player should be acquiring at different levels."

While Ladies Football continues to thrive at home and abroad, the camogie president doesn't see the two sports being in competition.

"That question is put to me quite a lot and my answer is that we are both in the same business of trying to get young females to play Gaelic games."

"When you look at the demographics, there are 400,000 girls aged between 5 and 15 on the island, so there's more than enough for both of

us there. As it stands, only a fraction of those are playing sport, so the more we can get girls playing sport the more each of our associations will benefit. I don't think it's healthy to be seeing ourselves as 'opposition' to each other."

Among the motions to be debated at Congress is one from the Central Council which proposes to make helmets compulsory for training and games. Based on the GAA standard, the idea is that the rule would come into force at the beginning of next year if successful.

"To be truthful there is a very high level of helmet-wearing in camogie because it's mandatory for under-18's anyway. So, any player who takes up camogie is going to come into the game wearing a helmet, but we are conscious that there are a number of players who don't."

Joan O'Flynn agrees that the successful implementation of their Development Plan will be dependant on all elements of the association working in unison. In other words, it will require the full-time team, national voluntary committees, provincial councils and county boards to all get behind it and 'drive it'.

"Roadmaps can just sit in the glove compartments of cars or they can actually help you on the journey. So, hopefully ours is a fully-fledged sat nav system and we'll get to our destination by 2015."

"I think there has been serious progress in recent years and much more of an awareness of being proactive and going out there and introducing the game to people who have no background in camogie."

"We need to be missionary about the game and to be advocates for the game and draw people into it. People enjoy the game and have been thrilled at the skill levels, the competitiveness and the athleticism. They see it as not only an attractive sport to play but also an attractive sport to watch!"

## Loreto complete camogie grand slam

### Camogie

**Loreto SS .....1-16**

**St Brigid's .....2-7**

THE all conquering Loreto Secondary School joined an elite group of winners when they danced to victory in the All-Ireland colleges' junior camogie (Roinn A) final in Toomevara on Saturday.

The latest success, added to the recent victory of the seniors in their All-Ireland final, plus the win in the 7-a-side All-Ireland championship late last year, meant the Loreto became only the third school in history to complete the grand slam on the camogie scene.

"It is a great achievement by a great bunch of players," insisted Loreto manager, Brendan Williams. "The girls really turned on the style. They probably played as well as they can, which is a fair achievement in big pressure game like an All-Ireland final."

This was the Loreto's third win in the junior championship. Their ini-

tial success was in 2007 and they also won it last year.

### Big reputation

St Brigid's, Loughrea came to the final with a big reputation, but after scoring machine Sarah Ann Quinlan pierced their defence to shoot a goal for the Loreto at the start of the second quarter they were in trouble. That score shot the winners 1-6 to 0-2 clear. From there on the Galway girls were battling to stay in the match. Winning it was beyond them thereafter.

Young Quinlan opened the scoring with a point for the winners. St Brigid's hit back for points from Rachel Monaghan and Lorraine Farrell to take the lead for the one and only time in the game.

By the ninth minute Sarah Ann Quinlan had posted an equaliser. All of a sudden the Loreto were in the scoring groove. Points were picked off by Lydia Fitzpatrick (free), Orla Hanrick (2) and Fitzpatrick again, a superb score from a huge distance, to leave the losers trailing by 0-2 to 0-6.

The next score was the goal from Sarah Ann

Quinlan which helped the winners into a commanding lead of 1-7 to 0-5 at half-time.

### Severe damage

While St Brigid's opened the new half with a point from Rachel Monaghan, they suffered severe damage during the minutes that followed. Marie Doherty and Orla Hanrick (3) piled up the scores for the winners (1-11 to 0-6).

Lorraine Farrell snatched a goal for the losers to halt the drive of the Noreiders, but they didn't get a chance to build on that gain. Miriam Walsh got back for a point for the Loreto to keep them ticking over nicely.

Brigid's scored a second goal, this time through Rachel Monaghan to slice the deficit to 2-6 to 1-13. This time Orla Hanrick hit back for a minor for the winners, who finished with a rush of scores from young Quinlan to run out handsome winners.

"We had the benefit of a few of the girls playing in the junior final last year, and the senior one this year, so all that experience benefited us," Mr Williams felt. "Still, it was a fair performance."

**Scorers:** Loreto Secondary School — Sarah Ann Quinlan (1-6, point free); Orla Hanrick (0-6, two frees, two 54s); Lydia Fitzpatrick (0-2, one free); Marie Doherty, Miriam Walsh (0-1 each). St Brigid's — Lorraine Farrell (1-5, two points

frees); Rachel Monaghan (1-2).

**Loreto Secondary School** — Kirsty Maher (Dicksboro), Katie Doherty (Freshford), Amy O'Bryan (O'Loughlin/Gaels), Tara Hogan (St. Brigid's, Ballycallan), Rachel Lynch

(Dicksboro), Kate Holland, capt (Lisdowney), Tracy Brennan (Lisdowney), Miriam Walshe (Tullaroan), Lydia Fitzpatrick (Freshford), Maureen Walsh (Freshford), Sarah Ann Quinlan (Young Irelands), Orla Hanrick (Dicksboro),

Marie Doherty (St. Brigid's), Ciara Byrne (Clara), Amy Buggy (Freshford). Subs — Niamh Leahy (Emeralds), Niamh Browne (Dicksboro), Dervla Gannon (Lisdowney), Stacey Nugent (Graigue-Ballycallan).



Miriam Reynolds, St Brigid's (left) attempts to hook Maureen Walsh from the Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny, as she gets in a shot at goal during the All-Ireland colleges junior camogie final on Saturday.



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Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Joan O'Flynn revealed the winners of the 2009 RTE Mick Dunne Memorial & the Camogie Association Media Awards.

Eight recipients were honoured at the Association's Annual Congress banquet tonight (Saturday, March 27th) in Newbridge.

In association with RTE, the awards acknowledge the invaluable contribution of national and regional media and volunteers towards the promotion of the Association.

The Camogie Association President Joan O'Flynn paid special tribute to this year's winners:

"I am delighted to thank and congratulate all the entries for their work in promoting Camogie. The eight winners produced outstanding coverage in print, radio, web, TV and sports photography at local and national level".

"We all rely on the media for information and knowledge of what is happening around us. Similarly, so with sport. More coverage of Camogie will help to give recognition to our players as sporting equals and as sporting role models. This is a key priority for Camogie over the next six years when we will strive to work with the media to enhance further the public profile of our national game and its stars".

This is the fourth year of the RTE Mick Dunne Memorial Awards and the Camogie Association Media Awards.

The Mick Dunne Memorial Awards commemorates the memory of the late RTE Gaelic Games correspondent, author and journalist.

RTE Mick Dunne Memorial Awards 2009

PRO of the Year  
Tom Allen, Limerick

Tom has been to the fore of Limerick Camogie building up a consistent level of regional print and broadcast coverage as well as pioneering the development of a camogie website.

Photo of the Year  
Michael Kelly, Wicklow People

A well know regional sports photographer Michael Kelly has been covering sporting fixtures, in particular camogie for the Wicklow News as well as Wicklow Sport.

Published Article of the Year  
Dave Devereux, Wexford People

Journalist Dave Devereux's award-winning feature with former All-Ireland winning Wexford manager Stellah Sinnott highlighted the importance of player welfare.

National Broadcast of the Year  
C'mon Caman

C'mon Caman was an innovative sports programme produced by Big Mountain Productions Company run by Philip McGovern and Jane Kelly. The series featured twenty four boys and girls coached by Cork camogie star Mary O'Connor as well as inter-county hurlers Brendan Cummins and Eoin Kelly.

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Media Awards 2009  
Best Match Programme  
Armagh County Final

The award winning publication was chosen for the depth and range of information contained as well as the overall quality of the production.

Best Provincial Newspaper Coverage  
The Roscommon Herald

The Roscommon Herald received this year's Best Provincial Newspaper Coverage for its outstanding coverage of the Roscommon camogie club & inter-county scene including the county's All-Ireland winning championship feats.

Best Local Radio  
KFM

Kildare FM have been to the fore in promoting camogie within the county. Spearheaded by Sports Editor Killian Whelan the station consistently features a wide variety of club & inter-county coverage and has been instrumental in raising the profile of camogie.

Special Category  
Pride & Passion Camogie in Offaly  
Paul Rouse

Pride & Passion Camogie in Offaly was produced to mark the All-Ireland success of the Offaly Junior team in 2009 and also the 30th anniversary of the revival of camogie in the county. Paul Rouse is a history lecturer at University College, Dublin.



Grennan College Senior Camogie Team - Leinster Champions and All Ireland Finalists 2009  
Back: Ann Marie Malone, Rachel O'Carroll, Sinead Stapleton, Nicole Conway, Niamh Bolger, Nicola Dunphy, Kiara Barcoe, Grace Clarke, Aine Lannon, Leanne Walsh, Katie Walsh, Alison Murphy, Tom Ryan (Manager)  
Front: Niamh Donnelly, Jane Cullen, Chloe Gantley, Kelly Hamilton, Annette Reddy, Meighan Farrell, Shauna Carroll, Jessie Carroll, Niamh Quigley

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# McGrath girls blazing trail in Galway

CAMOGIE  
Cliona Foley

EVERYONE has heard of the Canning brothers of Portumna hurling fame, but what about the McGraths of Sarsfields, who already look set to emulate the Canning's achievements on the Galway camogie fields.  
Dad, Michael 'Hopper' McGrath, was a legendary county hurler and a two-time All-Ireland club winner with Sarsfields in 1993 and '94.  
Mum, Geraldine (nee Kilkelly), played hockey to senior international standard, before successfully switching codes, and is in her fourth year as chair of the Galway Camogie Board.  
And three of their six children - all

girls - wear the county colours already. Niamh (17), Clodagh (15) and Orlaith (14) all played on Galway's All-Ireland-winning U-16 team last year. Niamh was the 2009 Connacht 'Young Player of the Year' and has since progressed to the county seniors, for whom she has been a regular scorer in this year's National League.  
"Ciara (4) and Laoise (2) come to all the training sessions, Ciara likes to practise her solos!" laughs Geraldine, who quips that, given the family's sporting passions, "they were all reared in the car!"  
Michael won an All-Ireland 'Masters' title as recently as 2005 and only hung up his hurl last year, but he is already deeply involved coaching the club camogie teams. He is not the only famous local hurler helping out, as Joe

Cooney and Tom Kenny also have daughters playing.  
Geraldine is delighted to see that a new national 'Player Pathway' development programme is one of the key elements being adopted at camogie's annual congress in Newbridge this weekend, where helmets are also expected to become mandatory.  
"Camogie has made huge progress in recent years," she says. "Since the game went 15-a-side, it has changed hugely skill-wise and is now on the same lines as hurling. There's huge work being done nationally by Mary O'Connor and her team of development officers.  
"Public awareness has grown hugely, too, but there's still plenty of room for improvement and certainly more double-headers with men's games would help further," she said.

## Players put on the right path

CAMOGIE  
PLAY, train and retain is the message from the Camogie Association's new coaching manual, 'Player Pathway'.  
The manual provides a comprehensive guide to coaching players throughout their playing careers and crucially, retaining them within the association, once they cease to participate in competitive action.  
It's broken up into six specific stages: Get a Grip, Clash of the Ash, Get Hooked, Solo to Success, Strike for Glory and Shifting the Goalpost.  
Each category has age-appropriate skills and competitions. The coaching manual will be distributed to clubs nationwide.



# ALL IN ALL, AN EXCELLENT YEAR

## COUNTY CAMOGIE REPORT

Photos Eoin Hennessy



**Kilkenny - All Ireland SC Finalists 2009**

**Back:** Laura Kavanagh, Aine Fahy, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Emma Staunton, Julie Ann Woodcock, Ann Marie Phelan, Elaine Aylward, Denise Gaule, Catriona Ryan, Marie O'Connor, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Edwina Keane, Aisling Ryan  
**Middle:** Paul Murphy, John Loneragan, Marina Downey, Siobhan Murphy, Leanne Fennelly, Claire Aylward, Amy Butler, Aoife Neary, Edel Maher, Colette Dorner, Deirdre Delaney, Aisling Dunphy, Ann Dalton (Captain), Therese Muldowney, James Meagher, Ann Downey, Noel Ryan  
**Front:** Kevva Fennelly, Lizzie Lyng, Eimear Lyng, Katie Power, Jacqui Frisby, Michelle Quilty, Catherine Doherty, Kelly Ann Cottenall, Kate McDonald

### COUNTY SCENE 2009

2009 was a good year for Senior Camogie in Kilkenny. For the first time since 2001 Kilkenny contested the Senior All Ireland Final but unfortunately on the day, Cork proved to be the stronger team when they overcame a youthful Kilkenny squad on a scoreline of 0-15 to 0-7. Despite a searching examination in the opening 30 minutes during which Kilkenny's Ann Dalton and Aoife Neary were to the fore, Cork gradually got on top and led by three points at the break. The Cork goalkeeper, Aoife Murray was proving to be a major obstacle and saved Cork on a number of occasions. Kilkenny just could not get the scores that mattered and a goal would have surely helped them in their quest to win the O'Duffy Cup. On the day Cork's experience helped them to get crucial scores at the critical time and they kept Kilkenny at bay. Great credit is due to the Kilkenny players - they fought to the end and the experience will surely stand them in good stead for 2010.

Earlier in the year in the league campaign it looked like it might be a difficult year for Kilkenny when they struggled and were well beaten by Tipperary in the league play off. However, as the year progressed, Kilkenny steadily improved and this was helped by the fact that they defeated Tipperary in their opening championship match. This was a tight affair and when Michelle Quilty scored Kilkenny's goal in the 34th minute it set Kilkenny on their way. Jacqui Frisby was outstanding in defence, as was captain Anne Dalton in the middle of the field, while forwards Michelle Quilty and Aoife Neary were both responsible for the majority of Kilkenny's scores on the day with Neary returning nine points

and Quilty registering 1-3. This was followed by a victory over Dublin and in their final match, it was Cork who came out on top in a dogged match played in atrocious weather conditions. And so it was that Kilkenny qualified in second place in their group and qualified for the knock-out stages of the championship. In the semi-final, played in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny were drawn against a highly fancied Galway side and the result went right to the wire with substitute Marie O'Connor sending the ball to the Galway net to put Kilkenny ahead in extra time by a point. Katie Power tacked on the insurance point to send Kilkenny into the final on a score line of 1-13 to 1-11.

All in all 2009 has been an excellent year for senior camogie in Kilkenny. The team has made strong progress this year and the players will have learned from their All Ireland experience, and will build on this in the years to come. Ann Downey, Paul Murphy and John Loneragan are a first-rate management team. Their continuous encouragement of players to strive for excellence in standards has shown that All-Ireland success is achievable.

The Intermediate Camogie team also deserves credit as many of the players involved this year were playing in their first league and championship matches at this level, as last year's winning team cannot compete in this grade. Paddy Hughes has done excellent work with the team and hopes are high for 2010.

Kilkenny received 11 All Star nominations, which reflects the success of our senior players in 2009 and is the largest number of nominations which the county has ever received. There are nominations in all but four positions, including team captain Ann Dalton and her midfield partner Collette Dorner. There were five nominations in defence: Leanne Fennelly, Catherine Doherty, Jacqui Frisby, Elaine Aylward and Lizzie Lyng. Goalkeeper

KILKENNY INTERCOUNTY CAMOGIE RESULTS 2009	
ALL IRELAND SC C'SHIP	Kilkenny 1-14 Tipperary 1-11
	Kilkenny 0-7 Cork 2-5
	Kilkenny 2-14 Dublin 0-4
ALL IRELAND SC C'SHIP SEMI FINAL	Kilkenny 1-13 Galway 1-11
ALL IRELAND SC C'SHIP FINAL	Kilkenny 0-7 Cork 0-15
ALL IRELAND IC C'SHIP	Kilkenny 0-5 Tipperary 2-19
	Kilkenny 1-2 Cork 5-12
ALL IRELAND MC C'SHIP	Kilkenny 5-10 vs. Clare 3-8
LEINSTER SC FINAL	Kilkenny vs. Wexford (TBA)
LEINSTER MC FINAL	Kilkenny 4-11 Dublin 3-7
LEINSTER U16C FINAL	Kilkenny 3-9 Wexford 3-7
LEINSTER U14C FINAL	Kilkenny 3-14 Dublin 3-0
LEINSTER SC CLUB FINAL	Outart/Ballagh 3-14 St.Lachtna's 1-6
CELTIC FESTIVAL 2009	Kilkenny U14 Squad 4-9 Clara U16 3-7



**The Kilkenny minor camogie team who defeated Clare in the All-Ireland final to complete the four in a row**  
**Back:** Claire Aylward, Stacey Quirke, Ruth Jones, Noreen Murphy, Aoife Murphy, Aisling O'Grady, Grace Walsh, Emma Comerford, Kate Holland, Eimear Mullhall, Davina Tobin, Edel Frisby, Louise Dunne  
**Middle:** Brendan Williams (Manager), Martin Quilty (Vice-Chairman), Vincent Shiel (Selector), Catriona Brennan, Mags Fennelly, Nicola Moore, ve Mansfield, Sarah Dunne, Sinead Maher, Aisling Dunphy, Caoimhe Shiel, Niamh Kelly, Emma Staunton, IV alread Power, Niamh Byrne, Paul Quilty (Trainer), Pierce Dargan (Selector)  
**Front:** Ted Browne (Manager), Pearl McDonald (County Secretary), John Quilty (Selector), Claire Phelan, A/E Curran, Denise Gaule, Anna Farrell, Alison Walsh (Captain), Nicola Butler, Karen Duggan, Shelly Farrell, Kate McDonald, Marie Dargan (Selector)

Catherine Doherty received a well deserved nomination as did Katie Power, Edwina Keane and Aoife Neary in the forwards.

### MINOR REPORT

The structure of the minor championship was changed in 2009 and this meant that Kilkenny played only 2 matches to reach the All Ireland Final. In their opening match, they defeated Dublin and in the semi-final they defeated Tipperary and earned the right to play Clare in the final.

The final was Kilkenny's best performance of the season with the bulk of the damage being done in the opening half and the half-time scoreboard showing them ahead by 5-5 to 1-4. The Kilkenny goals came from Denise Gaule (2), Claire Phelan (2) and Shelly Farrell. The second half was a much tighter affair with Clare outscoring Kilkenny but the damage had been done and Kilkenny just did enough to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

This was Kilkenny's fourth final appearance and their second meeting with Clare in a final. Kilkenny have yet to taste defeat in this competition and a five goal spree in the opening half provided the platform for Kilkenny to retain their All Ireland crown and achieve an incredible four-in-a-row All Ireland minor camogie titles when they defeated Clare. The final score was Kilkenny 5-10 to Clare's 3-8.

This squad of players went on to retain their Leinster title when they defeated Dublin on a score-line of 4-11 to 3-7. Great credit must go to the players and the team management of Brendan Williams and Ted Browne who once again this year applied their expertise with a strong group of players.

### UNDER 16 REPORT

In the U16A All Ireland Championship Kilkenny narrowly lost out to the eventual winners Galway and thus relinquished their All Ireland crown. However, during the season Kilkenny had good away victories over Limerick and Derry and the players should not be down hearted as they tried hard but came up short against a strong Galway team.

The u16 panel should not be disheartened because there are many reasons for optimism. They retained their u16A Leinster Title in sunny Slieverue during August, following a hard fought victory over Wexford. They were pushed all the way but the players responded well and showed that they were not going to give up their Leinster crown without a fight and they won out on a final score of Kilkenny 3-9 to Wexford 3-7.

### UNDER 14 REPORT

Kilkenny's Under 14 camogie team had a very successful year when they retained their Leinster Under 14 title for the seventh consecutive year with 3-14 to 3-0 win over their great rivals Dublin on July

5th. They also competed in various blitzes around the country. They became the first Kilkenny Under 14 team to win the prestigious James Hurley tournament in Mallow, when they overcame a strong Tipperary in the final by the narrowest of margins (0-8 to 1-4) in a thrilling final.

They also won the inaugural Waterford camogie inter-county tournament when they overcame a class Cork team by 4-3 to 2-4 in a cracking final with both teams giving everything to secure a victory. They also were runners up in the Orla McDonough Tournament in Tipperary when, on they way to the final, they overcame strong opposition in Limerick, Galway and Cork with good wins. Against Tipperary they just ran out of steam in the second-half and Tipperary ran out worthy winners in the final. The Kilkenny Under 14 panel were well represented from clubs all over the county and no one team dominated the panel with 19 clubs having players on the panel.

Under the guidance of Paddy Kelly (Dicksboro), T.J. Bryan (O'Loughlin Gaels), Tony Byrne (Clara), Ann Donnelly (Thomastown) and Niamh Kelly (Dicksboro), the Kilkenny Under 14 camogie team of 2009 were great ambassadors for Kilkenny camogie and in every event they participated in they highlighted the skill and teamwork which are the trademark of Kilkenny camogie at present. The clubs and schools in Kilkenny are also to be commended for the groundwork and training which often goes unnoticed but was a major factor in the success that this Kilkenny Under 14 camogie team accumulated throughout the 2009 season. The Kilkenny Under 14 camogie players of 2009 will surely supply the future under-age and senior teams of the future as there is a conveyor of talent at this grade which bodes well for the Kilkenny camogie scene.

### COILLTE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD U14 AND KILKENNY U15 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

The Coillte Development Squads Initiative of 2009 included Kilkenny among the nominees to take part. These development squads ensure that players receive specific coaching sessions in June/July and attended a number of Saturday blitzes which are organised in preparation for October 26th when they have the opportunity to play in Croke Park. The under 14 squad was drawn from players who have not yet managed to break into the underage intercounty teams and it is hoped that the additional training which they received will assist them in reaching their full potential.

During the year they attended two blitzes in Cork and Thomastown. The Cork blitz was a good learning experience for the players with Tipperary, Cork and Limerick proving to be too strong on the day. However the players showed great determination and fought hard in all their matches. The second blitz was more successful and was held in Thomastown GAA grounds on the same day as the camogie All Ireland semi-finals. Teams from Armagh, Kildare, Wicklow and Kilkenny participated. On the day Kilkenny won all their matches





**Kilkenny - U14 Leinster Leinster Champions 2009**

**Back:** Paddy Kelly (Coach), Rachel Buckley, Niamh Dermody, Aisling Webster, Siobhán Corcoran, Rachel Lynch, Julie Ann Malone, Clara Holden, Miriam Walsh, Lydia Fitzpatrick (Cap), Amy Bryan, Tony Byrne (Selector), Christine Lyng, Niamh Leahy, Clara Byrne, Mandy Power, Clodagh Power, Mary O'Connell, Clare Nolan, Anna Buggy, Ann Donnelly (Selector), TJ Bryn (Selector)

**Front:** Catherine Foley, Edel Long, Kate Doherty, Jessie Ryan, Deirdre Walsh, Rebecca Huberlin, Michela Kennedy, Aine Gaumn-Lyng, Lumen Barcoe, Megan Grogan, Noelle Murphy, Aisling Nolan, Meghan Farrell, Emily O'Dwyer, Niamh Donnelly. Missing From Photo: Mentor/First-Aid Niamh Kelly

and then travelled into Nowlan Park to see the Gala All Ireland senior semi finals and to participate in the GAA 125 celebrations at half time.

Particular thanks must go to Noelle O'Driscoll, Bridget Barnaville and Carolyn O'Dowd who led the coaching sessions and co-ordinated the team on match days.

#### DEVELOPMENT SQUAD UNDER 15 LEINSTER BLITZ

Kilkenny camogie entered two under 15 development teams in a blitz organised by the Leinster Council. Kilkenny's first team played four matches on the day. In the first match they played Laois and secured a fine victory over a spirited Laois team. In their next match they played Carlow and this match was very competitive. Kilkenny had a lot of work to do to run out winners 3-7 to 1-2. In the third match, they played their great rivals Dublin and overwhelmed them by a score line of 5-2 to 0-4 points. In the first team's fourth match they played a Meath team and this was a great battle and Meath finally edged out the Kilkenny girls by a single point by a score-line 2-1 to 1-3. The Kilkenny Development Squad members can be happy on the day with their performance and credit to them as they only had 17 on the panel and played four games of 25 minutes duration. It reflects the fitness levels of Kilkenny teams that they managed to compete strongly in all 4 games.

Kilkenny's second team started with a match against Laois and ran out comfortable winners. In their second match, they lost to Dublin on a score-line of 3-9 to 2-1 but there were some creditable performances by the Kilkenny girls in this game. In the third match, they played Kildare and had to battle hard to gain a victory with the final score reading 2-6 to 1-1 with Kilkenny only pulling away in the last five minutes. In Kilkenny's final match they faced Wicklow and ran out winners with their forwards in sparkling form and the score would have been greater but for the top-class display of the Wicklow goalkeeper.

On the day Kilkenny's management team were very happy with the display of both teams and the future looks very bright for under-age camogie scene in Kilkenny for the present.

#### CLUB SCENE 2009

##### ST. CANICE'S SENIOR CAMOGIE COUNTY FINAL

##### ST. LACHTAINS 3-16 MULLINAVAT 2-7

St. Lachtain's retained their senior title with a comprehensive victory over challengers Mullinavat on a sunny September afternoon in Kilmanagh. This championship final was a repeat of the league final, contested earlier in the season. Unfortunately for Mullinavat the outcome was the same, with St. Lachtain's coming out on top.

St. Lachtain's had many good performances on the day but it was Imelda Kennedy who caught the eye and rolled back the years, giving a player of the match performance. Despite their best efforts and

some excellent runs, Mullinavat just could not compete with the Freshford girls on the day but there is no doubt that their time will come.

**St Lachtains:** Sinéad Cash, Mariga Nolan, Gillian Dillon-Maher, Fiona Dowling, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Mairead Costello, Aine Connery, Ester Costello, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Deirdre Delaney, Imelda Kennedy, Mairead Lawlor, Marie O'Connor, Ann Dalton, Sinéad Connery, Paula Murphy, Claire Dermody, Aine Curran, Lorraine Cass, Lydia Fitzpatrick, Emma Maher, Yvonne McGrath, Kate Maher, Marie Meagher, Aine Phelan.

**Mullinavat:** Brid Aylward, Sinéad Phelan, Sinéad Aylward, Joanne Quinn, Paula Butler, Elaine Aylward, Claire Aylward, Amy Butler, Miriam Frisby, Leanne Fennelly, Anna Kavanagh-Woods, Julie Ann Malone, Michelle Quilty, Clara Holden, Aine Kinsella, Valerie Lave, Allison Duggan, Sarah Greiman, June Greiman, Tara Power, Marie Murphy, Joanne Brennan, Marion Greiman.

##### ST CANICE'S INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE C'SHIP FINAL ROWER INISTIOGE 3-3 - ST. ANNES 1-9 (DRAW)

The 2009 county final ended in a draw with both teams living to fight another day. The day of the final was a wet and windy day and as the cliché goes this was a game of two halves. The Rower took full advantage of the strong wind which they had at their backs and let at half time by 3-3 to 0-3. In the second half the tables turned and St. Annes assisted by a gale fought back and scored an early goal which was critical to bringing them back into the game.

The St. Annes mentors were on tender hooks in the closing minutes as it looked as if it would be the Rower's day and that the equalising point would not be scored. Given the weather conditions, both team performed heroically on the day and a draw was the fairest result. The replay is scheduled for the 7th November and it should be a tight affair with whoever lifts the trophy winning the additional prize of competing in the senior championship in 2010.

##### ST. CANICE'S JUNIOR "A" CAMOGIE COUNTY FINAL DICKSBORO 3-7 GLENMORE 2-6

The Junior A County Final was played on a perfect pitch in Thomastown. This was a very competitive final and the sides were level four times during the game. The decisive moments in this game came in the twenty-first minute of the second half when Orla Hanrick scored two goals for the 'Boro' in a minute. These two goals left Dicksboro ahead by 3-7 to 2-3. To their great credit Glenmore never gave up and points followed from Ruth Jones and Helen Murphy (2). Despite Glenmore's resilience Dicksboro ran out winners on the day on a scoreline of 3-7 to 2-6.

**DICKSBORO:** Sarah Bowle, Aine Maher, Lisa Hanrick, Geraldine Kelly, Sorcha Fennelly, Niamh Kelly, Eimear Walsh, Sinéad Maher, Brenda Hamilton, Niamh O'Donoghue, Noelle Corrigan, Aisling O'Grady, Orla Hanrick, Jenny Dillon, Ann-Marie Hogan. Subs. Cathy Bergin, Sonia Buggy, Hilma Butler, Helen Byrne, Mairead Dowling, Siobhán Healy, Emer



**Kilkenny Under 14 Coillte Development Squad:** Back Row (L to R): Shonagh Ahern (Emeralds), Briona Norton (Emeralds), Edel Cleere (B & W's), Sharon Doherty (B & W's), Eimear Maylan (Windgap), Tara Conroy (O'Loughlin's), Jennifer Norris (Piltown), Clara McDonald (Windgap), Gemma Long (Windgap), Kate Walsh (O'Loughlin's), Nicole Lawlor (James Stephens), Antonia Power (Piltown), Megan Cody (Emeralds), Aoife Butler (James Stephens) and Marie Woodcock (Danesfort). Front Row (L to R): Antionette Power (St. Brigid's), Shannon Foley (B & W's), Deirdre Carrigan (Clara), Inead McCarthy (Piltown), Lorraine Long (Piltown), Miriam Holden (Young Irelands), Fionnula Quinlan (Young Irelands), Sorcha Phelan (Piltown), Clara Tyrell (Dicksboro), Laura Lacey (Dicksboro), and Siobhán O'Carroll (Clara) and Chelsea Power (James Stephens). Absent: Dainíní Phelan (Clara), Tasmin English (Clara), Aoife Brennan (Danesfort) and Leanne Glennon (James Stephens).

Kelly, Sarah Kennedy, Clara Murphy, Claire Nolan, Niamh O'Connor, Aoife Walsh, Darra Walsh, Niamh Browne, Eimear Skehan, Emer Tynan. GLENMORE: Linda Long, Kate Mooney, Laura Aylward, Ann-Marie Roche, Claire Aylward, Marie Theresa Doherty, Michelle Murphy, Bridget Mullally, Catherine Walsh, Ruth Jones, Annette Cody, Grace Phelan, Aisling Irish, Helen Murphy, Karen Jones. Subs: Mairead O'Donovan, Elaine Malone, Breda Comerford, Emma O'Keeffe, Nora Lee Phelan, Louise Boyle.

##### ST. CANICE'S JUNIOR "B" CAMOGIE COUNTY FINAL TULLAROAN 3-12 - MOONCOIN 0-6

The Junior B Final pitted Tullaroan against Mooncoin. Tullaroan proved to be too strong for Mooncoin and led at the break by 1-6 to 0-2. Despite this scoreline, Mooncoin had enough of the play but just could not convert possession into scores. At the commencement of the second half, Mooncoin's Laura Wall scored two points to draw them closer but the revival was short lived and the main architect of Tullaroan's victory was Anna Marie Young who scored 1-2 in the space of three minutes to ensure that they had a reasonably comfortable victory on a final score of Tullaroan 3-12 to Mooncoin 0-6.

Tullaroan became the first winners of the Junior B Championship title and completed the League and Championship double. 2010 will see them promoted to the Junior A ranks.

**TULLAROAN:** Noreen Delaney, Grace Walsh, Mary Ellen Butler, Elaine Maher, Claire Walsh, Sarah Butler, Rachel Dowling, Noelle Maher, Niamh Dowling, Miriam Walsh, Sinéad Quigley, Olivia Maher, Leandra Pollard, Anna-Marie Young, Lorraine Maher, Subs. Patricia Mullally, Mary Glennon, Clodagh Young, Gemma Doyle, Alice Butler, Aideen Kenny, Niamh Joyce, Alibhine Gaffney, Clodagh Kenny, Mary Hoyme.

**MOONCOIN:** Ellen Crowley, Sarah Crowley, Hannah Ryan, Aisling Walsh, Sarah Kearns, Kay Quinn, Paula Phelan, Deirdre Connolly, Gina Henneberry, Siobhán Delahunty, Emma Henneberry, Margaret Grace, Laura Wall, Eleanor Walsh, Kim Kelly, Subs. Eithne Connolly, Siobhán Brennan, Shauna Walsh, Gina O'Hanlon, Samantha Foran, Evelyn Rowe.

##### COILLTE DEV. SQUADS DAY OUT IN CROKE PARK

While thousands descended on Dublin city on Bank holiday Monday 26th October to participate in the Dublin City Marathon, camogie players from around the country made their way to the 'Theatre of Dreams' that is Croke Park to participate in what may be a once in a life time opportunity to play on the hallowed turf. In total eight counties participated, Kilkenny were joined by Limerick, Cork, Donegal, Wicklow, Mayo and Kildare. Prior to this day, each of the eight counties ran a six week development squad programme for a squad of 30 under 14 players in their respective counties. Teams arrived early on Monday. The Kilkenny squad departed Kieran's College at 7.45am. On arrival in Croke Park the squads started their day with an address from Joan O'Flynn, President of

Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael. Mary O'Connor, Director of Camogie development followed and she spoke to the players and parents present, emphasising to all that the day in Croke Park should be cherished and it was not about winning but participating and most of all about having fun. All squads then paraded onto the field in lines behind a lone piper whose sole aim was to recreate the excitement that players feel on All-Ireland Day parading behind the band onto Croke Park.

Many parents took the advantage of the bank holiday to come see their daughters play and this crowd created a wonderful atmosphere of excitement as the girls paraded onto the field. All players then proudly faced the flag and stood to attention for the National Anthem. The day then for each county consisted of a combination of playing two games each of Croke Park (full length), a Museum Tour, Indoor Wall Ball Session and talks from inter county players; focusing on "how to reach your potential and the effects of nutrition on playing performance". The girls literally had the run of Croke Park for the day.

The referees for the day were youngsters Caitriona O'Connor, Tipperary and Niamh Cagney, Limerick. Both ladies completed Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Green Card Course organised for second level students who were interested in taking up refereeing. The day came to a conclusion with each of the girls receiving a certificate presented to them in the Hogan Stand by the president of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, Joan O'Flynn with the assistance of the Coillte representative Tom Byrne, whose sponsorship is greatly appreciated for this programme. Each team in their turns got to walk up the steps in Hogan stand to receive their certificates. The Kilkenny squad were second to walk up the steps and this was one of the highlights of the day for the girls. Each team also received hurleys, sliotars, cones and hoodies for their squads participation in the programme by sponsors Coillte.

All the girls then got on their buses to make the trip home and although many had very long journeys ahead of them. It didn't seem so daunting when they realised how lucky they were to be chosen to play on this very special day for Camogie in Croke Park. Kilkenny stopped off in McDonald's for a well deserved treat, and sang their way home. It may be in later years when each player realises how lucky they were. Hopefully many of them will aspire to gracing the sod again in their future playing careers.

Apart from their trip to Croke Park the Kilkenny Under 14 Development Squad also participated in a blitzes organised by Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael, one in Cork in July and one in Thomastown on the morning of the camogie semi finals. They were also part of Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael celebrations to commemorate the 125 years celebrations of the G.A.A.'s on the pitch at half time of the camogie semi finals in August.

Development Squad Coaches for Kilkenny were Carolyn O'Dowd (Blacks & Whites), Noelle O'Driscoll (Lisdowney), Catherine Neary (James Stephens), Bridget Barnaville (Lisdowney).





**St Lachtain's - County Senior Camogie Champions 2009**

**Back:** Mairead Costelloe, Sinead Connery, Ann Dalton, Aine Connery, Deirdre Delaney, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Claire Dermody, Anife Fitzpatrick, Jillian Dillon Maher, Lydia Fitzpatrick, Kae Maher, Yvonne McGrath, Maureen Walsh, Damien Cleere, Sheila Dowling.  
**Front:** Sinead Cash, Esther Costelloe, Imelda Kennedy, Aine Curran, Lorraine Cass, Mairiga Nolan, Fiona Dowling (Capt), Marie O'Connor, Mairead Lawlor, Paula Murphy, Emma Maher, Aine Phelan, Maura Costelloe.



**Dicksboro - County Junior 'A' Camogie Champions 2009.**

**Back:** Tom O'Donoghue, Phil Hogan, Claire Nolan, Helen Byrne, Cathy Bergin, Siobhain Healy, Eimear Skelton, Andrea Ryan, Anife Walsh, Eimear Walsh, Sorcha Fennelly, Hilda Butler, Sonia Buggy, Sinead Maher, Annemarie Hogan, Orla Harrick, Niamh O'Connor, Noelle Corrigan, Aisling O'Grady, Emer Tynan, Jim Kerwick.  
**Front:** Nicola Tynan-Doyle, Emer Kelly, Sarah Bawle, Briona Hamilton, Jenny Dillon, Mairead Dowling, Niamh Kelly, Aine Maher, Niamh O'Donoghue, Sarah Kennedy, Geraldine Kelly, Lisa Harrick, Mascot: Rory O'Connor.



**Tullaroan - Junior 'B' Champions 2009**

**Back:** Mary Ellen Butler, Clodagh Young, Mary Hoyle, Mary Glennon, Gemma Doyle, Sarah Butler, Noreen Delaney, Leandra Pollard, Aileen Kenny, Niamh Joyce, Ailbhe Gaffney, Elaine Maher, Alice Butler, Rachel Dowling, Matthew Butler (manager).  
**Front:** Anna-Marie Young, Olivia Maher, Grace Walsh, Niamh Dowling, Lorraine Maher, Claire Walsh, Sinead Quigley, Noelle Maher, Miriam Walsh, Patricia Mullally, Clodagh Kenny.



**St Brigid's Callan - 2009 Senior A Camogie All Ireland Winners**

**Back:** Ellis Kennedy, Emma Boland, Aine Manning, Lisa Carey, Claire Bambrick, Joanne Cody, Jennifer Cunningham, Edel Frisby, Laura Dunne.  
**Middle:** Jodi Henderson, Laura Woodcock, Niamh Phelan, Rachel Dowling, Mairead Power, Katie O'Farrell, Eleanor Lacey, Doreann Mackey, Sarah Mockler, Rachel Hogan, Louise Dunne.  
**Front:** Clara Holden, Anna Farrell, Kate McDonald, Denise Gaule (Captain), Alison Walsh (Vice-Captain), Laura Walker, Shelly Farrell, Niamh Dowling.

It's a real test of any team putting back-to-back titles together, but St Brigid's Senior Camogie team provided all the answers when the hard questions were asked on March 13th last. Under the management of Noelle O'Driscoll and Principal Pat Power, the St Brigid's girls travelled to Drom & Inch and following a tremendous battle with the highly rated Portumna Community School team, retained the Corn Scelge.

St Brigid's campaign began back in October when the girls defeated Castlecomer Community School, Loreto Wexford and Borris Vocational school. This set the scene for a Leinster Final pairing with the talented Loreto Kilkenny team which had won a Junior All-Ireland in 2007. Despite dreadful underfoot conditions, the Callan girls emerged victorious with a 3-6 to 2-2 scoreline.

Christ The King school in Cork were the opponents in the All-Ireland Semi Final, and St Brigid's had to pull out all the stops to draw that game. However, even a journey to Mahon in Cork City didn't deter the Callan girls and no chances were taken this time round with a well deserved victory coming our way. 6-6 to 2-6.

And so the scene was set for the All-Ireland Final against Portumna Community School. St Brigid's trailed by two points at half time but a powerful second half performance saw them turn the tables on the Galway girls. Laura Walker was outstanding throughout the game. Her quick reflexes were tested time and time again. Her full back line of Aine Manning, Lion hearted Alison Walsh and Danesfort star Laura Dunne kept the Portumna forwards at bay. The half back line of Edel Frisby (who missed last years campaign due to a cruciate ligament injury) Mairead Power who was inspirational throughout the campaign and hard working Lisa Carey were a robust defence against the attacking Portumna side.

At centre field Jennifer Cunningham and Anna Farrell were a formidable pair. Anna worked tirelessly and covered a huge amount of ground helping out the defence as well as delivering long range balls to the forwards. Jennifer played her best game of the season and troubled the opponents time and time again. Our captain Denise Gaule certainly broke the westerners heart with her great athleticism and accuracy. Her yield of 1-9 was hugely significant. Louise Dunne, Clara Holden and Niamh Phelan did trojan work to keep the ball in the Callan forward line. Niamh Dowling's work rate was brilliant and she was rewarded with a great point. Shelly Farrell tormented the Portumna defence and caused them no end of problems. She was at the end of a move that resulted in a penalty and scored a gem of a point herself.

The biggest cheer of the day came with the introduction of Kate McDonald. Kate also suffered a cruciate injury but in spite of this serious set back, she never missed a training session and no girl deserves a medal more. With the full time whistle sounding, the St Brigid's loyal supporters stormed the pitch and amidst great cheers



Mr. Noel Kelly, Irish Pride (Sponsor) presenting trophy to Denise Gaule, Captain of St Brigid's victorious Camogie Team. Also present are Ms. Noelle O'Driscoll, Edel Frisby, Kate McDonald, Alison Walsh, Katie O'Farrell, Doreann Mackey, Louise Dunne and Mr. Pat Power (Principal).

and jubilation, proud captain Denise Gaule received the trophy. A team is no good without a strong panel and the Callan subs played their own part in this fantastic victory. Leaving Cert Doreann Mackey and Katie O'Farrell, Fifth Years Sarah Mockler, Joanne Cody, Laura Woodcock, Eleanor Lacey, Claire Bambrick and Jodi Henderson, Transition Years Emma Boland and Eibhlis Kennedy and Junior Cert Rachel Hogan all contributed greatly to the win. Rachael Dowling who played the first few league games was unfortunately to be hit with a virus which prevented her from playing but never kept her away from the trainings.

All in all it was a tremendous season for the girls. This magnificent team conceded 8-32, yet scored an incredible 21-78, which is surely testament to their unswerving dedication and focus. Training began back in September and continued on during both term time and holiday time in all types of weather.

Another huge bonus for the team was the fantastic support it received from families, staff and students alike. Whether it was braving the elements in Killmanagh, or travelling to Cork for the All-Ireland Semi Final along with cheering on the girls in Drom & Inch the support and encouragement was incredible and certainly aided the girls in their campaign. This surely augers well for the future! CALLAN ABU!!

It was with great delight that St Brigid's Senior Camogie Team received THE HOTEL KILKENNY/KILKENNY PEOPLE SPORTS STAR OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH. Captain Denise Gaule, Vice Captain Alison Walsh, along with Coach Ms. Noelle O'Driscoll and Deputy Principal Ms. Carmel Broderick attended a presentation luncheon where Mr. Michael Griffin made the presentation to the school. This was a tremendous honour for both the team and the school.



# Five Camogie All Star Awards for Kilkenny



Kilkenny players, from left, Jacqui Frisby, Anne Dalton, Katie Power, Aoife Neary and Elaine Aylward with their Camogie All-Star awards and Joan O'Flynn, President of the Camogie Association.  
2009 Camogie All-Stars Awards.  
Pat Murphy / SPORTSFILE



Denise Gaul, Kilkenny, is presented with her O'Neills Young Player of the Year award by Paul Brady, three times World Handball Champion, and Joan O'Flynn, President of the Camogie Association, and Mary Hanafin T.D., Minister for Social and Family Affairs.  
2009 Camogie All-Stars Awards.  
Pat Murphy / SPORTSFILE



Loreto Kilkenny - All-Ireland Colleges' Junior A Camogie Champions 2009

Back: Gerry Bolger (Manager), Fionnuala Quinlan (Young Irelands), Stacey Nugent (Graigue-Ballycallan), Sarah Hennessy (Dicksboro), Ciara Byrne (Clara), Rosin O'Neill (Danesfort), Clodagh Power (Freshford), Tara Hogan (Graigue-Ballycallan), Minam Walsh (Tullaroan), Anna Buggy (Freshford), Marie Doherty (Graigue-Ballycallan), Brendan Williams (Manager).

Front: Orla Hanrick (Dicksboro), Dervla Gannon (Lisdowney), Sarah-Ann Quinlan (Young Irelands), Emma Comerford (Young Irelands), Grace Walsh (Tullaroan) (Captain), Aisling Curtis (Clara), Tracy Brennan (Lisdowney), Kate Holland (Lisdowney), Noelle Maher (Tullaroan), Katie Doherty (Freshford).

Middle: Aoife Murphy (Lisdowney), Sonia Buggy (Dicksboro), Eva Maher (Dicksboro), Rachel Lynch (Dicksboro), Isabel Robinson (Clara), Niamh O'Connor (Dicksboro), Orla Ryan (Graigue-Ballycallan), Lydia Fitzpatrick (Freshford), Claire Phelan (Lisdowney), Sarah Dunphy (Graigue-Ballycallan), Amy Bryan (O'Loughlin Gaels), Maureen Walsh (Freshford).



# Camogie aim is to raise the bar

by C  il  n Duffy

THE Camogie Association aims to have over 60,000 people at their 2015 All-Ireland Camogie Finals and to increase its membership base by 40% over the next five years.

Those ambitions along with a new set of rules and a development plan for the next five years were the key items for debate at the annual Congress of Cumann Camogai  chta na nGael in Newbridge, Co. Kildare at the weekend.

"Camogie — our game, our passion" was launched by Camogie President Joan O'Flynn on Saturday and contains a 52-page blueprint for the association until 2015.

The 'roadmap' for camogie aims to concentrate on five strategic priorities of growing participation; improving performance; supporting volunteer development and leadership; enhancing camogie's profile and achieving excellent governance and organisational development.

O'Flynn says that the plan shows the strong ambition of the association going forward.

"Our Game Our Passion" shows how we will work energetically to achieve our ambition for this and future generations of camogie. This development plan is about pioneering ways to give mothers, daughters, sisters and families greater opportunities to be involved in our national game. I'm confident we have captured that pioneering spirit in this Development Plan."

But O'Flynn is fully aware that the plan will have to have the full backing of members from grassroots to the top level in order for it to be implemented effectively.

"It will take all of us working together to make sure it is achievable. By listening to each other, respecting each other, supporting each other we'll find strength in unity. By combining our talent, our skill and our wisdom we'll achieve much more."

GAA President Christy Cooney also addressed delegates, and paid particular attention to the issue of integration, which he believes will be fully addressed before the end of 2010. He said: "We will, this year, complete the process and complete the optimum in the way our associations work together."



Joan O'Flynn: launched blueprint for association.



Two new names were added to the GAA Player of the Month Awards list as towering Dublin midfielder Eamonn Fennell and Galway hurling's high scoring Iarla Tannian became the first 2010 recipients of the awards, sponsored by Vodafone. The ceremony also saw the two leading ladies from last year's camogie and ladies football seasons, Kilkenny's Anne Dalton and Cork's Angela Walsh, respectively, honoured with their 2009 Player of the Year awards. At the awards are, from right, Kilkenny camogie star Anne Dalton, Galway hurler Iarla Tannian, Dublin's Eamonn Fennell, and Cork ladies footballer Angela Walsh. Picture: Brian Lawless / SPORTSFILE

Meanwhile the camogie Rule Book is set for a major overhaul in the coming months.

Among the new rules are a name change for the association to 'An Cumann Camogai  chta'; a revised structure for transfers, hearings and disciplinary matters; the incorporation of delegates from primary and secondary schools into county boards; the composition of Ard Chomhairle and the safeguarding of children.

Workshops will be held in Dublin, Tullamore, Armagh and Waterford during April, with a view to getting feedback on the new rules, which are set to be voted upon at a special congress on May 22nd.

Delegates also overwhelmingly backed the compulsory wearing of helmets and face guards for adult players from 2011 by a 68-2 margin. All clubs are now obliged to purchase three All-Ireland camogie final tickets instead of two, and a new All-Ireland Club Intermediate championship will be introduced this year.

It was also confirmed that the 2011 Camogie Congress will take place in Belfast on March 25 and 26.

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BERNIE O'DOWD, JOAN O'FLYNN, LISA CARROLL AND SINEAD O'CONNOR



Loreto Kilkenny - All-Ireland Colleges' 7-a-side Roinn A Camogie Champions 2009 - 4 in a row winners  
Back: Gerry Bolger (Manager), Sarah-Ann Quinlan (Young Ireland), Lydia Fitzpatrick (Freshford), Rachel Lynch (Dicksboro), Miriam Walsh (Tullaroan), Brendan Williams (Manager).  
Front: Sonia Buggy (Dicksboro), Kate Holland (Lisdowney), Aoife Murphy (Lisdowney), Claire Phelan (Lisdowney) (Captain), Noelle Maher (Tullaroan), Orla Hanrick (Dicksboro)

## LORETO CONVENT KILKENNY

The Loreto Junior Camogie team won the Junior A All Ireland Colleges title for the second time ever in March 2009. They beat Col  iste Bhr  de Enniscorthy in the Leinster final, Charleville in the all Ireland semi-final and St Patrick's (Maghera) in their All Ireland final. Grace Walsh captained the winning side, also winning her second All Ireland title in this grade.

The Loreto seven-a-side Camogie team won the All Ireland title for the fourth time in a row in October. They beat Callan in the Leinster final and St Patrick's (Maghera), St Kilian's (New Land), in the All Ireland series and Blackwater Community School (Lismore) in the final. Claire Phelan was a member of all four winning teams. Aoife Murphy and Noelle Maher won their third medals while Kate Holland, Orla Hanrick and Lydia Fitzpatrick won their second.

## CAMOGIE

All-Ireland Colleges Junior C Championship final replay: Presentation College Thurles 6-11 Grennan College Kilkenny 1-3.



# Camogie recognition for 'Herald'

**U** ACHTARÁN Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Joan O'Flynn presented the Roscommon Herald with its best provincial newspaper coverage of camogie award at Camogie Congress in Newbridge on Saturday night last.

In association with RTÉ, the

awards acknowledge the invaluable contribution of national and regional media and volunteers towards the promotion of the Association.

Camogie Association President Joan O'Flynn paid special tribute to this year's winners.

"I am delighted to thank and congratulate all the entries for

their work in promoting camogie. The eight winners produced outstanding coverage in print, radio, web, TV and sports photography at local and national level," she explained.

"We all rely on the media for information and knowledge of what is happening around us. Similarly, so with sport. More cov-

erage of camogie will help to give recognition to our players as sporting equals and as sporting role models. This is a key priority for camogie over the next six years when we will strive to work with the media to enhance further the public profile of our national game and its stars," she continued.

In presenting the Roscommon Herald with its best provincial newspaper award, Ms O'Flynn said that the Herald had received the award for "its outstanding coverage of the Roscommon camogie club and intercounty scene including the county's All-Ireland winning championship feats."

## CAMOGIE NOTES:

## Gaels get the better of Oran

THE results from the fourth round of the U-14 championship were: Roscommon Gaels 3-3 Oran 2-0; Padraig Pearces 0-0, St. Dominic's 0-0; Four Roads 3-2, Tulsk 0-0.

Round Five fixtures are Athleague v Roscommon Gaels; St. Dominic's v Oran; Padraig Pearces v Tulsk; Four Roads a bye.

Spring League results: Four Roads 2-7, Oran 1-4; Athleague 3-15, St. Dominic's 1-4.

Round Two Fixtures: At Rockfield: Oran v Na Brideoga, 6.15 p.m.; Four Roads v St. Dominic's.

The Roscommon U-16 team play Louth in Louth on Saturday next

at a time and venue to be confirmed. Players will be contacted regarding training/match.

National Congress took place in Newbridge, County Kildare last weekend. Helmets will be compulsory from January 1st, 2011.

There will be an intermediate club championship with counties being graded according to their county status.

Congratulations to the Roscommon Herald on winning the Best Provincial newspaper coverage for camogie. The award was presented at the Congress Banquet on Saturday night.



Joan O'Flynn, Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael President, presents the camogie award for best provincial coverage in 2009 to Martin Wynne, 'Roscommon Herald' at last Saturday's Congress in The Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, County Kildare. Also pictured is Maeve Healy, Roscommon Camogie Board Secretary; Marie O'Brien, Roscommon Camogie Board Vice-Chairperson; Geraldine Beattie Greene, Roscommon Camogie Board Chairperson and Marion Conway, Roscommon Camogie Board Treasurer. Pic: Caroline Quinn

## Inniscarra point their way to victory and claim first trophy

**Inniscarra** 0-10  
**Douglas** 1-3

INNISCARRA annexed their first Senior Camogie trophy when they captured the Ballincollig Flood lit tournament trophy at the expense of Douglas in an exciting final.

In a close fought contest the accuracy of Joanne Casey from frees was to be crucial to Inniscarra's cause as she hit seven of her tally from frees.

Despite Inniscarra enjoying plenty of first half possession it was Douglas led at the break 1-2 to 0-4, two pointed Katriona Mackey frees and a goal from Jenny O'Donovan gave Douglas their half time advantage after Rena Buckley and Joanne Casey had kept Inniscarra in touch with points.

Inniscarra started the second half well with Casey getting them on level terms inside two minutes and firing over two points they led. Douglas battled hard but they failed to break down the solid



Paul Healy, Ballincollig Credit Union vice chairman, presenting the Ballincollig Senior Camogie Invitational Tournament Trophy to Inniscarra captain Mary Buckley after they overcame Douglas.

Inniscarra defence, up front Joanne Casey and K O Mahony hit an Inniscarra point as they increased the pressure on the Douglas defence.

Jenny O'Donovan struck a Douglas point late in the game, but on the night it was a much focused Inniscarra who took the tournament trophy which was sponsored by Ballincollig Credit Union.

**Inniscarra:** S Ni Rialain; M Buckley (C); L Hayes; K Jones; A Kavanagh; R O'Mahony; E Kingston; R Buckley; J Casey; M Cosgrave; K O'Mahony; T McCarthy; A O'Connor; A Twohig; C Sheehan. Scorers: J Casey 0-8 (0-4 45" 0-3), R Buckley, K O'Mahony 0-1 each.

**Douglas:** J Kavanagh; S Long; M O'Donovan; E Jordan (c); S Duggan; P Mackey; C Lynch; H O'Mahony; T McCarthy; Aileen O'Donovan; C Clarke; K Mackey; R O'Sullivan; Aine O'Donovan; J O'Donovan. Subs: S O'Regan for S Long; J White for H O'Mahony; J Kelleher for C Clarke; O Curtin for Jenny O'Donovan. Scorers: K Mackey 0-3, Jenny O'Donovan 1-0.

## Herald scoops top camogie award ...



Joan O'Flynn, Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael President, presents the camogie award for best provincial newspaper coverage in 2009 to Martin Wynne, Roscommon Herald, at last Saturday's Congress in The Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, County Kildare. Pic: Caroline Quinn

## Strong Pres display spells grief for Grennan

**Presentation**  
**Thurles** .....6-11  
**Grennan College** .1-3

ALL the heroics of their All-Ireland final comeback, where they rallied from 11 points down, were washed away as Grennan College, Thomastown, crashed to Presentation, Thurles in the junior 'C' replay on Saturday.

Just as in the drawn game the Thomastown girls played into the breeze in the first half. And, just like the drawn game, they were ten points behind at the interval, trailing a hungry Thurles outfit by 1-9 to 0-2.

Backed by the breeze after the restart Thomastown had strong hopes of scoring their way back into the game, but they were left facing defeat

when Marianne Murphy grabbed a quick goal to all but hand the title to Thurles.

Further second-half goals from Murphy, Sarah Fryday, Andrea Loughnane and a deflected shot added to Grennan College's misery.

The Grennan girls refused to throw in the towel, but a recovery was beyond their best efforts. Driven on by Kelly Hamil-

ton, the inter-county player tried her best to inspire her colleagues, but the game was beyond them.

Grennan had other noble performers in the game. Sophie Kavanagh was solid corner-back, while full-back Niamh Quigley gave a tireless performance while also keeping her opponent scoreless. Meghan Farrell did well, making plenty of surging runs during the



## Banagher Girls Overwhelmed By Slick Thurles Side

Thursday, 11 March 2010

All-Ireland Colleges Senior 'C' Camogie Final; Presentation Thurles 3-19. Banagher College 1-1.

Banagher College's dreams of capturing All-Ireland camogie honours were shattered when they were overwhelmed by a slick and skilful Presentation Thurles side in the final played at sunny Toomevara on Saturday last.



Despite the best efforts of a gallant Banagher side, they simply had no answer against a powerful Thurles side, who took control of the game from the very start and never looked in danger of being beaten. They were fast and skilful and they troubled Banagher from the opening minutes of the game. In truth, Presentation looked too strong for the 'C' grade and would surely have been in the running for honours if they were playing at a higher level. They won the Munster final beating Youghal by 2-16 to 1-3, beat Seamount Kinvara by 3-11 to 1-1 in the All-Ireland semi-final and followed up with Saturday's big win over Banagher, so clearly they were head and shoulders above the other schools in this grade. In contrast Banagher won the Leinster Final by a four point margin and needed a replay before winning their All-Ireland semi-final by a single goal. The Thurles side also featured Tipperary county senior players Cait Devane and Emma Carey, the latter who has been on that panel for the last three years, and that quality was evident throughout the game as they caused countless problems for the Offaly side.

Thurles missed a number of early chances but once they got in for their opening goal after eight minutes, that seemed to settle them and they quickly added a string of points and by the middle of the half were 1-8 to 0-0 in front. Already it was an uphill task for Banagher but they got the boost of a goal after 19 minutes but unfortunately were unable to add to that and further points from Thurles late in the half helped them to a 1-13 to 1-0 half time lead.

After a slow start to the second half any hopes of a dramatic Banagher comeback were quenched when Thurles goaled after six minutes. Banagher had their lone point of the game shortly after that, but from there on Thurles gradually extended their lead and put the icing on the cake with a third goal late in the game.

Banagher gave it their all but on the day they simply had to give best to a better team. However it was admirable the way the Banagher girls kept fighting right to the end. Trailing by such a big margin, many teams would have thrown in the towel, but these Banagher girls just kept going, particularly in defence, and it was a pity that their efforts did not receive greater reward on the day.

Thurles were a fine side and it would be interesting from their own point of view to see how they would have fared against the teams in a higher grade. Cait Devane, sister of Tipperary hurler John, led the way from the centre half forward position. She covered a huge amount of ground, often helping out back in defence, while her speed in attack helped create a lot of openings.

Either side of her Sarah Fryday and Andrea Loughnane provided huge support, and the three of them accounted for 1-16 of the Thurles total, 1-12 of that from play. They took their scores well and their link up play and handpassing was very effective.

However, Thurles were also guilty of some bad shooting and amassed a total of 16 wides over the hour. While it showed a further measure of their superiority, it could have cost them in a tighter contest.

Banagher have had a great run to get to this final and they can take some pride in that fact. It may not have worked out for them on the day but it is a great

achievement to get to an All-Ireland Final and they played their part in the game. Goalkeeper Niamh Mooney made some great saves and was unlucky to be beaten for a couple of the goals. In defence Sile Dolan had a fine game at full back while Sorcha McGarry and sub Clodagh Cahill also played their hearts out. Claire Camon and Michelle Dolan fought hard in the middle of the field while in attack Jennifer Flannery, Helen Dolan and Alva Egan never stopped trying. Shauna Brett, Emily O'Brien and Rosemarie Hanafin played well in the Thurles rearguard. Emma Carey and Clodagh Quirke were on top in the middle of the field while in attack Cait Devane, Sarah Fryday, Andrea Loughnane and Cliona O'Dwyer all took their scores very well.

After an early wide Presentation Thurles opened the scoring in the second minute when Cait Devane pointed a free. Three more wides followed before Devane pointed another free after six minutes.

The opening goal came after eight minutes. A high ball from Emma Carey was well caught by Michaela Graham, who turned and made ground before finishing expertly to the net. That seemed to lift Thurles and from the puck out Sarah Fryday won the ball and went through and pointed on the run. Andrea Loughnane quickly followed with another point and Cait Devane fired over another from well out the field. Thurles were completely on top and Cait Devane slotted over two more with a further point from Andrea Loughnane to leave them ahead by 1-8 to 0-0 after 15 minutes.

Helen Dolan was wide from a Banagher free but after 19 minutes she had another opportunity from a 35m free and the ball landed in the top corner of the net for a Banagher goal. It was the lift they needed but they weren't able to add to that score. Andrea Loughnane took a good pass from Sarah Fryday to point for Thurles and Michaela Graham had a chance of a second goal but was well hooked. Cait Devane and Cliona O'Dwyer fired over two points each, whilst they also hit a further five wides in the latter stages of the half, to send them in at the interval leading by 1-13 to 1-0.

The opening six minutes of the second half remained scoreless as Banagher fought to try and get back into the game but they were knocked back after six minutes when Thurles scored their second goal. Marianne Murphy and Michaela Graham combined to set up the opportunity for Sarah Fryday but her initial effort was well saved by Niamh Mooney. However Fryday managed to get to the rebound and forced it over the line. Cait Devane added another point from a '45'.

Banagher got their only score of the half when Helen Dolan played the ball up the right wing to Alva Egan and she scored a lovely point. Scores weren't as free flowing in the second half and over the following 14 minutes Thurles only added three points through Cait Devane (free) and two from Sarah Fryday.

With seven minutes left they struck for their third goal. Sarah Fryday had her effort well saved by Niamh Mooney but Marianne Murphy pounced to steer the rebound to the net. Murphy added another point before Sarah Fryday rounded off the scoring with another point in the final minute.

It was an emphatic win for Thurles but Banagher can take credit for fighting all the way.

Scorers: Presentation Thurles; Cait Devane (0-9, 0-3 frees, 0-1 '45'), Sarah Fryday (1-4), Marianne Murphy (1-1), Andrea Loughnane (0-3), Michaela Graham (1-0), Cliona O'Dwyer (0-2).

Banagher College; Helen Dolan (1-0, free), Alva Egan (0-1).

PRESENTATION THURLES: Elaine Devane; Claire Walsh, Shauna Brett, Bernie Bergin; Emily O'Brien, Rosemarie Hanafin, Eithne Moran; Emma Carey, Clodagh Quirke; Sarah Fryday, Cait Devane, Andrea Loughnane; Cliona O'Dwyer, Michaela Graham, Beatrice Canovas. Subs: Marianne Murphy (for Beatrice Canovas, 35 mins), Karen Bohan (for Bernie Bergin, 46 mins), Aoibhin Ryan (for Michaela Graham, 49 mins), Aine Symons (for Andrea Loughnane, 52 mins), Kora Kerrane (for Clodagh Quirke, 52 mins).

BANAGHER COLLEGE: Niamh Mooney (Drumcullen); Sorcha McGarry (Lusmagh), Sile Dolan (St Rynagh's), Niamh Larkin (Lusmagh); Clare Keenaghan (Lusmagh), Aoife Brady (Lorrha), Colette Cleary (Lorrha); Claire Camon (St Rynagh's), Michelle Dolan

(St Rynagh's); Tracy Lyons (Kiltormer), Jennifer Flannery (St Rynagh's), Leanne Kelly (Lusmagh); Helen Dolan (St Rynagh's), Alva Egan (Lorrha), Rhona Lynch (Lusmagh). Subs: Clodagh Cahill (Lusmagh) (for Clare Keenaghan, 16 mins), Aoife Dolan (Kiltormer) (for Rhona Lynch, half time), Tara Dooley (St Rynagh's) (for Niamh Larkin, 56 mins).

REFEREE: Mike O'Kelly (Cork).

### CAMOGIE

#### MUNSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-final: Tipperary 3-11 (J Horan 1-1, C Grogan 0-8 (4fs, 1 '45), M Shortt, N Flanagan 0-1 each) Cork 2-5 (D Cronin 1-1, K Mackey 1-0, G O'Connor, J White, R Moloney (f), S Burns 0-1 each)

#### ALL-IRELAND U16 CHAMPIONSHIP

##### 'A' Division

Kilkenny 3-12 (C Holden 2-3 (0-1), O Hanrick 1-2 (1-1), A Kinsella 0-3, L Fitzpatrick, A Bryon, K Mulholland, M Walsh 0-1 each) Wexford 1-2 (L Doran 1-0, M Claire, S Sinnott 0-1 '45 each)

Tipperary 6-7 (A Ryan 2-3 (0-2), M Graham 2-0, T Kennedy 1-2, M Ryan 1-0, C Mc Grath 0-2 (0-1), Clare 0-2 (L Mc Mahon 0-1, V Loughnane 0-1 '45)

Galway 7-14 (M Brehony 4-1, R Monaghan 1-2 (0-1), A O'Reilly 1-1, A Dolan 1-0, R Hennessey 0-4 (2f, 1 '45), O Mc Grath 0-3, S Skehill, L Hynes, L Farrell 0-1 each) Dublin 2-9 (C Mc Donnell 1-2, S Courtney 1-0, C Berkeley 0-7 (6f))

##### 'B' Division

Limerick 7-15 (E Mullane, K Carroll 3-1 each, M Mc Mahon 1-6 (0-4), R De Lee 0-4, N Carney 0-2, A Kennedy 0-1)

Offaly 0-4 (E Mooney 0-3f, C Mc Garry 0-1)

Waterford 8-8 (R Geoghegan 5-2, E Fennell 2-2, A Cahillane 1-0, A Mc Carthy, V O'Brien, A Hannon, D Flynn 0-1 each) Laois 1-5 (K O'Neill 1-0, S Burke 0-5 (2f))

Derry v Down, Armagh v Antrim - off.

##### 'C' Division

Tyrone 8-6 (L Fitzgerald 5-3, N Mc Veigh 1-1, M Hogan, A Corr 1-0 each, O Foley 0-2) Cavan 1-3 (L Martin 1-0, S O'Reilly 0-3)

Carlow 3-9 (S Quirke 1-3, S Treacy, M Carroll 1-0 each, S Barcoe 0-2f, K Nolan, S Daly, O Mc Donnell, L Bible 0-1 each)

Kildare 2-2 (S Cummins 1-1, C Ferrins 1-0, L Doran 0-1)

Westmeath v Meath - off.

#### Today

National League Div 2 Gp 1: Waterford v Down, D Ryan (Dublin); Limerick v Galway, Gaelic Grounds 12.0, P Whelan (Waterford)

Gp 2: Offaly v Cork, Banagher 2.0; K O'Brien (Dublin); Kilkenny v Antrim, A O'Brien (Wexford); Tipperary v Derry, A Lafferty (Oldale)

## Brilliant Eire Óg make it U16 double

Eire Óg  
Kilbrittain / Timoleague

6-6  
1-4

EIRE ÓG recorded a double as they added the under 16 C League title for 2009 to their championship crown won earlier in the season defeating Kilbrittain/Timoleague recently. Elaine Scally, who was named player of the match, contributed enormously to the victory hitting 4-4 of the Eire Óg tally.

The opening half was evenly contested Eire Óg took an early lead with points from Elaine Scally and Ruth Murphy, and aided by the breeze they continued to apply pressure as Elaine Scally grabbed a goal.

Kilbrittain battled very hard and hit back with a goal, but with the Eire Óg backline on top they extended their lead with an Orla Hallissey point and goals from Elaine Scally and Ruth Murphy. Kilbrittain came into the game with points from Catriona O'Neill, Laura O'Callaghan and Jennifer Cashman as Eire Óg led 3-3 to 1-4 at the interval.

Kilbrittain worked hard in the

second half but they failed to breach the solid Eire Óg defence who continued to work hard as a unit up front Eire Óg had goals from Ruth Murphy and Elaine Scally to finish the game as a contest.

Kilbrittain battled hard to get something back but with Eire Óg's Elaine Scally adding a goal and three points they could not bridge the gap.

The trophy was presented to Aoife Hennessy the Eire Óg captain by Mary O'Sullivan, vice chairman of the Juvenile Camogie Board.

Eire Óg: Eimear Scally; A Hennessy, (c) S Murray, S Hutchinson; G Hutchinson, E Crowley, A Barry; A Murphy, M Ellen Desmond; O Meaney, J Boyle, O Hallissey, R Murphy, Elaine Scally, L O' Shea. Subs: A Gleeson for L O' Shea (25), A Lyons for S Murray, (33), S O' Mahony for O Hallissey (55), N Elliott for A Gleeson (58). Scorers: E Scally 4-4, R Murphy 2-1, and O Hallissey 0-1.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague: L Moloney; E Kearney, G O'Brien, M Hodnett; N Moloney, S Moloney, L Nyhan; C Harte, D O'Mahony; M O'Donovan J Cashman, E Wall, C O'Neill, C O'Donovan, L O'Callaghan, Sub: C Murphy for C O'Donovan, E O'Neill for C O'Neill, A O'Leary for M Hodnett. Scorers: C O'Neill 1-1, C O'Donovan 1-0, L O'Callaghan 0-2, J Cashman, D O' Mahony 0-1 each.

Referee: Ger Sheehan (Douglas).

## Clonakilty edge out Newtownshandrum

Clonakilty  
Newtownshandrum

2-11  
2-4

CLONAKILTY advanced to the Intermediate league final of 2009 with a victory over Newtownshandrum last weekend in a close contest.

Sharon Whelton helped lay the foundations for victory in the first half with three pointed frees and a goal from play while Hannah Coughlan and Juanita Brennan pointed. Before the break a Sinead O'Neill goal helped Clonakilty maintain their lead as they held a 2-5 to 2-1 interval lead.

Newtownshandrum were well in contention with Paula O'Connor Becky Ryan and Mariah Reidy on the score sheet as they worked hard to stay in contention against a strong Clonakilty side that earlier in the season took the county championship title.

Through the second half the sides exchanged scores as Clonakilty held the advantage. Sharon Whelton Sinead O'Neill and Juanita Brennan each pointed twice as Newtownshandrum worked hard to stay in contention. However, in the finish the county championship were that little bit sharper as they qualified for the final when they will meet Fr O'Neills.

Clonakilty: L Daly; N O'Donovan, S O'Brien, A M Moyley; A McCarthy, A Kearns, H O'Regan; C O'Mahony, S O'Neill; M O'Donovan, J Brennan, C Nagle; E O'Donoghue, S Whelton, H Coughlan, Subs: A O' Hea for L Daly, K O'Brien for H Coughlan, S O'Donovan for E O'Donoghue, A O'Neill for A M Moyley, N O'Donovan for C O'Mahony. Scorers: S Whelton 1-5, S O'Neill 1-2, J Brennan 0-3, H Coughlan 0-1.

Newtownshandrum: Marie O'Connor; S Curtin, E Reidy, E Moran; A Doyle, N Bowles, Michelle O'Connor; M Reidy, S Reidy, P O'Connor; M Doyle, E Coughlan, B Ryan, F Twomey. Subs: C Horgan for M Doyle. Scorers: P O'Connor 1-2, B Ryan 1-0, M Reidy 0-2.



# Rebels taste defeat at hands of rivals

By MARY NEWMAN

Munster camogie semi-final

**Cork** 2-5  
**Tipperary** 1-11

**TIPPERARY** were full value for their three-point win in Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday evening as they edged out Cork to book their place in the senior provincial decider.

Aided by the strong wind in the opening 30 minutes the visitors laid the foundation for victory. Despite only striking two second-half points, they had done enough to ensure no way back for Cork and on the balance they were deserving of victory.

All over the pitch they were strong. Up front Claire Grogan was again the main target and she ended the game with eight points to her credit with five coming from play.

Team captain Jill Horan and Michelle Shortt hurried well at mid-field and drove Tipp forward putting the Cork defence under huge pressure.

Cork didn't possess the same physical strength as their opponents and while they will be disappointed to have lost out, on the plus side, the display of Gemma O'Connor, in her first competitive game since returning from army duties in Chad, will have pleased them as will the performance of Mary O'Connor who was introduced at half-time, while Elaine O'Riordan again had another good hour in defence.

Minus the services of team captain Orla Cotter and Anna Geary who missed the game because of holidays, Cork will be aware that a huge amount of work remains to be done before championship, but first it's Wexford next Sunday in the national league semi-final and they will provide stiff opposition.

Tipp made good use of the strong wind in the opening half and led at the break 1-9 to 1-2. Michelle Shortt hit the game's opening score inside the opening minute but Katriona Mackey responded with a goal after Rachel Maloney's 45 was batted out into the square by Rosie Kenneally in the Tipp goal.

Cork went 18 minutes without a score as the Tipp defence got on top and they applied huge pressure as Claire Grogan pointed twice to get her side on level before Tipp captain Jill Horan unleashed an unstoppable shot to the net after evading the Cork defence with an excellent solo run.

Now under huge pressure Cork's Aoife Murray had to bring off a superb save to deny Claire Grogan a certain goal and as Cork found the going tough Grogan pointed twice with Noreen Flanagan adding one as the gap was at six points.

Cork switched Gemma O'Connor to midfield and it gave them a bit of strength. Rachel Maloney pointed a free and with Gemma O'Connor striking a long-range effort over the



Cork's Julia White shortens her swing to make a pass as Tipperary's Geraldine Stapleton closes in during their Munster Senior Camogie Championship game at Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday.

Picture: Larry Cummins

bar the lead was down to four points. However three Claire Grogan points without reply saw Tipp head to the dressing room leading by seven points.

Cork played better in the second half but again the lack of physical strength up front was evident as, time and again, Tipperary defenders brushed aside challenges to clear to safety. Three points inside 10 minutes of the restart gave hope of a Cork revival as the gap closed to four points but a solid Tipp defence held their lines under pressure as Cork struck three wides in a row.

Jill Horan and Claire Grogan pointed one each to steady the Tipp nerves and more importantly stretched the lead to six points. With 10 minutes remaining Cork grabbed a lifeline when Rosie Kenneally mis-handled Denise Cronin's long-range shot and it bounced over the line for a much-needed goal.

With just three points in it Cork battled to get on level but the Tipp defence stood firm while at the other end a much steadier Cork defence in the second half were dealing well with whatever came their way.

A minute into injury time Cork substitute Maria Walsh was fouled heading for goal, the resultant 20-metre free was diverted out for a 45, which was also scooped away for a second 45 and Tipp weathered the storm to hold out for a deserving victory.

Cork have a lot of work to do and they know a better performance will be needed against Wexford next weekend but these games are of



Cork's Rachel Moloney breaks through midfield as Tipperary's Noreen Flanagan attempts a hook during their Munster Senior Camogie Championship game at Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday.

Picture: Larry Cummins

huge benefit as preparations continue towards the ultimate goal of championship and the retention of the All-Ireland title.

As for Tipperary, who have a Cork influence in their management courtesy of former Ballincollig hurler Trevor Galvin, they have been steadily improving with every outing and boosted by this victory over Cork they will be ones to watch out for come championship.

The next meeting between the sides will be the opening game of the round-robin series of championship

on June 12 and on the evidence of Saturday a game not to be missed.

**Scorers for Cork:** D Cronin 1-1, K Mackey 1-0, S Burns, J White, G O'Connor, R Moloney (5) 0-1 each.

**Tipperary:** C Grogan 0-8 (0-1 45, 0-26), J Horan 1-1, M Shortt, N Flanagan 0-1 each.

**CORK:** A Murray, J O'Callaghan, C Foley, P Mackey, J Duffy, R Buckley, E O'Riordan, R Moloney, D Cronin, E O'Sullivan, G O'Connor, J O'Leary, J White, S Burns, K Mackey.

**TIPPERARY:** R Kenneally, J Kirwin, T O'Halloran, G Stapleton, M Ryan, S Larkin, J McGrath, M Shortt, J Horan (c), C Hennessy, M Luttrell, N Flanagan, C Devane, C Grogan, N Walsh.

**Referee:** Fintan McNamara (Clare).

## Cork find Offaly too hot to handle

**Offaly** 3-14  
**Cork** 0-10

CORK found an Offaly side, who had already secured their place in the senior division two National League final too much to handle in the last round of the competition in Banagher yesterday writes MARY NEWMAN.

Cork knew a result would not be enough to give them a place in the final shake-up going into the contest, but they battled admirably against last season's All-Ireland junior champions.

Siobhán Flannery proved a handful for the Cork defence hitting an impressive 2-7 from play, while Elaine Darmody struck 1-4 of their tally as they put Cork under pressure from the throw-in.

Aided by the wind in the opening half, Offaly had built up an impressive 1-11 to 0-3 interval lead as Cork battled to get into the game.

Siobhán Flannery struck Offaly's opening goal 10 minutes into the half and with Flannery, Elaine Darmody and Arlene Watkins pointing, they laid the foundations for victory.

They did. Cork showed a huge improvement in the second-half and with the wind in their favour they picked off some excellent points.

Denise Luby, who finished with a tally six points was to the fore, while Samantha Cooney added two points with Linda Dorgan and Charlotte Kearney adding a point each.

However, Offaly added to their tally with goals from Siobhán Flannery and Elaine Darmody to increase their lead even further and break the Cork girls' spirits.

Further points from Arlene Watkins Elaine Darmody and Siobhán Flannery in the closing minutes only rubbed salt into the Cork wounds as Offaly maintained their undefeated run and on this performance it will take a very good team to beat them.

**Scorers for Offaly:** S Flannery 2-7, E Darmody 1-4 (0-36), A Watkins 0-3.

**Cork:** D Luby 0-6 (0-4), 0-1 (45), S Cooney 0-2, C Kearney, L Dorgan 0-1 each.

## CAMOGIE RESULTS

**National League Div 2:** Offaly 3-14 Cork 0-10; Limerick 5-13 Galway 2-6; Derry 3-20 Tipperary 2-6.

**Waterford 3-9 Down 1-9. Munster Senior Championship semi-final:** Tipperary 1-11 Cork 2-5.

**All-Ireland U16 A Championships:** Kilkenny 3-12 Wexford 1-2, Tipperary 6-7 Clare 0-2, Galway 7-14 Dublin 2-9. **B:** Limerick 7-15 Offaly 0-4, Waterford 8-9 Laois 1-5 (Derry v Down, Armagh v Antrim both off). **C:** Tyrone 8-6 Cavan 1-3, Carlow 3-9 Kildare 2-2, (Westmeath v Meath off).

## Fr O'Neill's book place in final with easy win

**Fr O'Neill's** 5-12  
**Mallow** 3-7

FIONA O'DRISCOLL and Mags Finn made a return for Fr O'Neill's as they contested the delayed intermediate league semi-final for 2009 and in a close encounter contest against a determined Mallow they advanced to the final.

Geaoidin Kearney was on target with 1-7 for Fr O'Neill's and she proved a handful for the Mallow defence.

Fr O'Neill's also had Mags Finn

on target with a first half goal as they set the pace. For Mallow Katie Buckley Aoife O'Rourke Faye O'Donoghue and Kathleen O'Brien were to the fore as they stayed the distance in the opening 30 minutes with a Fr O'Neill's side who had Kate Harrington, Fiona O'Driscoll and Nora Ahern prominent.

The sides battled it out through the second half and as Fr O'Neill's began to pull away Mallow worked hard, but with their defence under a lot of pressure as Fr O'Neill's got on top, Evelyn Rohan hit two goals

while Rhiona Abernathy grabbed one to help seal Fr O'Neill's place in the final where they will meet county champions Clonakilty.

**Mallow:** L Hayes, E Linehan, K Mc Auliffe, S Ducey, A O'Rourke, C Coakley, E Coakley, S Coakley, E Forde, J Fitzpatrick, M Byrne, A O'Connor, K Buckley, K O'Brien, F O'Donoghue. Subs: L Healy for M Byrne, S Fitzgerald for F O'Donoghue, L Tanner for S Ducey.

**Fr O'Neill's:** Scores: G Kearney 1-7 (0-4 f), E Rohan 2-0, M Finn, R Abernathy 1-0 each, F O'Driscoll, K Harrington 0-2 each, N Ahern 0-1.

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# Mary is rightly



LINDA MELLERICK

MANY individuals and committees have written their club's history.

It's not an easy task. Sourcing knowledge, memorabilia and statistics, scouring through page after page of yellow, fragile newspapers endeavouring to find even a paragraph that may have been written about your club is not enviable.

Of course when the book goes to print and you affectionately run your hand over the glossy cover, you forget all of that and triumphantly smile.

Imagine the daunting task of being asked to write the history of an association 106-years-old, particularly an association which very little would have been written about in the early stages.

Well that's what Cork's Mary Moran, Kildare's Eoghan Corry and Wexford's Alan Ahern have been asked to undertake. They head up the camogie communications committee and will write *Camogie's Story*.

The story of camogie in chronological order promises to be a fascinating read.

Mary's responsibility is to actually write the story and really there was no other candidate considered. With six camogie manuscripts accomplished to date and an incredible library of information stored in both hard and soft copy, camogie's own Jimmy Magee is unrivalled in her knowledge.

Mary states that she would like to have the book completed while Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael Joan O'Flynn holds office. Joan has another two years of her term to run. "This was something Joan had in mind when she entered office and I'd like to see it completed before she leaves," says Mary.

So what will go into the book? "All the All-Irelands will of course have to go in from 1932. Stories, pictures and statistics, things that both helped and hindered us to develop, the prejudice that was there in the past against women playing sport, rule changes, presidents, everything really that tells the story of camogie's evolution into the wonderful association we have today."

I wonder if there is anyone in the country to have held in their chosen sport as many administrative positions



Maire O'Mahony and Ciara Lynch from Christ King Secondary School show off the Mary Moran Cup. Picture: Larry Cummins

## Kearney powers Fr O'Neill's into final

By MARY NEWMAN  
2009 league semi-final

Fr O'Neill's 5-12  
Mallow 3-7

IT WAS like old times for Fr O'Neill's as two of their most decorated players made a return to the playing fields for their intermediate league semi-final of 2009 against Mallow recently.

Fiona O'Driscoll had made a return in the latter stages of last season's championship and she was joined by Mags Finn for the delayed clash.

In a close encounter the scoreline doesn't reflect Mallow's contribution to the contest as they battle to the finish against a determined Fr O'Neill's whose ability to grab goals proved vital.

Gearóidín Kearney hit 1-7 of Fr O'Neill's total and she proved a handful for the Mallow defence.

The goal came in the first half from a free while Mags Finn also added a first-half goal.

For Mallow Katie Buckley, Aoife O'Rourke, Faye O'Donoghue and Kathleen O'Brien were to the fore as they stayed the distance in the opening 30 minutes with a Fr O'Neill's side who had Kate Harrington, Fiona O'Driscoll and Nora Ahern prominent.

The sides battled it out through the second half and as Fr O'Neill's began to pull away, Mallow worked hard but with their defence under pressure Fr O'Neill's got on top. Evelyn Rohan hit two goals while Rhiona Abernathy grabbed one to help seal Fr O'Neill's place in the final where they will meet county champions Clonakilty.

**Scores for Fr O'Neill's:** G Kearney 1-7 (0-4 f), E Rohan 2-0, M Finn, R Abernathy 1-0 each, F O'Driscoll, K Harrington 0-2 each, N Ahern 0-1.

**Mallow:** K Buckley 2-2, K O'Brien 0-3, A O'Rourke 1-0, F O'Donoghue, J Fitzpatrick 0-1 each.

**MALLOW:** L Hayes, E Linehan, K McAuliffe, S Ducey, A O'Rourke, C Coakley, E Coakley, S Coakley, E Forde, J Fitzpatrick, M Byrne, A O'Connor, K Buckley, K O'Brien, F O'Donoghue. Subs: L Healy for M Byrne, S Fitzgerald for F O'Donoghue, L Tanner for S Ducey.

## County champs make final

Clonakilty 2-11  
Newtownshandrum 2-4

INTERMEDIATE county champions Clonakilty advanced to the league final of 2009 with a hard-fought victory over Newtownshandrum last weekend, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Four points separated the sides at the interval.

Sharon Whelton was on target for Clonakilty with three pointed frees and a goal from play while Hannah Coughlan and Juanita Brennan pointed from play.

Before the break a Sinead O'Neill goal helped Clonakilty maintain a 2-5 to 2-1 interval lead.

Newtownshandrum were well in contention with Paula O'Connor, Becky Ryan and Mariah Reidy on the score sheet as they battled with the strong Clonakilty side.

Through the second half the sides traded scores as Clonakilty held their lead Sharon Whelton, Sinead O'Neill and Juanita Brennan each pointed twice as Newtownshandrum worked hard to stay in contention. However in the finish the county championship side were that little bit sharper as they qualified for the final when they will meet Fr O'Neill's.

**Scorers for Clonakilty:** S Whelton 1-5, S O'Neill 1-2, J Brennan 0-3, H Coughlan 0-1.

**Newtownshandrum:** P O'Connor 1-2, B Ryan 1-0, M Reidy 0-2.

**CLONAKILTY:** L Daly, N O'Donovan, S O'Brien, A M Moyle, A McCarthy, A Kearns, H O'Regan, C O'Mahony, S O'Neill, M O'Donovan, J Brennan, C Nagle, E O'Donoghue, S Whelton, H Coughlan. Subs: A O'Hea for L Daly, K O'Brien for H Coughlan, S O'Donovan for E O'Donoghue, A O'Neill for AM Moyle, N O'Donovan for C O'Mahony.

**NEWTOWNSHANDRUM:** Marie O'Connor, S Curtin, E Reidy, E Moran, A Doyle, N Bowles, Michelle O'Connor, M Reidy, S Reidy, P O'Connor, M Doyle, E Coughlan, B Ryan, F Twomey.

Sub: C Horgan for M Doyle



Tipperary defender Geraldine Stapleton puts Cork's Julia White under pressure during their Munster Senior Camogie Championship game at Páirc Uí Rinn on Saturday. Picture: Larry Cummins

## Cotter and Geary out for Tipp showdown

By MARY NEWMAN  
Camogie previews

**TOMORROW**  
Munster senior camogie semi-final,  
Cork v Tipperary,  
Páirc Uí Rinn, 6pm

THREE weeks ago the sides met in a do-or-die game in the senior division one national league where victory ensured Cork's passage to the semi-final.

Now they come face to face again this time to contest the semi-final of the Munster championship.

With the All-Ireland series played in an open draw basis the provincial competitions have suffered but if tomorrow comes anywhere near the excellent fare served up by both sides in last season's provincial final meeting then we are in for a good hour of camogie.

In their league meeting it was nip and tuck and just two points separated the sides.

In their league campaign to date Cork have been minus several regulars — Una O'Donoghue and Eimear Dillon have retired from inter county camogie, Briege Corkery is currently abroad, Gemma O'Connor was on overseas duty with the defence forces, Amanda O'Regan was tied up with basketball commitments while Mary O'Connor was out injured.

The unavailability of so many players afforded the selectors the opportunity to blend in players of the calibre of Katriona and Pamela Mackey, Elaine O'Riordan, Lucy Hawkes, Julia White, Christine O'Neill and Marie Walsh all who performed well. The team selection will not be finalised until before throw-in but captain Orla Cotter and Anna Geary are both unavailable due to holidays while Lynda O'Connell is out injured.

On the plus side Cork expect to welcome back several players who were unavailable including Jenny Duffy, Gemma O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Jennifer O'Leary, Joanne O'Callaghan and Denise Cronin.

Tipperary gave a good account of themselves last day out against Cork and they will be hoping to build on that performance, captain Jill Horan, Claire Grogan, Mairead Luttrell will be to the fore as they strive to get one over on the All-Ireland champions.

**SUNDAY**  
Senior Div Two National League  
Cork v Offaly,  
Banagher, Offaly 2pm.

Cork's second string will complete their programme of national league game in division two with a trip to Banagher where they meet an Offaly side, who sit on top of the group with eight points to date from four games played.

Cork are on four points therefore the result will not affect the outcome of the final shake up as only one team can qualify from the group.

Cork will use the game as preparation for the championship and coach Phillip Kavanagh and his back-room team will be casting an eye over their charges. In the league Cork have had impressive displays from Lydia Cunningham, Leah Weste, Denise Luby, Roisin De Faoite and Charlotte Kearney.



# given the book

## Scally in amazing form for Éire Óg

Éire Óg 6-6  
Kilbrittain/Timoleague 1-4

ÉIRE ÓG made it a double as they captured the U16 C league title for 2009 as they defeated Kilbrittain/Timoleague recently, writes **MARY NEWMAN**.

Elaine Scally, the player of the match, hit an individual tally of 4-4 as Éire Óg took the title.

The opening half was evenly contested as Éire Óg took an early lead with points from Elaine Scally and Ruth Murphy while Elaine Scally grabbed a goal.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague battled very hard and hit back with a goal but with Éire Óg's back line on top they held their lead, which was extended with an Orla Hallissey point and goals from Elaine Scally and Ruth Murphy.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague came into the game with points from Ca-triona O'Neill, Laura O'Callaghan and Jennifer Cashman as Éire Óg led 3-3 to 1-4 at the interval.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague worked hard in the second half but they failed to breach the solid Éire Óg defence who continued to work hard as a unit. Up front Éire Óg had goals from Ruth Murphy and Elaine Scally to finish the game as a contest.

Kilbrittain/Timoleague continued to battle hard to get something back but with Elaine Scally adding a goal and three points they could not bridge the gap as Éire Óg ran out winners to record the double.

The trophy was presented to Aoife Hennessy by Mary O'Sullivan, vice-chairwoman of the Juvenile Camogie Board.

**Scorers for Éire Óg:** E Scally 4-4, R Murphy 2-1, O Hallissey 0-1.

**Kilbrittain/Timoleague:** C O'Neill 1-1, C O'Donovan 1-0, L O'Callaghan 0-2, J Cashman, D O'Mahony 0-1 each.

**ÉIRE ÓG:** Eimear Scally; A Hennessy (c), S Murray, S Hutchinson; G Hutchinson, E Crowley, A Barry; A Murphy, M Ellen Desmond; O Meaney, J Boyle, O Hallissey, R Murphy, Elaine Scally, L O'Shea. **Subs:** A Gleeson for L O'Shea (25), A Lyons for S Murray (33), S O'Mahony for O'Hallissey (55), N Elliott for A Gleeson (58).

**KILBRITTAIN/TIMOLEAGUE:** L Moloney; E Kearney, G O'Brien, M Hodnett; N Moloney, S Moloney, L Nyhan; C Harle, D O'Mahony; M O'Donovan, J Cashman, E Wall, C O'Neill, C O'Donovan, L O'Callaghan. **Subs:** C Murphy for C O'Donovan, E O'Neill for C O'Neill, A O'Leary for M Hodnett.

**Referee:** Ger Sheehan (Douglas).



Pictured at the Camogie Association Congress in the Keadeen Hotel, County Kildare were Cork Camogie County Board representatives with the president of the Camogie Association Joan O'Flynn, and Sinead O'Connor, árdstiúrthóir of the Camogie Association. Back row from left, Sheila Golden, Yvonne Lane, Noreen Daly, Sinead O'Connor and Mary McSweeney. Front row from left, Marian McCarthy, Joan O'Flynn and Mary Bugler.

Picture: Caroline Quinn

as Mary?

When I started to list them I was in awe. Without doubt Mary is the ultimate all-rounder with more than a basic knowledge of all roles.

Upon returning from Dublin Mary rejoined Old AI's and became delegate to the county board. The following year she was nominated by her club to become chairwoman. Mary allowed her name to go forward for one reason only... "I didn't think I'd get it."

Many other names that would have had experience in that area were also nominated however before the big day they all withdrew. Mary suddenly found herself chairwoman of the board and was 'extremely nervous.' But being Mary she took it on and remained as Cork chairwoman for 10 years, leaving the position in 1977. From there she became:

Treasurer of Munster Council; chairwoman of Munster Council; secretary of Munster Colleges;

Camogie; secretary of All-Ireland Colleges; president of the All-Ireland Colleges; trustee of the Camogie Association; national PRO from 1982 to 1991; national coach; and an inter-county referee for 21 years.

On top of that Mary has trained Cork teams to win minor, junior and senior All-Ireland titles.

While it's difficult to pick out a favourite period during the years, when pushed Mary says that being involved in colleges camogie was the most enjoyable. "We were very close. We were great friends and worked well together," referring to Agnes Purcell, Rosina McManus and Lily Spence.

"I really enjoyed seeing talented young players coming through for the first time and following them all the way. Claire Lynch of St Raphael's was the best I saw," says Mary. "She could do it all in first year."

Of the game today Mary agrees that camogie could do with some of the weaker counties coming strong again.

Dublin were such a phenomenal force in camogie and still hold the record with 26 titles. No doubting the fact they will be surpassed shortly by Cork and indeed left behind. Having witnessed Dublin's dominance in earlier years Mary claims: "Dublin were so strong at one point that they could have fielded a second All-Ireland winning side. If someone told me then that Dublin would win one All-Ireland in 42 years there is no way I'd have believed it."

The amount of effort Mary is putting into this book is phenomenal and her one request is that anyone with any information, stories or interest in camogie regardless of whether they played or not would contact her. She would love to hear from them. Your memories might be more precious than you think.

Contact Mary on 086-0526710 or email [marymoran@iol.ie](mailto:marymoran@iol.ie) and share your story with us.

## Cork face tricky assignment

### Camogie

CORK will be without the services of Una O'Donoghue, Emer Dillion and Emer O'Farrell (all retired) as well as Brieghe Corkery (who has gone travelling) for their tricky assignment against Wexford in today's National League Division One semi-final in Tullamore (3.15pm).

Manager Denise Cronin has a some of selection headaches with Gemma O'Connor unavailable due to work.

The match up of Cork full-back Cathriona Foley with Wexford's captain Una Leacy will be one of the key battles.

Pamela Mackey, one of Cork's rising talents faces, one of Wexford's most experienced attackers, Kate Kelly while Joanne O'Callaghan's duel with Lenny Holohan will also be crucial.

Centre-back Rena Buckley will need to dominate against Aine Codd while Jenny Duffy will have her hands full against Katrina Parrock, one of the stars of this year's Ashbourne competition.

Cork have switched Rachel Moloney to midfield while in the forward line Jenny O'Leary returns after a two year break.

Meanwhile, Galway, defeated by Kilkenny in last year's All-Ireland

**Rachel Moloney: switched to midfield for Cork.**



camogie semi-finals, will have a point to prove when they meet their old rivals at O'Connor Park, Tullamore, today (1.30pm) in the second semi-final.

Galway will look to inspirational centre-forward and captain Therese Maher while Veronica Curtin, listed on the bench, should enter the fray. However, how the Westerners cope without Sinead Cahalan will be a huge test of their mettle.

For Kilkenny the re-positioning of Leann Fennelly at centre back and the move of Amy Butler to the corner has added extra strength to their defence. All Star wing back Elaine Aylward moves to midfield while Vodafone Camogie Player of the Year Ann Dalton takes up a wing forward slot.

In attack Katie Power at centre forward is one of Kilkenny's potential match winners and Galway centre back Ann Marie Hayes will need to curb Power's influence. However, the result could well hinge on the outcome of the battle between Galway full-forward Brenda Hanney and Kilkenny's full-back Catherine Doherty.

### Division Four National League final teams

Division Four National League Final  
Sunday, April 11th Omagh 12.45

Westmeath v Tyrone

Westmeath team

1. Fiona Keating
2. Maria Smyth
3. Sandra Greville
4. Liz Shaw
5. Joanne Walsh
6. Aisling Conaty
7. Eileen Murphy
8. Andrea Martin
9. Sarah King
10. Pamela Greville
11. Aoife Higgins
12. Linda Williams
13. Sinead Lynch
14. Jenna Egan
15. Denise Mc Grath
16. Denise Egan
17. Lorraine Leavy
18. Niamh Lynch
19. Fiona Leavy
20. Orla Doolin
21. Lisa Burke
22. Louise O'Connor
23. Laura Hannon
24. Muireann Scally
25. Sarah Jackson
26. Lizzy Hannon

Tyrone

1. Sinead O'Neill (captain)
2. Julie Lagan
3. Susan McCann
4. Shauna Jordan
5. Aisling Corr
6. Emma McErlan
7. Emma Fitzgerald
8. Emma McShane
9. Emma McAliskey
10. Shona Hagan
11. Maria Jordan
12. Grainne O'Neill
13. Michelle Fitzgerald
14. Lorna Canavan
15. Alicia Coney
16. Catherine Hanna
17. Siobhan Hughes
18. Siobhan McGrath
19. Clara Rocks
20. Cathy Jordan
21. Niamh Gavin
22. Clara McGready
23. Denise Daly
24. Kelley Fay
25. Frances Bigley



# Cork will have to hit the ground running

# League title will go to the team that wants it most

TOMORROW

All-Ireland U16A Championship: Cork v Clare, CIT Grounds, noon

IT'S winner-takes-all in this one as Cork and Clare battle it out for the runners-up spot in the group where a result will put the victors through to the last four in the All-Ireland U16 championship title race, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Tipperary, with victories over both Cork and Clare, are safely through as group winners and the last place is up for grabs.

Last weekend Clare had to give way to a superior Tipp side that notched up a total of 6-7 while only conceding 0-2 and this weekend they will be looking for a much improved performance if they are to overcome Cork.

Last season, Clare contested the semi-final where they lost out to Tipperary but with most of that panel over age this year they are fielding a relatively new line-up.

Cork, in their opening game against Tipperary, looked nervous and were lacking a little bit of experience and certainly it looked as if the big occasion affected their performance.

They struggled to get into the contest after a good start where, despite enjoying plenty of possession, they failed to convert chances and a bigger return from their forward division will be needed on Saturday.

They were hampered by an injury to impressive centre-back Tessa Crowley early in the game and this seemed to upset them but this aside, they simply caved in when Tipperary applied the pressure and will need to improve big time if they hold aspirations of being serious title contenders.

Since that last outing they have worked hard and prepared well and this time out should be more relaxed.

They have trained at CIT over the last few weeks and used to the venue. While a team line out has not been announced we can expect players such as Emma Jordan, captain Alison Peate, and Aisling O'Keefe who all performed superbly against Tipperary to again be to the fore as Cork chase a semi final spot. Clare will look to captain Claire McDonnell, Laura McMahon and Claire Glynn.

It's a big ask to put last weekend's drubbing out of their minds, but if Cork can find their feet early they should secure runners-up spot in the group.



LINDA MELLERICK

A LEAGUE semi-final double header in O'Connor Park, Tullamore tomorrow sees Galway and Kilkenny take to the field at 1.30pm with Cork facing the challenge of Wexford at 3.15pm.

Galway, defeated by Kilkenny in last year's All-Ireland semi-final by a Marie O'Connor goal in injury time will be eager for revenge and at the same time reach their first league final since 2008.

Unexpectedly, the Cats defeated them in the '08 decider. Kilkenny have amassed eight goals in just two league encounters against Cork (three) and Tipperary.

Is that a reflection of the quality of their forwards or the lack of quality in the backs? Certainly Cork were poor against Kilkenny and despite inflicting a 3-4 to 1-6 defeat on the Rebels I wasn't overly impressed with Kilkenny on the day. Both sides were poor.

I haven't seen any real bite to the league games I've witnessed so far. Galway get the nod slightly with possibly the greater hunger going into the game.

Cork will have a battle on their hands to overcome an energised Wexford who have been the most impressive side to date. Wexford, in their first season with former minor hurler JJ Doyle have enjoyed a fantastic league campaign to date hitting a total of 6-49 in three games.

Una Leacy, Ursula Jacob, Aine Codd and WIT Ashbourne winner Katrina Parrock have been the chief scorers and if Cork are to progress on Saturday they will need to deny them freedom.

I don't expect too much to get through Rena Buckley, Catriona Foley and Aoife Murray. Physical strength is what Cork must counteract tomorrow and it is an area of concern up front for Cork.

Wexford have a tenacious, strong, attacking defence. We on the other hand lack aggression and need to put our bodies on the line a



Mary O'Connor, left and Rena Buckley, right, will give Wexford plenty to think about on Sunday.

bit more. We lack goal scorers and in Gemma O'Connor's absence we lacked a leader here too.

Gemma's return last weekend brought a welcomed aggression and spirit back into our forward division.

Unfortunately due to work commitments she is out for tomorrow's semi-final. Cork are more than struggling up front and last weekend was another clear indicator that Denise Cronin and her selectors have to try and find a new mix.

On the plus side Mary O'Connor

will return to her centre-back berth after being introduced against Tipp and playing well. Orla Cotter will return to midfield while Anna Geary is also available for selection.

Cork have to put last weekend's Munster semi-final defeat to Tipperary out of their mind as they travel to Tullamore and the return of the aforementioned three will more than assist that.

Possibly winning the league means more to Galway than the other three. They would see winning the league as progression.

I think Cork, Wexford and Kilkenny want it less. Heading for three-in-a-row and five titles in six years the league doesn't cast Cork a second thought. Wexford won it in 2009 and failed miserably come championship time so their focus should be elsewhere this season.

Kilkenny won the league in 2008. At that time it was progression but to win it again would mean nothing unless an All Ireland follows.

Fixture: National League semi-finals Sat 10th, O'Connor Park, Tullamore Galway v Kilkenny 1.30pm Cork v Wexford 3.15pm

## Weekend results

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#### NATIONAL LEAGUE Div 1 SEMI-FINALS:

Kilkenny 2-12, (A Dalton 1-6 (1-3f), M Quilty 1-1, A Neary 0-3f, K Power 0-2)  
Galway 1-12, (B Hanney 1-0, A Connolly 0-9 (0-6f), T Rutledge, T Maher, N Mc Grath 0-1 each)

Wexford, 4-5 (U Leacy 2-1, F Kavanagh 1-1, L Holohan 1-0, K Kelly 0-2f, K Parrock 0-1)  
Cork 0-9, (M Walsh, J White 0-2 each, R Moloney 0-2 (0-1f), D Cronin, E O'Riordan, J O'Leary 0-1 each)

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE, Div 3 FINAL

Laois 2-10, (E Delaney, N Dillard 1-0 each, L Mahony 0-4 (0-3f), S Fitzgerald 0-3, A Mahony 0-2, T Cuddy 0-1)  
Meath 2-5, (J Dolan 1-1, S Hackett 1-0, L Lynch 0-2, E Lynch, A Maguire 0-1 each)

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE, Div 4 FINAL

Tyrone 3-12, (C Hanna 3-1, A Carr, S Mc Cann 0-4 each, E Mc Aliskey 0-2, M Jordan 0-1)  
Westmeath 1-9, (P Greville 1-1, D Mc Grath 0-5, L Leavy, F Leavy, A Higgins 0-1 each)

#### ALL-IRELAND U16 C'hip

'A'  
Cork 4-16, (L O'Flynn 3-3, J Barry 1-3, N Crean, 0-3, J Mulcahy 0-3 (0-1'45), A O'Keefe 0-2, O Healy, S Moloney, E Jordan 0-1 each)  
Clare 2-5, (K Kaiser 1-5 (0-3f), C O'Brien 1-0)

Galway 4-20, (R Monaghan 2-2, M Brehony 1-3, S Skehill 1-0, O Mc Grath 0-5, R Henneley 0-3, A Kenny, A Dolan 0-2 each, E Murray, N Cusiffe 0-1 each)  
Wexford 1-2, (S Sinnott 1-0, C Scallan 0-2)

Kilkenny 2-10, (O Harrick 1-3, K Holland 1-1, C Holden 0-4, L Fitzpatrick, K Hamilton 0-1 each)  
Dublin 0-2, (C Berkeley 0-2)

'B'  
Antrim 6-18, (U Mc Cotter 5-5, D Boyd 1-1, O O'Hara 0-4, M Lavery 0-3, S Reid, F Maguire 0-2 each, S Kelly 0-1)  
Down 0-7, (M Mallon 0-7)

Derry 3-6 (R Mulholland 3-1, S Kearney 0-3, S Quinn 0-1)  
Armagh 0-1, (S Merry 0-1)

Offaly 4-11, (K Woods 2-3, M Devin 1-2, H Dolan 1-1, D Flynn 0-4, M Jennings 0-1)  
Laois 0-4, S Burke 0-2, E Costigan, K O'Neill 0-1 each)

Limerick, 2-12, (C Keating 2-1, R De Lee 0-6 (0-3f), L Scallan 0-1 '45, J Dowling, E Mullane, K Carroll, N Cagney 0-1 each)  
Waterford 1-9, (R Googhegan 1-0, R O'Donoghue 0-5f, F Morrissey 0-3 (0-1f), A Harrison 0-1)

'C'  
Meath 3-3, (S White 2-1, C Mc Dermott 1-1, L Mc Cann 0-1)  
Westmeath 0-5, (C Kelly 0-3, N Grace, E Talia 0-2 each, D Ennis 0-1)

## Camogie NHL Division One

# Cats set up clash with Wexford in league final

by Denis Hurley

THE Camogie National League Division One final will be an all-Leinster affair after Kilkenny and Wexford were both victorious in their semi-finals at Tullamore on Saturday.

The Cats pulled off an amazing comeback to get the better of Galway, having been 1-12 to 0-7 down when the Connacht side's full-forward Brenda Hanney flicked an Emma Kilkelly delivery to the net in the 47th minute.

Kilkenny began to reel in the lead and when captain Anne Dalton, who scored 1-6, goaled from a 20m free with four minutes left, it made it 1-12 to 1-10. They then levelled before sub Collette Dormer completed the turnaround with a late goal to leave it 2-12 to 1-12 at the end.

Goals proved the difference for Wexford, who had eight points to spare against All-Ireland champions Cork in the other semi-final. Despite Cork starting brightly, once Una Leacy scored the first of two goals, winning a free from her sister Mary, the Model County never lost the lead.

After a Lenny Holohan long-range shot then found the net, it was 2-1 to 0-6 at half-time.

Wexford upped the ante in the second half, and in the 42nd minute Leacy struck her second goal, before sub Fiona Kavanagh all but wrapped things up two minutes later.

Though Cork sub Maria Walsh put some respectability on the scoreboard for them, it was too little, too late.

In the Division Three final at Donaghmore, Ashbourne, on Sunday...



# Wexford expose cracks in Cork's league campaign

MAR. 2010



LINDA MELLERICK

Wexford 4-5  
Cork 0-9

**CORK** made a significant number of personnel and positional changes ahead of their National League semi-final against Wexford last Saturday.

Katrina and Pamela Mackey lost out. Mary O'Connor returned to centre-back with Rena Buckley stepping back to the left corner. Anna Geary came back in at left-half back with Elaine O'Riordan switching to mid field and Jennifer O'Leary moved into full-forward.

In perfect conditions the standard was far superior to the preceding game between Galway and Kilkenny.

Yet Cork's failure to make any significant headway up front where they never threatened goal against the ability of Wexford to grab four decided this game after 42 minutes.

Both defences were heavily involved in the opening half with Catherine O'Loughlin at number three in particularly superb form for Wexford.

Up front Cork initially showed improvement than has been evident of late. Jennifer O'Leary was lively and she had Cork's opening score inside a minute. Rachel Moloney, busy throughout the hour, added a second before Katrina Parrock set the wheels in motion for Wexford with eight minutes gone.

Cork settled quickest but Wexford's work rate when not in possession was highly commendable, blocking and hooking Cork incessantly.

The game levelled out. Caroline Murphy was doing good work around the middle of the field and with their magnificent defence also settling it was Cork's turn to be on the defensive. Against the might of Kate Kelly, Una Leacy, Aine Codd



Cork goalkeeper Aoife Murray, saves a shot on goal from Wexford's Kate Kelly while Cork's Cathriona Foley assists.

Picture: Larry Cummins

and Katrina Parrock, a scoring machine throughout the league, Cork withstood the test particularly Cathriona Foley and Mary O'Connor.

The first of Wexford's four goals came after just nine minutes when a high free from Parrock was expertly caught by Una Leacy and spinning around she rattled the net giving Aoife Murray no chance.

Cork had the game level on four points with 17 minutes played but a Murray mistake gifted Wexford their second goal when she failed to deal with a harmlessly low ball in from Lenny Holohan.

Cork responded and points from Julia White and Denise Cronin saw a point separate the sides at half time; 2-1 to 0-6.

For almost 15 minutes of the second half Cork failed to get beyond midfield and they failed to score for 21 minutes as Wexford effectively finished the game off.

From midfield up Wexford

dominated and with their half-forwards now starting to get the better of Cork's half-back line they had Cork at sixes and sevens.

Katrina Parrock, switched to left-half forward, was causing problems. Wexford's play was fast as they re-introduced the art of ground hurling. They stretched their lead to four with two Kate Kelly frees and an Una Leacy point.

Cork were still in game but that ended soon after. Another high ball in was caught cleanly by Leacy and she finished to the net. Considering the fine game Cathriona Foley had, her player scoring two goals, didn't do her justice.

From the puck out Wexford again won possession and a lobbing ball from Kate Kelly was connected on first time by substitute Fiona Kavanagh and she billowed the net.

Despite the fact that Wexford failed to score for another 22 minutes the game was over. Cork

raised their game and feverishly attacked but the superb high fielding and tenacious play of the Wexford defence denied them any real headway.

Three points put a better reflection on the scoreboard but Cork can have no complaints. The same problems continue to haunt them only this time they didn't get away with it.

**Scorers for Cork:** R Moloney 0-2 (0-1 ft), M Walsh, J White 0-2 each, J O'Leary, D Cronin, E O'Riordan, 0-1 each.

**Wexford:** U Leacy 2-1, F Kavanagh 1-1, L Holohan 1-0, K Kelly 0-2 (ft), K Parrock 0-1.

**CORK:** A Murray, J O'Callaghan, C Foley, R Buckley, J Duffy, M O'Connor, A Geary, E O'Riordan, O Cotter, R Moloney, D Cronin, E O'Sullivan, J White, J O'Leary, S Burns.

**Subs:** M Walsh for E O'Riordan (41), P Mackey for J Duffy (49).

**WEXFORD:** M Darcy, C O'Connor, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinson, N Lambert, M Leacy, D Codd, J Dwyer, C Murphy, K Parrock, A Codd, M O'Leary, K Kelly, U Leacy, L Holohan.

**Subs:** U Jacob for C Murphy (41), F Kavanagh for L Holohan (41), C Storey for A Codd (57), A O'Connor for K Parrock (63).

**Referee:** Alan Lagrue (Kildare).

by MARY NEWMAN

U16 A championship

Cork 4-16  
Clare 2-5

**CORK** never looked in any real danger of losing this crucial U16 A championship clash with Clare in CIT on Saturday last as they confidently booked their semi-final spot with a comprehensive victory.

Having lost out to Tipperary in the opening round, both counties needed a victory to keep their interests alive and at the interval Cork led 2-9 to 0-1 and even at this stage the writing was on the wall for a Clare side that, like Cork, needed a victory to stay in the competition.

Louise O'Flynn and Nicole Crean settled Cork with early points Niki Kaiser replied for Clare and they had to be at their best to deny Cork from the penalty spot before Louise O'Flynn pointed the resulting 15-metre free.

With Jennifer Barry striking the game's opening goal 18 minutes in, Cork were in control and with Nicole Crean and Jennifer Barry extending the lead with Cork points Clare were in deep trouble.

Louise O'Flynn hit Cork's second goal four minutes before the break

# O'Flynn in great form as Cork win

and with Aisling O'Keeffe, Orla Healy and Sarah Moloney pointing, Cork were comfortable at the break and full value for their 14-point lead.

Cork extended their advantage early in the second half when Louise O'Flynn finished to the net after the Clare defence batted a Cork free into the square where the Cork attack reacted quickest.

Niki Kaiser pointed twice as Clare battled to get into the game but in truth they were never going to cause

an upset as Cork continued to hold the upper hand all over the pitch.

As they picked off the points the tally mounted as Cork confidently advanced to the semi-final against Galway where a much stiffer test awaits.

**Scorers for Cork:** L O'Flynn 3-2, J Barry 1-3, A O'Keeffe 0-4, N Crean 0-2, C Moloney 0-3, O Healy, E Jordan 0-1 each.

**Clare:** N Kaiser 1-5, C O'Brien 1-0.

**CORK:** S O'Mahony, A Barry, A Peate (capt), S Kavanagh, R O'Callaghan, T Crowley, A Twohill, O Cronin, A O'Keeffe, J Mulcahy, J Barry,

E Jordan, R Crowley, L O'Flynn, N Crean.

**Subs:** C O'Callaghan for S Kavanagh, R Crowley, for A O'Keeffe, S Moloney for N Crean, Barry for L O'Callaghan, C Duggan for E Healy.

**CLARE:** S O'Shea, J Flanagan, C Lawlor, I McMahon, L Griffin, C McDonnell (capt), S Fleming, A Corbett, R Mulcaire, V Loughnane, S Tuohy, N Kaiser, A Quinlan, R Culligan, A Darcy.

**Subs:** K O'Gorman for S Fleming, C O'Brien for A Quinlan, J Hartigan for I McMahon, A Casey for A Corbett.

**Referee:** Cathal Egan (Cork).



# Camogie to give Hope in Calcutta

MAR 2010

**THE Camogie Association has linked up with The Hope Foundation in a fund-raiser for the street children of Calcutta which will see the cream of camogie talent on show in Cork on Saturday next April 17.**

The occasion will be a unique event, a challenge game between the reigning Gala All-Ireland senior champions Cork and the Camogie All-Stars, to be played at the Blackrock Hurling Club grounds in Church Road at 1 pm.

Six Cork players were chosen on the All-Stars team but they will be lining out with their county as they plot the downfall of their fellow All-Stars.

Referee Jack McGrath is one of the organisers of the event and he is actively raising sponsorship in support of the venture.

As part of their fund-raising venture the Hope Foundation have been promoting a competition in which they invited camogie clubs all over the country to guess the result of the game, the prize for which is a set of jerseys for the unit whose entry is nearest to the eventual score.

Any club or individual who wished to take a gamble on predicting the score can do so by contributing €20.

Hope Foundation manager Madeleine Cummins is hopeful of a good response, stressing that all funds raised will go directly to projects for street and slum children and their families in Calcutta.

She has also appealed for club members and followers to attend the game to show their support for camogie and the Hope charity.

Camogie President Joan O'Flynn, who is from Ladysbridge



**Amanda O'Regan, captain of All-Ireland champions, Cork, Madeleine Cummins, manager of the Hope Foundation, Joan O'Flynn, National President of the Camogie Association and Maria O'Brien, secretary of Blackrock Hurling Club, at the launch of the Charity Camogie Challenge match which takes place on April 17 when Cork will play the Camogie All-Stars to raise funds for the Hope Foundation and the Street Children of Calcutta, at the Rochestown Park Hotel.**

By MARY NEWMAN

Camogie news

in east Cork expressed her delight that some of the best camogie stars in the country are supporting the venture, commenting that while Ireland is going through tough times at the moment, the population is "still relatively privileged compared to other parts of the world."

"Supporting the charity Camogie challenge in Blackrock on

April 17 is a way of making sure that the Hope Foundation's projects will enable young children in Calcutta to live with dignity and to enjoy a better life.

"It is good that sport reaches out beyond itself to other causes and I admire the initiative and sense of social responsibility that has made the challenge possible.

"I hope the event is a great success and that the displays of camogie craft and skill will result in extra resources for the Hope

Foundation's excellent work."

The Hope Foundation was set-up in 1999 to raise funds for one girls' home for children rescued from the streets of Calcutta.

Today HOPE funds over 60 projects in education, healthcare, shelter, vocational training, child protection and drug rehabilitation.

They are looking forward to a big turn out on Saturday in Blackrock as camogie does its bit to help.

## Camogie

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

#### Division 1 semi-finals:

Kilkenny 2-12 (A Dalton 1-6, 1-3f, M Quilty 1-1, A Neary 0-3f, K Power 0-2) Galway 1-12 (B Hanney 1-0, A Connolly 0-9, Bf, T Rutledge, T Maher, N McGrath 0-1 each)

Wexford 4-5 (J Leacy 2-1, F Kavanagh 1-1, L Holohan 1-0, K Kelly 0-2f, K Parrack 0-1) Cork 0-9 (M Walsh, J White 0-2 each, R Moloney 0-2, If, D Cronin, E O'Riordan, J O'Leary 0-1 each)

Division 3 final: Laois 2-10 (E Delaney, N Dollard 1-0 each, L Mahony 0-4, 3f, S Fitzgerald 0-3, A Mahony 0-2, T Cuddy 0-1) Meath 2-5 (J Dolan 1-1, S Hackett 1-0, L Lynch 0-2, E Lynch, A Maguire 0-1 each)

Division 4 final: Tyrone 3-12 (C Hanna 3-1, A Corr, S McCann 0-4 each, E McAliskey 0-2, M Jordan 0-1)

Westmeath 1-9 (P Greville 1-1, D McGrath 0-5, L Leavy, F Leavy, A Higgins 0-1 each)

### ALL-IRELAND U-16 CHAMPIONSHIP

A: Cork 4-16 (J O'Flynn 3-3, J Barry 1-3, N Crean, 0-3, J Mulcahy 0-3, 1-4f, A O'Keefe 0-2, D Healy, S Moloney, E Jordan 0-1 each) Clare 2-5 (K Kaiser 1-5, 3f, C O'Brien 1-0)

Galway 4-20 (R Monaghan 2-2, M Brehony 1-3, S Skehill 1-0, D McGrath 0-5, R Hennehy 0-3, A Kenney, A Dolan 0-2 each, E Murray, N Curran 0-1 each) Wexford 1-2 (S Sinnott 1-0, C Scallan 0-2)

Kilkenny 2-10 (D Hannick 1-3, K Holland 1-1, C Holden 0-4, L Fitzpatrick, K Hamilton 0-1 each) Dublin 0-2 (C Berkeley 0-2)

B: Antrim 6-18 (J McCotter 5-5, D Boyd 1-1, D O'Hara 0-4, M Lavery 0-3, S Reid, F Maguire 0-2 each, S Kelly 0-1) Down 0-7 (M Mallon 0-7)

Derry 3-6 (R Mulholland 3-1, S Kearney 0-3, S Quinn 0-1) Armagh 0-1 (S Merry 0-1)

Offaly 4-11 (K Woods 2-3, M Devin 1-2, H Dolan 1-1, D Flynn 0-4, M Jennings 0-1) Laois 0-4 (S Burke 0-2, E Costigan, K O'Neill 0-1 each)

Limerick 2-12 (C Keating 2-1, R De Lee 0-6, 3f, L Scanlon 0-1, 4f, J Dowling, E Mullane, K Carroll, N Cagney 0-1 each) Waterford 1-9 (R Geoghegan 1-0, R O'Donoghue 0-5f, F Morrissey 0-3, If, A Hannan 0-1)

C: Meath 3-3 (S White 2-1, C McDermott 1-1, L McCann 0-1) Westmeath 0-8 (C Kelly 0-3, N Grace, E Taite 0-2 each, D Ennis 0-1)

## Laois launch late rally to win Division Three title

Denis Hurley, O'Connor Park, Tuillamore

A LATE burst which yielded two goals and a point ensured that Laois claimed the Camogie National League Division Three title at Donaghmore Ashbourne, Co Meath on Sunday.

The visitors, who never trailed in this game, always looked strong, and displayed a brilliant defensive performance to keep Meath out when this game was in the balance, with goalkeeper Laura Dunne pulling off some fine saves.

The accuracy from placed balls of midfielder Louise Mahony was also a great asset to Laois, while Sarah-Anne Fitzgerald was another who excelled, full of industry and creativity at right half-forward.

While Meath did threaten to overturn their opponents after a penalty from full-forward Jane Dolan soon after the start of the second half, ultimately they came up short, though this was not for the want of trying on the part of Elizabeth Lynch.

In the first half, Mahony ensured that Laois would stay in front, as she shot three points to leave them 0-7 to 0-3 ahead at the break, the Royals unable to get enough territory to come any closer to their rivals.

Nine minutes into the second half though, they were handed a lifeline when Dolan fired her penalty to the net to close the gap, but two Laois points, from Mahony and Fitzgerald settled them to keep them in front, 0-9 to 1-5, as the last 10 minutes loomed.

Then came the clinching scores. First Eimear Delaney raised a green flag after a great move, Aine Mahony registered a point and Niamh Dollard also goaled, to extend their lead to seven points with time almost up.

Sinead Hackett did eventually breach the Laois defence to score a second goal for Meath, but the lead was always going to be difficult to overhaul, and Laois held out to claim the title.

Scorers - Laois: L Mahony 0-4 (0-2f, 0-1 4f), A Mahony 0-3, E Delaney, N Dollard 1-0 each, SA Fitzgerald 0-2, T Cuddy 0-1.

Meath: J Dolan 1-1 (1-0 penalty, 0-1f), S Hackett 1-0, E Lynch 0-2, L Donoghue, A Maguire 0-1 each.

LAOIS: I Dunne, R Birmingham, E Moynan, B Cuddy, M Hogan, C Phelan, D Quigley, L Mahony, S Moynan, SA Fitzgerald, E Mahony, E Delaney, A Mahony, T Cuddy, N Dollard.

Sub: P Parkinson for Delaney.

MEATH: E Managan, M Keogh, A Thompson, E Guy, H Geraghty, K Troy, L Donoghue, A Keogh, A Donnelly, F O'Neill, A Maguire, S Hackett, E Lynch, J Dolan, L Oakes.

## Camogie Association supports match to raise funds for Hope Foundation

THE Camogie Association has linked up with The Hope Foundation in a fundraiser for the street children of Calcutta which will see the cream of camogie talent on show in Cork next Saturday, April 17.

The occasion will be a unique event, a challenge game between the reigning Gala All-Ireland senior champions Cork and the Camogie All-Stars, to be played at the Blackrock Hurling Club grounds in Church Road at 1pm. Six Cork players were chosen on the All-Stars team.

As part of their fundraising venture, the Hope Foundation promoted a competition in which they invited camogie clubs all over the country to guess the result - the prize being a set of jerseys for the unit whose entry is nearest to the eventual score.

Hope Foundation manager Madeleine Cummins is hopeful of a good response, stressing all funds will go directly to projects for street and slum children and their families in Calcutta. She has appealed for club members and followers to attend the game to show their support for camogie and the Hope charity.

Camogie President Joan O'Flynn, who is from Ladys-

bridge in east Cork, expressed her delight that some of the top camogie stars in the country are supporting the venture, commenting that while Ireland is going through tough times at the moment, the population is "still privileged compared to other parts of the world."

"Supporting the charity camogie challenge in Blackrock on April 17 is a way of making sure that the Hope Foundation's projects will enable young children in Calcutta to live with dignity and to enjoy a better life. It is good that sport reaches out beyond itself to other causes and I admire the initiative and sense of social responsibility that has made the camogie challenge possible. I hope the event is a great success and that the displays of camogie craft and skill will result in extra resources for the Hope Foundation's excellent work."

The Hope Foundation was set up in 1999 to raise funds for one girls' home for children rescued from the street of Calcutta.

Todday Hope funds more than 60 projects in education, healthcare, shelter, vocational training, child protection and drug rehabilitation.



## Camogie draws are now made

By MARY NEWMAN

Championship draws

THE *Evening Echo* championship draws at all levels except Senior B were made at last Monday's county board meeting.

The Senior B draws will be made at the next meeting. In senior championship the first rounds only were drawn. The divisional section will be drawn at the next meeting while the second round draw will be made after the first rounds.

### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Cloughduv v Barryroe, Rockbawn v Divisional winners, St Catherine's v Ballincollig, Millford v Courcy Rovers, Inniscarra v St Finbarr's, Ballygarvan v Douglas.

### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

(6 Teams)  
SECTION A: Mallow, Newtownshandrum, Fr O'Neill's.  
SECTION B: Ballyhea, Tracton, Sarsfields. Top two in each section qualify for the semi-final.

### JUNIOR A CHAMPIONSHIP

(7 Teams)  
SECTION A: St Catherine's, Buttevant, Blackrock, Enniskeane.  
SECTION B: Watergrasshill, Douglas 2, Brian Dillon's. Top two in each section qualify for the semi-final.

### JUNIOR B CHAMPIONSHIP

(8 Teams)  
SECTION A: Ballygarvan 2, Ballincollig 2, Castlemagner, Glen Rovers 2.  
SECTION B: Na Piarasigh, Sliabh Rua, Grenagh, Kildorrery.

### JUNIOR C CHAMPIONSHIP

(13 Teams)  
SECTION A: Ballinascarty, St Vincent's, Blarney, Brian Dillon's 2.  
SECTION B: Ballinora, Youghal, Charleville.  
SECTION C: Castletyons, Millstreet, Passage.  
SECTION D: St Fanahan's, Sarsfields 2, Bride Rovers.  
SEMI-FINALS: C v B; D v A.

# Galway's seniors throw away a winning hand in camogie league semis

Kilkenny 2-12  
Galway 1-12

EOGHAN CORMICAN  
AT O'CONNOR PARK

"SAME old Galway" was the phrase aptly used to describe Galway's collapse in the National Senior camogie league semi-final at O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Saturday.

Having commanded proceedings for the three quarters of the contest, Noel Finn's charges were guilty of throwing away an eight point lead inside the final ten minutes of action.

Despite a five point interval advantage, the Tribeswomen registered only one second half score from play, contrasted sharply by a blistering 2-5 from the Kilkenny attack in the final ten minutes, ensuring their place in the League final.

Indeed, for the second successive time, the Cats' progression to a final has been borne

out of Galway's ineptitude to close out the tie. In essence, this current Galway squad, with the exclusion of their '08 semi-final win over Wexford, has been plagued by semi-final defeats and incapacity to deliver on the big day.

Most disheartening to witness during the final quarter was the manner in which Galway accepted their fate. Not one player in a maroon and white jersey offered resistance to the Kilkenny comeback. The midfield duo of Orla Kilkenny and Paula Kenny melted under the heat of the Cats' challenge, while the half back line which had been dominant, suddenly disappeared as Ann Downey's charges poured forward at every opportunity.

Ironically, though, it was a lethargic Kilkenny performance as the Westerners controlled the tie for large periods. By the 13th minute, Galway led 0-5 to 0-2, with Aislinn Connolly proving deadly accurate from the placed ball, converting four early free's - Mitchell also adding to the Galway tally.

In response, Aoife Neary (free) and Katie Power tallied for the black and amber side. Therese Maher and Aoife Neary (free) then traded scores before Emma Kilkelly registered a terrific score of the left to stretch Galway four ahead.

Connolly sniped three points subsequently, with Ann Dalton and Katie Power replying for Kilkenny points - the latter capitalising on a poor clearance out of defence from Susan Earner to leave Galway 0-10 to 0-5 ahead at the break.

In truth, Galway should have held an even more commanding lead by this stage, but some poor shooting would ultimately prove costly. Still, they continued to hold the upper hand. Connolly landed an early

In the ensuing passages of play, Dalton and Connolly traded efforts before Sarah Dervan provided Kilkenny an opportunity to resurrect their fading league campaign as the Mullagh women was adjudged to have fouled Denise Gaule inside the small rectangle.

The penalty struck by Gaule was excellently stopped by Susan Earner and the subsequent series of events suggested it was to be Galway's day. Firstly, Sarah Dervan flicked Aoife Neary's goal bound hand pass off the line before Brenda Hanney expertly flicked a high ball to the net to leave Kilkenny trailing 1-12 to 0-7 in arrears.

However, the intensity of Galway's play decreased drastically from there in as Kilkenny gained a stranglehold in the encounter. Neary slotted a free between the sticks, followed by two more from captain Ann Dalton.

Indeed, it was Dalton who delivered the first major blow to Galway's league aspirations, finding the net from a '21 yard free with six minutes remaining. All of sudden, there were only two points in it and Galway appeared dead on their feet.

The goal proved to be a real litmus test for the two sides as Kilkenny grew in momentum with every passing second while the Galway challenge simply wilted beyond all belief.

Michelle Quilty cut the deficit to the minimum before Katie Power levelled proceedings on 58 minutes. Galway, however, were not without their chances in those dying moments as both Niamh McGrath and Emma Kilkelly shot unforgivable wides.

In the driving seat, a hopeful deliverance from midfield caught full back Sarah Dervan

Collette Dormer found herself in possession on the edge of the Galway square with not a maroon jersey in sight. Dormer's finish was both clinical and cruel.

Despite being played off the park for the best part of 45 minutes, Kilkenny battled even when at times it appeared they had nothing to fight for. Their reward is a place in a League final. For Galway another grain of self-doubt is sown.

On the day, Susan Earner looked extremely assured between the sticks. Sandra Tannian, Ann Marie Hayes and, in particular, Niamh Kilkenny impressed while Galway were in the ascendancy. Likewise, the midfield duo of Paula Kenny and Orla Kilkenny showed prominently until those fatal last ten minutes.

In attack, Aislinn Connolly posed Galway's greatest threat in front of the posts, with Emma Kilkelly and Laura Mitchell looked dangerous in spots.

**Galway:** S Earner; S Tannian, S Dervan, N Lawless, S Noone, AM Hayes, N Kilkenny; P Kenny, O Kilkenny; E Kilkelly (0-1), T Maher (0-1), N McGrath; L Mitchell (0-1), B Hanney (1-0), A Connolly (0-9, 0-7 frees, 0-1'45). Subs: R Glynn for Noone (34 mins), V Curtin for Kenny (mins), C Gil for Lawless (60 mins).

**Kilkenny:** C Ryan; A Butler, C Doherty, J Frisby; L Lyng, L Fennelly; E Lyng; K Fennelly; E Alyward; M Quilty (0-1), K Power (0-2), A Dalton (1-6, 1-3 frees); D Gaule, M Dargan, A Neary (0-3, all frees). Subs: C Dormer (1-0) for K Fennelly (30 mins), K McDonald for E Lyng (33 mins), A Dunphy for L Lyng (47 mins), S Farrell for Neary (52 mins).

Referee: E Mac Suibhne (Dublin)

On an otherwise forgettable weekend for Galway camogie, the county U16's continued their rich vein of form recording a comprehensive 4-22 to 1-2 win over Wexford in Ferns on Saturday. The result means that Galway will now face Cork in the All Ireland semi-final in a further week.

## Super, super finish earns camogie Cats place in League final

### Camogie

MICHAEL O'LEARY

Kilkenny .....2-12  
Galway .....1-12

THE Kilkenny girls have developed a habit of creating late drama in recent times and once again they made life difficult for themselves on Saturday in the sweltering sunshine at O'Connor Park, Tullamore in the National Camogie League Division I semi-final.

Trailing by 1-12 to 0-7 against Galway in a repeat of last August's All-Ireland semi-final, Kilkenny looked dead and buried. Once again they epitomised the character of the best Kilkenny camogie teams and they showed a never say die spirit.

Galway failed to score during the closing quarter of an hour as Kilkenny lashed home 2-5.

Pointed frees from Aoife Neary and Anne Dalton (2) narrowed the deficit as the Connacht ladies surged forward in the dying stages with the strong running by 16-year-old Niamh

minutes.

However, an Anne Dalton deflected goal from a 20 metre free in the 56th minute threw the door open for Kilkenny. Once they added points in quick succession from the hard-working Michelle Quilty and the leveller from Katie Power, Anne Downey's troops were in the driving seat (1-12 each).

The recovery was complete and Galway were dead on their feet, and fading mentally. However, the crowning glory was complete in the 59th minute following a terrific move-

Leanne Fennelly, who was superb throughout at centre-back, sent a long ball forward towards Michelle Quilty, who raced forward to gain possession. Quilty unselfishly picked out super-sub Collette Dormer, who blasted a low, unstoppable shot past Susan Earner.

It was all Kilkenny, although Galway came forward in search of a late equalising goal. Twice the Connacht ladies surged forward in the dying stages with the strong running by 16-year-old Niamh

McGrath leading the charge.

However, staunch defending by the Kilkenny full-back line of the tight-marking Amy Butler, the tenacious Catherine Doherty and the irrepressible Jacqui Frisby denied Galway. This was some comeback, yet the victory was no more than Kilkenny deserved for their excellent second half efforts.

Before Brenda Hanney's flicked goal in the 47th minute, Kilkenny were chasing a break to help get them back into the match. Collette Dormer, who may have nailed down the full-forward position after playing very well when introduced, was narrowly wide with a goal chance in the 40th minute. The Paulstown player was also fouled for a penalty but Denise Gaule's attempt was blocked.

Marie Dargan and Michelle Quilty were also agonisingly inches wide with goal chances, and when Brenda Hanney did manage to convert one thought it was Murphy's law for the Kilkenny girls. After beating Cork, Tip-

perary and now Galway the Cats can attack the season with real confidence.

Prior to the Galway goal, the game was largely a non-event, with plenty of stop-start passages of play and little free-flowing action. Aislinn Connolly (0-9, eight frees) converted seven of her side's first-half total as they led by 0-10 to 0-5 at the end of a poor quality half.

The second half was a totally different affair, however.

The victory was marred by what appeared to be a nasty injury suffered by Eimear Lyng following an accidental collision with a colleague. The Rower-Inistioge defender was replaced by Kate McDonald, who performed solidly.

Kilkenny face Wexford in the final in Semple Stadium, Thurles on Saturday, April 24.

**Scorers:** Kilkenny - Anne Dalton (1-6, 1-4 frees); Collette Dormer (1-0); Aoife Neary (0-3, frees); Katie Power (0-2); Michelle Quilty (0-1). Galway - Aislinn Connolly (0-9, eight frees, one 45); Brenda Hanney (1-0); Laura Mitchell, Emma Kilkelly, Therese

Maher (0-1 each).

**Kilkenny** - Catriona Ryan (Tullagher-Rosbercon), Amy Butler (Mullinavat), Catherine Doherty (St Anne's), Jacqui Frisby (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Lizzie Lyng (Rower-Inistioge), Leanne Fennelly (Mullinavat), Eimear Lyng (Rower-Inistioge), Kevea Fennelly (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Elaine Aylward (Mullinavat),

Michelle Quilty (Mullinavat), Katie Power (Piltown), Anne Dalton, capt (St Lachtains), Denise Gaule (Windgap), Marie Dargan (St Martin's), Aoife Neary (James Stephens). Subs - Collette Dormer (Paulstown); Kate McDonald (Thomastown); Aisling Dunphy (St Brigid's); Shelley Farrell (Thomastown). Galway - Susan Earner, Sandra Tannian, Sarah

Dervan, Nicola Lawless, Sarah Noone, Anne-Marie Hayes, Niamh Kilkenny, Paula Kenny, Orla Kilkenny, Emma Kilkelly, Therese Maher (capt), Niamh McGrath, Laura Mitchell, Brenda Hanney, Aislinn Connolly. Subs - Regina Glynn, Veronica Curtin.

Referee - Eadmonn MacShuibhne (Dublin).



Orla Kilkenny, Galway, in action against Katie Power (left) and Ann Dalton, Kilkenny during the senior camogie league semi-final in Tullamore.

Picture: Caroline Quinn





Pamela Mackey, left, is one of the anchors of the Cork minor team having been in the side last year. Expect a big game from her.

# History suggests Cork will be able to overcome Tipp

**TOMORROW**  
Munster Minor Championship  
Cork v Tipperary  
Ballincollig, 3pm.

**CORK** will open the defence of their Munster minor championship crown on Saturday when they play host to Tipperary in Ballincollig.

While the competition is played on a separate basis to the All-Ireland series which takes place later in the season, it will help the selectors get games under their belts and settle the panel and have everything in place before the break for exams as several of the side will be tied up with Leaving Certificate.

Last season Tipperary reached the All-Ireland U16 semi-final and they

By **MARY NEWMAN**  
Camogie preview

will be building their panel around several of this side. Two years ago when Cork and Tipp met at U16 level Cork held the upper hand in both outings.

Among the players Tipp can call on are Catriona Shortt, Emma Spillane, Cait Devane who is a sister to Tipp county hurler John Devane, Nicole Walsh, Amy Kennedy and Alice Fogarty.

Cork have put in a huge effort this season and since early January they have been working on getting their panel organised. Last year's selectors Ger Sheehan, Ann Marie Healy and Paddy Corkery are joined by Shirley Maloney and Murt Murphy who is also coach to the side.

They can call on several of last season's panel, among them the Mackey twins, Katriona and Pamela, goalkeeper Jessica Kavanagh who captains the side, Mariah Reidy, Joanne Casey and Rosie O'Mahony.

There is a doubt over the availability of Katriona Mackey who picked up a leg injury in a recent colleges game and she would be a huge loss.

It's a first outing for both sides and it's hard to predict a winner but Cork should have the upper hand.

**CORK PANEL:** Jessica Kavanagh (Douglas), Rosie O'Mahony (Inniscarra), Niamh O'Brien (Milford), Lorraine Browne (Ballygarvan), Emma Kingston (Inniscarra), Maeve Scannell (Bishopstown), Sinead O'Flynn (Milford), Pamela Mackey (Douglas), Sarah Harrington (Fr O'Neill's), Claire Meeney (Eire Ogi), Fiona Cotter (St Catherine's), Caroline Sugrue (Ballinascarty), Fionnuala Neville (St Catherine's), Mariah Reidy (Newtownshandrum), Aine O'Donovan (Douglas), Kate Harrington (Fr O'Neill's), Katie Buckley (Mallow), Joanne Ca-

sey (Inniscarra), Mary Ellen O'Donovan (Ballygarvan), Ena Coughlan (Valley Rovers), Alison Coughlan (Ballincollig), Aoife Barry Murphy (Cloughduv), Clara Lynch (Douglas), Emer O'Sullivan (Ballincollig), Aileen O'Donovan (Douglas), Samantha Coomey (Ballincollig), Aoife Kiely (Tracton), Caron O'Reilly (Courcy Rovers), Katrina Mackey (Douglas).

## CAMOGIE

Munster Intermediate semi-final: Limerick 2-11 Cork 2-8; Munster Senior Semi-final: Clare 3-10 Waterford 1-6; Munster U18 Championship (Prelim): Cork 4-12 Tipperary 1-6; All-Ireland U16 Championship B: Antrim 2-6 Armagh 1-7; C: Meath 8-7 Mayo 1-3, Carlow 9-18 Cavan 0-1; Munster Senior Championship semi-final: Clare 3-10 Waterford 1-6; Munster Intermediate Championship semi-final: Limerick 2-11 Cork 2-8.

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Cork's Julia White controls the ball ahead of Wexford's Karen Atkinson during their All-Ireland Senior Camogie League semi-final in Tullamore, Co Offaly recently.



## CAMOGIE CONGRESS

**T**he Camogie Association aims to have over 60,000 people at the 2015 All-Ireland Camogie Finals and to increase its membership base by 40% over the next five years.

Speaking at the Association's National Congress in Kildare President Joan O'Flynn described the goals, which are part of the Association's National Development Plan as 'achievable and realistic' but she stressed it would require all elements of the organisation working in tandem in order to achieve this.

"This is the roadmap for the Association over the next five years. We have a strategy which focuses on participation and growing the game of camogie. For instance, if you look at our current club base we have over 540 clubs and we intend to grow that to over 750 by 2015. The key is to ensure that all elements of the association, full-time team, voluntary committees, provincial councils and county boards get behind this plan and work to achieve the goals that have been set."

'Our Game, Our Passion', The Camogie Association National Development Plan 2010-2015 was unveiled to over 150 delegates Saturday afternoon. President of the GAA Christy Cooney also addressed the gathering and highlighted the strong and vibrant working relationship between both associations.

Congress delegates also voted unanimously to adopt the motion proposing the compulsory use of helmets for all players engaged in training and playing. The rule will come into force at the beginning of next year.

The 2011 Congress will take place in Ulster with Belfast the proposed venue for the event.

said RTE Director General, Cathal Goan.

This is the fourth year of the RTE Mick Dunne Memorial Awards and the Camogie Association Media Awards.

**PRO of the Year - Tom Allen, Limerick:** Tom has been to the fore of Limerick Camogie building up a consistent level of regional print and broadcast coverage as well as pioneering the development of a camogie website.

**Photo of the Year - Michael Kelly, Wicklow People:** A well know regional sports photographer Michael Kelly has been covering sporting fixtures, in particular camogie for the Wicklow News as well as Wicklow Sport.

**Published Article of the Year - Dave Devereux, Wexford People:** Journalist Dave Devereux's award-winning feature with former All-Ireland winning Wexford manager Stellah Sinnott highlighted the importance of player welfare.

**National Broadcast of the Year - C'mon Caman:** C'mon Caman was an innovative sports programme produced by Big Mountain Productions run by Philip McGovern and Jane Kelly. The series featured twenty four boys and girls coached by Cork camogie star Mary O'Connor as well as inter-county hurlers Brendan Cummins and Eoin Kelly.

## RTÉ & THE CAMOGIE ASSOCIATION MEDIA AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Joan O'Flynn revealed the winners of the 2009 RTE Mick Dunne Memorial & the Camogie Association Media Awards.

Eight recipients were honoured at the Association's Annual Congress banquet on Saturday night (March 27th) in Newbridge at which the Director General of RTE Cathal Goan as well as Lily Dunne, wife of the late Mick Dunne and daughter, Eileen Dunne, RTE presenter were in attendance.

In association with RTE, the awards acknowledge the invaluable contribution of national and regional media and volunteers towards the promotion of the Association.

The Camogie Association President Joan O'Flynn paid special tribute to this year's winners:

"I am delighted to thank and congratulate all the entries for their work in promoting Camogie. The eight winners produced outstanding coverage in print, radio, web, TV and sports photography at local and national level".

"We all rely on the media for information and knowledge of what is happening around us. Similarly, so with sport. More coverage of Camogie will help to give recognition to our players as sporting equals and as sporting role models. This is a key priority for Camogie over the next six years when we will strive to work with the media to enhance further the public profile of our national game and its stars."

"RTE is delighted to be involved with the Mick Dunne Memorial Awards and I would like to take this opportunity to extend sincere congratulations to all of the recipients."

## CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA NA NGAEL MEDIA AWARDS 2009

**Best Match Programme - Armagh County Final:** The award winning publication was chosen for the depth and range of information contained as well as the overall quality of the production.

**Best Provincial Newspaper Coverage - The Roscommon Herald:** The Roscommon Herald received this year's Best Provincial Newspaper Coverage for its outstanding coverage of the Roscommon camogie club & inter-county scene including the county's All-Ireland winning championship feats.

**Best Local Radio - KFM:** Kildare FM have been to the fore in promoting camogie within the county. Spearheaded by Sports Editor Killian Whelan the station consistently features a wide variety of club & inter-county coverage and has been instrumental in raising the profile of camogie.

**Special Category - Pride & Passion Camogie in Offaly, Paul Rouse:** Pride & Passion Camogie in Offaly was produced to mark the All-Ireland success of the Offaly Junior team in 2009 and also the 30th anniversary of the revival of camogie in the county. Paul Rouse is a history lecturer at University College, Dublin.

## .....and then there were four

**IT STARTED** out looking like three families had contributed to the historic hurling/camogie double, but now it turns out that there was another brother/sister involved.

Dicksboro's Daragh and Sonia Buggy from Firhouse were another brother/sister combination that made a handsome contribution to the victories of St Kieran's College and the Loreto Secondary School in the All-Ireland colleges senior hurling and camogie finals.

The latest double was

the first by Kilkenny schools since 1993 when St Kieran's and St Brigid's College, Callan captured the two premier titles in colleges competitions.

The three other families connected with the hurling/camogie wins were Pádraig and Grace Walsh, Tullaroan, whose brother is none other than Hurler of the Year, Tommy Walsh; Sean and Claire Phelan, Lisdowney and Conor and Tara Hogan, Kilmanagh.

Incidentally, Kilkenny's All-Ireland take this season stands at five already -



Sonia Buggy



Pádraig Buggy

Ballyhale Shamrocks (All-Ireland club senior hurling champions); St Lachtain's of Freshford (All-Ireland club intermediate hurling champions); St Kieran's

College (All-Ireland colleges senior hurling champions); Loreto Secondary School (All-Ireland colleges senior and junior champions).



AN All-Star camogie coaching camp will be held on the weekend of May 22 and 23. The camp is being organised by the Cork Camogie Supporters Club and it is sure to be greeted with huge enthusiasm.

Current Cork Camogie stars such as Gemma O'Connor will be joined by several of her team mates. The

## All-Star camogie coaching camp

Coaching Camp is open to all club camogie players in Cork clubs. The venue for both days is the St Finbarrs hurling and football club 10am to 2pm and through both days

there will be inter county players in attendance passing on their knowledge and advice to all the young aspiring stars where they will give specialised coaching sessions and this

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tra needs of the county teams.

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Glen Rovers, the winners of the Pan Celtic Senior B title.

## Cork sides shine at Dingle festival



Eire Óg, winners of the Pan Celtic Under 16 A title.

## Draws for the Evening Echo Championship

THE Evening Echo championship draws at all levels except Senior B were made at the County Board meeting on Monday, April 12. The Senior B draws will be made at the next meeting.

In senior championship, only the first rounds were drawn. The divisional section will be drawn at the next meeting, and the second rounds will be made after the first rounds are completed.

### Senior Championship

Cloughduv v Barryroe  
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Milford v Courcy Rovers  
Inniscarra v St Finbarrs  
Ballygarvan v Douglas

### Intermediate Championship (6 Teams)

Section A: Mallow, Newtownshandrum, Fr O Neills.

Section B: Ballyhea, Tracton, Sarsfields.

Top two in each section qualify for the semi final.

### Junior A Championship (7 Teams)

Section A: St Catherine's, Buttevant, Blackrock, Enniskeane.

Section B: Watergrasshill, Douglas 2, Brian Dillon's.

Top two in each section qualify for the semi final.

### Junior B Championship (8 Teams)

Section A: Ballygarvan 2, Ballincollig 2, Castlemagner, Glen Rovers 2.

Section B: Na Piarasigh, Sliabh Rua, Grenagh, Kildorrey.

### Junior C Championship (13 Teams)

Section A: Ballinascarty, St Vincent's, Blarney, Brian Dillon's 2.

Section B: Ballinora, Youghal, Charleville.

Section C: Castleyons, Millstreet, Passage.

Section D: St Fanahan's Sarsfields 2, Bride Rovers.

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

## Cork make positive start to minor defence

**Cork** 4-12  
**Tipperary** 2-6

CORK opened the defence of the Munster minor camogie championship crown with a comfortable victory over Tipperary in Ballincollig on Saturday, writes MARY NEWMAN.

In all sectors Cork were in control and at the full-time whistle they were worthy of their 12-point winning margin. However, they would not want to underestimate Tipp. No doubt, with a bit of work, they could be a force to be reckoned with come the open draw in the All-Ireland series but for now it's Cork who advance to a Munster final meeting with Limerick in a fortnight's time.

From the throw-in Cork looked lively and up front they put the Tipp defence under a lot of pressure as they spread the ball around. Ailín O'Donovan, Pamela Mackey and Aine O'Donovan had points on the board before Nicole Walsh had one back for Tipperary.

Inside the space of two minutes there was a goal at either end. Finola Neville grabbed Cork's opener six minutes in before Catriona Shortt replied for Tipp. Alice Fogarty pointed for Tipp who were then within a point, but two in a row had Cork back in control as Tipp struggled to stay the pace.

Six minutes from the break Aine O'Donovan had Cork's second goal and two points from Joanne Casey had them 2-7 to 1-3 ahead and well in control.

Tipp started the second half with a Cait Devane point but it was to be their only score for 15 minutes as Cork piled on the pressure. Joanne Casey struck for a goal and four points without reply that had the gap at 13 points.

Cait Devane pointed for Tipp but from here to the full-time whistle it was all Cork. Ailín O'Donovan hit a fourth goal before Amy Kennedy got one back for a Tipperary side that battled hard but failed to match a more stylish and fitter Cork side.

It's a long way to go to the first round of All-Ireland championship but the Cork backroom team will be pleased at their side's display and they will look to the next challenge against Limerick with confidence.

**Scorers for Cork:** J Casey 1-5 (0-3f, 0-1 pen), Aine O'Donovan, Ailín O'Donovan 1-2 each, F Neville 1-0, P Mackey, M Reidy, M Scannell 0-1 each.

**Tipperary:** A Kennedy 1-1, C Shortt 1-0, C Devane 0-2 (0-1f), N Walsh, A Fogarty, C Kennedy 0-1 each.

**CORK:** J Kavanagh (c), R O'Mahony, N O'Brien, L Browne, E Kingston, P Mackey, S Harrington, S Meeney, F Cotter, C Sugrue, F Neville, M Reidy; Aine O'Donovan, J Casey, Ailín O'Donovan.

**Subs:** E Coughlan for E Kingston (inj 21), M Scannell for C Sugrue (49), S Coomey for Aine O'Donovan (54), A Coughlan for N O'Brien (56), S O'Flynn for J Casey (56).

**TIPPERARY:** Moira Ryan; M Barry, S Ryan (c), A Cahill; E Spillane, L Cahill, L Hayes; E Casey, N O'Donoghue; A Fogarty, C Devane, A Kennedy; E Fryday, N Walsh, C Shortt.

**Subs:** S O'Meara for L Hayes (h/t), Maurea Ryan for N O'Donoghue (h/t), B Quinn for A Cahill (49), C Kennedy for E Casey (51), L Hogan for E Fryday (52).

**Referee:** Peter Whelan (Waterford).





At a captain's day photocall at the Maldron Hotel, Dublin yesterday, ahead of Saturday's National Camogie League Division 1 and 2 finals, were Division 1 captains Anne Dalton, Kilkenny (right) and Una Leacy (Wexford) with Joan O'Flynn, President, Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael and Division 2 captains Ciara O'Connor (left) Wexford and Michaela Morkan (Offaly).

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ALL-IRELAND U16 C'ship 1/4 Finals

**B**  
Antrim 2-8, (S Reid, U Mc Cotter 1-1 each, D O'Hare 0-3 (0-2F), M Lavery 0-2, D Boyd 0-1)  
Armagh 1-7, (O Kearns 1-0, R Merry 0-3 (0-2F), J Mullen 0-2, A Mc Birney, C Short (Short) 0-1 each)

**C**  
Meath 8-7, (C Giblin 3-0, S White 2-3, L Griffin 2-0, K Mc Cabe 1-0, A Keavy 0-3, C Mc Dermott 0-1)  
Mayo 1-3, (S Deneghan 1-0, A Tarpey 0-2, A Kenny 0-1)

Carlow 9-18, (E Tracey 3-2, C Quirke 2-6, M Carroll, C Tobin 2-1 each, O Mc Donald 0-4, L Bible, M Nolan, K Nolan, S Daly 0-1 each)  
Cavan 0-1, (S O'Reilly 0-1)

**MUNSTER SENIOR C'ship semi-final**  
Clare 3-10, (J Casey 2-1, N Mulcahy 0-8 (0-6F), A Sheehan, V Sheehan 0-1f each)  
Waterford 1-6, (A Lyng 1-4 (0-6F), K Kelly 0-2)

**MUNSTER INTERMEDIATE C'ship semi-final**  
Limerick 2-11, (M Casey 2-1, N Mulcahy 0-8 (0-6F), A Sheehan, V Sheehan 0-1f each)  
Cork 2-8, (A O'Connor, A O'Donovan 1-0 each, M Corkery 0-3, S Lynch 0-2 (0-1F), S Buckley 0-1f, S Cooney, T Buttermore 0-1 each)

**MUNSTER U18 B C'ship prelim.**  
Cork 4-12, (J Casey 1-5 (0-3F), Aileen O'Donovan, Aine O'Donovan 1-2 each, F Neville, 1-0, P Mackey, M Reidy, M Scannell 0-1 each)  
Tipperary 2-6, (A Kennedy, 1-1, C Shortt 1-0, C Devane 0-2, (0-1F), N Walsh, A Fogarty, C Kennedy 0-1 each)

#### LEINSTER CLUB League finals:

**Div 1**  
Camross, Laois 3-11,  
St. Oliver Plunketts, Dublin 1-7, (L West 1-0, A Carolan 0-3, E Brogan 0-2, A Brogan, L May 0-1 each)

**Div 2**  
Naomh Eanna, Wexford 0-7, (S Doyle 0-3f, M Kehoe 0-2, K Sullivan, M Smyth 0-1 each)  
Genealogy, Wicklow 0-6, (L Mannion 0-4, P O'Gorman 0-2)



#### Cork and Tipperary dominate Pan Celtic 2010

Mary Newman reports from Pan Celtic 2010

Cork and Tipperary clubs were to the fore at the Pan Celtic camogie Festival held in Dingle last weekend as Burgess Duharra, Glen Rovers, Eire Og, and Burgess brought home trophies. From early on Saturday morning teams from all over the country battled it out in glorious sunshine at different divisional all over Dingle with pitches in Lispolie, An Gaeltacht, Dingle and Annascaul hosting games.

In the Senior A final Cork club Ballygarvan had to give best to a strong Burgess Duharra side from Tipperary on a 2-8 to 0-4 score line. Powered by Inter county senior stars Eimear McDonnell and Ciara Gaynor Halloran the runners up in the Tipp county senior championship final of 2009 set the pace of the game but Ballygarvan worked hard to contain them, however an injury which robbed them of the service of the impressive Catriona Kelly proved to much as the Cork representatives were eventually worn down by the strength of the Tipp side but not before turning in a good display.

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In the Under 16 B final Burgess over came the challenge of St Anne's to take home the title. Without doubt the weather played its part as camogie teams from near and far enjoyed the brilliant sunshine and hospitality of the people of Kerry, already clubs are looking forward to next years event which will no doubt be even bigger and better.

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Kilkenny's Michelle Quilty gets away from Galway's Nicola Lawless, left, and Sandra Tannian during their All-Ireland Senior Camogie League semi-final in Tullamore, Co Offaly recently.



# Champions set to

## Rebels wary of champs Galway's threat

**TOMORROW**  
All-Ireland U16A SF:  
Cork v Galway,  
The Ragg, Tipperary,  
2.30pm.

IT'S down to the last four as the hunt for the All-Ireland U16A title continues with Cork battling the champions Galway tomorrow, writes **MARY NEWMAN**.

Cork know the work that lies ahead and they are under no illusions as to the task facing them. A massive performance is needed, because while they did record a big victory against Clare in round two, this time the opposition is much tougher.

The starting 15 will not be named until before throw-in, but Louise O'Flynn and Julia Mulcahy proved a handful for the Clare defence, and Cork will look to both for big displays in the forward line. Meanwhile captain Alison Peate, Tessa Crowley and Aisling O'Keefe should also be starting 15 given their displays to date.

Galway have amassed a total of 11-26, while conceding 4-16 in their two championship outings up to this.

They are powered up front by Maria Brehony, Rachel Monaghan, Rebecca Hennelly and Sara Skehill, while the impressive Orla McGrath has been hugely influential in all games to date.

The side is captained by Clodagh McGrath, a sister of Orla's, and coached by Johnny Kane, who guided the side to All-Ireland success last season.

All the fingers point to the champions advancing but that suits Cork.

One thing is sure, we can expect a huge performance from a determined Cork outfit that will battle to secure the elusive final spot.

In the second semi-final Tipperary and Kilkenny get proceedings underway at 1pm.

**CORK U16 PANEL:** Alison Peate (c) (Douglas), Allanna Barry (Millstreet), Jennifer Barry (Bride Rovers), Orla Cronin (Enniskeane), Laura Barry (Ballincollig), Siobhán O'Mahony (Douglas), Rita Crowley (Sarsfields), Orla Healy (Inniscearra), Emma Jordan (Ballinacorney), Sarah Kavanagh (Douglas), Leanne O'Sullivan (Glen Rovers), Nicole Crean (St Vincent's), Claire Shine (Douglas), Aoife Twomey (Newtownshandrum), Julie Mulcahy (Courcey Rovers), Cloe O'Callaghan (Siabhu Rual), Shauna Keniry (Killeagh), Tessa Crowley (Valley Rovers), Sarah Moloney (Newtownshandrum), Aisling O'Keefe (Glen Rovers), Nicole O'Brien (Glen Rovers), Clodagh Duggan (Douglas), Grainne Sheehy (Milford), Julie Mulcahy (Courcey Rovers), Rachel O'Callaghan (St Catherine's), Louise O'Flynn (Milford), Kaylynn Lee (Glen Rovers), Rachel Murphy (Ballygarvan).



Ballincollig players celebrate winning the Evening Echo Senior B Championship last year. They face a tough opener against St Catherine's in the higher grade this year.

## Charity is the winner at Blackrock game

A GREAT DAY'S enjoyment was had by all as an All-Star selection played the Cork senior team in aid of the Hope Foundation Street Children of Calcutta project in Blackrock on Saturday last.

Organiser, Jack McGrath, put in huge efforts to get players from all counties to attend and credit to those who travelled — amongst them the Kilkenny contingent led by Ann Downey who were very much to the fore.

What a pity counties such as Wexford and Galway withdrew their players as it would have been a great occasion if all were present, however, it was great to see players such as Katie Power, Marie Alward, and Marie

O'Connor travelling the long distance lining out for such a worthy cause.

All credit must go to local Cork club players who answered the call to fall in as very late replacements with the All-Stars, Gillian Harrington and Liz Bugler (Valley Rovers), Sinead O'Halloran, Denise Luby and Lydia Cunningham (Glen Rovers), and Doireann Ni Mhuiri (Blackrock) amongst them.

The first-half was very much in favour of Cork, but in a closely contested second-half the All-Star selection rallied and made it into a game — the final score: 3-21 to 2-14 in Cork's favour.

At half-time in the game the under-age players from Causeway, Kerry,

played the local club Blackrock in game and it was great to see the huge progress being made in Kerry.

After the game the Cork and visiting stars ensured the youngsters got plenty of autographs, pictures and advice.

There was added joy for the Causeway club when the result of the guess the score competitions was announced as they were the club who predicted the score, thus giving them the prize of a set of jerseys.

Any club who did not support the event can still do so by contacting Madeline Cummins at the Hope Foundation or by making contact with Jack McGrath.



**LINDA MELLERICK**  
DESPITE the fact that dates have yet to be finalised for the first round of the 2010 senior club championship, the very fact that some clubs can put a name on their opposition brings the excitement of championship to the fore.

The format will continue unchanged from previous years with the divisional sides forming their own 'mini championship' ahead of entering the championship proper.

They will advance to round two of the championship where they will meet the defeated clubs from round one.

**First round:** Cloughduv v Barryroe; Rockban v divisional winners; St Catherine's v Ballincollig; Milford v Courcey Rovers; Inniscarra v St Finbarr's; and Ballygarvan v Douglas.

Newcomers Ballincollig couldn't have asked for a greater baptism of fire than being paired against the 2009 champions St Catherine's.

I'm sure uneasy laughter escaped them upon hearing the draw. Many feel that a side just having made the step up would be happy with holding their own for the first few years while then being content with taking a scalp or two to give themselves and their supporters a lift.

Well Douglas and St Catherine's blew that sentiment out of the water when both sides lifted the Punch Cup within one and three years respectively of making the top flight.

Anything can happen in the first round with championship rust in need of a little oiling, so Ballincollig must go into the game believing they can win it. They have won the Junior A and Senior B titles in successive years and the core of their team won a senior county with the Muskerry divisional side three years ago.

Milford give it another go after their

### First Ever Senior A Title

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6 March 2010 We claimed our first ever Senior All-Ireland Camogie title by defeating Blackwater Community School in a thrilling 2-5 to 1-7 victory in a keenly fought contest. Our girls showed great commitment and nerves of steel to hold out for the one-point win.



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### Junior Champions 2010

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Our Junior Camogie girls put in a terrific performance to claim the Junior Camogie title for our school for a third time in four years. They also created history by completing a clean sweep of All Ireland 'A' Camogie titles in one year. We are only the second school in the history of the game to win the Senior, Junior and seven-a-side 'A' competitions in one year. The girls defeated a fancied St Brigid's Loughrea side on a scoreline of 1-16 to 2-7. This score (a record number of points for a final) reflects a stylish and skilful performance by the Loreto girls who got exceptional points during the course of the game. Team captain, Kate Holland, recieved the cup on behalf of the team to the delight of her team mates and the supporters.

### Camogie in Loreto



All Ireland Junior 'A' Camogie Champions 2009



All Ireland 'A' 7-a-side Champions 2009



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# meet on first day



St Catherine's start their bid for two in a row against new girls on the block Ballincollig in the opening round of the Evening Echo Senior Camogie Championship.

county final defeat. They could have it tough against Courceys, depending on how Courceys approach the game.

The last time these two sides met in an opening round fixture (2008) the score line was extremely embarrassing for Rovers (3-25 to 1-8). Yet they regrouped and gave Ballygarvan a stern test in the second round.

Last year Rovers won a thriller against Inniscarra in Brinny winning with a one point margin, 3-11 to 4-7. They rely too much though on Rachel Moloney who scored 1-8 of that 3-11 total (1-5 coming from placed balls).

Inniscarra advanced via the back door, narrowly exiting at the quarter-final stage at the hands of Milford. They impressed me on the night despite coming out on the

wrong side. Inniscarra were there or thereabouts with Douglas coming up through underage and have a lot of talent.

They won't make it easy for any side in this year's championship.

Cloughduv are a side who failed to live up to their paper expectations over the past few years. Boasting so many senior inter-county players, namely Aoife Murray, Joanne O'Callaghan, Breige Corkery and Una O'Donoghue and surrounded by talent such as Marie and Catherine Corkery and Emma Dunne it is a surprise year after year when they exit.

Losing their opening round to St Catherine's by a single point for the second year in-a-row their quarter-final defeat to Douglas was down to their lack of ability to finish.

This year they are without Breige Corkery. Una O'Donoghue who married recently is residing in Tipperary, but will be available for club selection.

They have drawn Barryroe where the return of Jennifer O'Leary is a huge boost. Barryroe will need more than that however, and a significant improvement on last year is required.

St Finbarr's don't have the spread of players to win a county title again unless they introduce new blood. They hold their own against the top teams for three quarters of a game, but it is a handful of players who achieve it.

A few players can't maintain that momentum for a full hour and in the past couple of seasons the last 15 minutes of games has seen St Finbarr's heavily defeated.

Douglas will feel they let themselves down when as champions they suffered a heavy defeat to Milford in the semi-final.

A powerful display from the north Cork side knocked Douglas out and the question marks which hung over their defence throughout the campaign were exposed. Should Douglas have the players to address those issues they will once again be strong contenders.

Ballygarvan give spirited performances every year, but it isn't and never will be, enough until underage players come through. Practically the same team emerges year after year.

The 2010 season is almost under way. Will it throw up a new champion? We've had a different champion every year since 2003.

The thrill is in the unknown.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL PREVIEWS

**Division One: Wexford v Kilkenny, Semple Stadium, Thurles 4pm**  
WEXFORD are favourites today after an impressive semi-final win over Cork while their opponents squeezed past Galway by a goal in their last four outings. Both sides boast potent attacks and their performances may decide the destination of today's trophy. Wexford captain and full-forward Una Leacy has hit 4-10 this season with Kate Kelly chipping in 1-14. Kilkenny chief marksman Aoife Neary has bagged 3-9 and Camogie Player of the Year Ann Dalton has claimed 2-6.

Kilkenny have made one change from the side that defeated Galway with Kate McDonald named at wing-back as All Star Lizzie Lyng has been excused from duty due to her wedding yesterday. In the forward line Michelle Quilty moves to the corner while Marie Dargan slots in at wing-forward. Wexford Manager JJ Doyle must do without the services of Aine Codd with Fiona Kavanagh named as her replacement and Rathnure's Michelle O'Leary going to the centre-forward. Mary Leacy, Catherine O'Loughlin and Claire O'Connor are key figures in the Wexford backline while Catherine Doherty, Una Leacy and Leanne Fennelly will marshal the Kilkenny defence. Kilkenny's ability to finish strongly could see them overcome the champions.

**KILKENNY:** C Ryan, A Butler, C Doherty, J Frisby, K McDonald, L Fennelly, E Lyng, K Fennelly, E Ayward, A Dalton (c), K Power, M Dargan, M Quilty, D Gaule, A Neary

**WEXFORD:** M D'Arcy, C O'Connor, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinson, N Lambert, M Leacy, D Codd, J Dwyer, C Murphy, K Parrock, M O'Leary, K Kelly, F Kavanagh, U Leacy (c), L Holohan

**Verdict:** Kilkenny

**Division Two: Offaly v Wexford, Semple Stadium, Thurles 3pm**  
OFFALY contest their second national final in over six months but face a stiff test against League holders Wexford. Though without star wing-back Sheila Sullivan (broken hand), Joachim Kelly's side have strength in depth with Michaela Morkan, Elaine Dermody, Siobhan Flannery, Michelle Davis and Tina Hannon in good form. Wexford manager Karen Barnes has been forced to call up Frances Doran after Karen Atkinson was drafted into the senior side. The attacking talents of Siona Nolan at centre forward and Eimear O'Connor at full-forward could be the decisive.

**WEXFORD:** H Jacob, J Hayden, L O'Leary, C Atkinson, F Doran, C Storey, S Kehoe, E Moran, E Quigley, C O'Connor (c), S Nolan, B Gordon, S Kehoe, E O'Connor, L Bolger

**OFFALY:** A Kennedy, F Stephens, L Keena, K Brady, K Nugent, M Morkan, L Sullivan, M Crean, A Watkins, A Kelly, E Dermody, M Davis, T Hannon, S Flannery, J Brady

**Verdict:** Wexford

**Clarification:** An article earlier this month stated that Cork player Emer Farrell had retired from inter-county duty. This is not the case and it is anticipated that Farrell will return to inter-county action later this year.

Words: Claire Egan

## Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny







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Dubh agus Omra

## DIVISION 1 FINAL



(1)  
**CATRIONA RYAN**  
C. Ni Riain  
Tullagher

(2)  
**AMY BUTLER**  
A. de Bhuitléir  
Mullinavat

(3)  
**CATHERINE DOHERTY**  
C. Ni Dhochartaigh  
St. Anne's

(4)  
**JACQUI FRISBY**  
S. Ni Fhrisbaigh  
Ballyhale Shamrocks

(5)  
**KATE McDONALD**  
C. Nic Dhomhnaill  
Thomastown

(6)  
**LEANN FENNELLY**  
L. Ni Fhionnolaigh  
Mullinavat

(7)  
**EIMEAR LYNG**  
E. Ni Longáin  
The Rover-Inistioge

(8)  
**KEEVA FENNELLY**  
C. Ni Fhionnolaigh  
Ballyhale Shamrocks

(9)  
**ELAINE AYLWARD**  
L. Ni Aighleart  
Mullinavat

(10)  
**ANN DALTON**  
A. Ni Dhaltúin (Capt.)  
St. Lachlainn's

(11)  
**KATIE POWER**  
C. de Paor  
Piltown

(12)  
**MARIE DARGAN**  
M. Ni Dheargáin  
St. Martin's

(13)  
**MICHELLE QUILTY**  
M. Ni Chaoilte  
Mullinavat

(14)  
**DENISE GAULE**  
D. Nic an Gaill  
Windgap

(15)  
**AOIFE NEARY**  
A. Ni Náoraigh  
James Stephens

(16) **Siobhán Murphy**  
S. Ni Mhurchú  
Tullagher

(20) **Collette Dormer**  
C. Ni Dhuaidherna  
Paultown

(24) **Laura Kavanagh**  
L. Coomhánach  
Emerald

(28) **Claire Phelan**  
C. Ni Fhoalain  
St. Anne's

(17) **Deirdre Delaney**  
D. Ni Dhuibhshléine  
St. Lachlainn's

(21) **Emma Staunton**  
E. Ni Staunton  
Paultown

(25) **Lizzie Lyng**  
E. Ni Longáin  
The Rover-Inistioge

(29) **Caitriona Brennan**  
C. Ni Bhraonáin  
St. Anne's

(18) **Edwina Keane**  
E. Ni Chatháin  
St. Martin's

(22) **Anna Farrell**  
A. Ni Fheorail  
Thomastown

(26) **Briona Langton**  
B. Langtún  
The Rover-Inistioge

(30) **Kelly Hamilton**  
C. Ni Hamáin  
The Rover-Inistioge

(19) **Aisling Dunphy**  
A. Ni Dhomhnaill  
St. Brigid's

(23) **Shelly Farrell**  
S. Ni Fheorail  
Thomastown

(27) **Sarah Dermody**  
S. Ni Dhiarmada  
St. Anne's

Roghóirí: Ann Downey, Paul Murphy, John Lonergan, Noel Ryan.

# Loch Garman

Corcora agus Ór



(1)  
**MAGS D'ARCY**  
M. Ni Dhorchai  
St. Martin's

(2)  
**CLAIRE O'CONNOR**  
C. Ni Chonchubhair  
Rathnure

(3)  
**CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN**  
C. Ni Lochlainn  
Manager-Boolevogue

(4)  
**KAREN ATKINSON**  
C. Nic Aidicín  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(5)  
**NOELEN LAMBERT**  
N. Laimbéart  
St. Martin's

(6)  
**MARY LEACY**  
M. Ni Laitheasa  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(7)  
**DEIRDRE CODD**  
D. Nic Óda  
Duffry Rivers

(8)  
**JOSIE DWYER**  
S. Ni Duibhir  
Ferns St. Aidan's

(9)  
**CAROLINE MURPHY**  
C. Ni Mhurchú  
Ferns St. Aidan's

(10)  
**KATRINA PARROCK**  
C. Ni Pharóg  
St. Ibar's-Shelmalier

(11)  
**MICHELLE O'LEARY**  
M. Ni Laoire  
Rathnure

(12)  
**KATE KELLY**  
C. Ni Cheallaigh  
St. Ibar's-Shelmalier

(13)  
**FIONA KAVANAGH**  
F. Coomhánach  
Buncloy

(14)  
**UNA LEACY**  
U. Ni Laitheasa (Capt.)  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(15)  
**LENNY HOLOHAN**  
L. Ni hUallacháin  
Rathnure

(16) **Helena Jacob**  
L. Jacob  
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(20) **Shelley Kehoe**  
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A. Ni Chonchubhair  
Rathnure

(21) **Ciara Storey**  
C. Ni Sháirí  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(25) **Louise O'Leary**  
L. Ni Laoire  
Rathnure

(18) **Ursula Jacob**  
U. Jacob  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(22) **Ciara O'Connor**  
C. Ni Chonchubhair  
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E. Ni Chonchubhair  
Rathnure

(19) **Evelyn Quigley**  
E. Ni Chaoiligh  
Rathnure

(23) **Stacey Kehoe**  
S. Nic Eachaidh  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(27) **Jean Hayden**  
S. Ni hAideáin  
Rathnure

Roghóirí: J. J. Doyle (Bainisteoir), Tommy Roche, Joe Brennan.  
Traenáil: Gerry McQuaid.

## KILKENNY SENIOR PLAYER profiles



## WEXFORD SENIOR PLAYER profiles



Back (from left): Marie Dargan, Siobhán Murphy, Caitriona Brennan, Briona Langton, Leann Fennelly, Elaine Aylward, Claire Phelan, Denise Gaule, Anna Farrell, Emma Staunton, Sarah Dermody, Kate McDonald, Aisling Dunphy, Amy Butler. Front (from left): Jacqui Frisby, Lizzie Lyng, Laura Kavanagh, Collette Dormer, Keva Fennelly, Katie Power, Caitriona Ryan, Catherine Doherty, Aoife Neary, Michelle Quilty, Ann Dalton (Capt.), Eimear Lyng, Shelly Farrell. (Photograph: Caroline Quinn)

ELAINE AYLWARD (25): Bank Official  
CAITRIONA BRENNAN (18): Student  
AMY BUTLER (23): Accountant  
ANN DALTON (21): Student  
MARIE DARGAN (20): Student  
DEIRDRE DELANEY (23): Sales rep.  
SARAH DERMODY (18): Student  
CATHERINE DOHERTY (28): Purchaser  
COLLETTE DORMER (20): Student  
AISLING DUNPHY (18): Student  
ANNA FARRELL (18): Student  
SHELLY FARRELL (17): Student  
KEEVA FENNELLY (23): Finance  
LEANN FENNELLY (20): Student  
JACQUI FRISBY (24): Accounts Assistant  
DENISE GAULE (19): Student

KELLY HAMILTON (16): Student  
LAURA KAVANAGH (21): Student  
EDWINA KEANE (19): Student  
BRIONA LANGTON (25): Teacher  
EIMEAR LYNG (28): Teacher  
LIZZIE LYNG (27): Social Worker  
KATE McDONALD (19): Student  
SIOBHÁN MURPHY (23): Teacher  
AOIFE NEARY (25): Cardiac Technician  
MARIE O'CONNOR (25): Garda  
ANN MARIE PHELAN (21): Student  
CLAIRE PHELAN (16): Student  
KATIE POWER (19): Student  
MICHELLE QUILTY (19): Student  
CAITRIONA RYAN (27): Accountant  
EMMA STAUNTON (19): Student



Back (from left): Eimear O'Connor, Jean Hayden, Louise O'Leary, Ciara Storey, Josie Dwyer, Noelen Lambert, Karen Atkinson, Deirdre Codd, Kate Kelly, Catherine O'Loughlin, Evelyn Quigley, Colleen Atkinson, Ciara O'Connor, Fiona Kavanagh, Stacey Kehoe. Front (from left): Helena Jacob, Shelley Kehoe, Aine Codd, Mary Leacy, Lenny Holohan, Michelle O'Leary, Claire O'Connor, Una Leacy (Capt.), Caroline Murphy, Katrina Parrock, Aoife O'Connor, Mags D'Arcy, Ursula Jacob. (Photograph: Caroline Quinn)

COLLEEN ATKINSON (26): Branch Manager  
KAREN ATKINSON (23): Accountant  
ÁINE CODD (30): Engineer  
DEIRDRE CODD (23): Quality Control Analyst  
MAGS D'ARCY (22): Field Manager  
JOSIE DWYER (25): Garda  
JEAN HAYDEN (27): Nurse  
LENNY HOLOHAN (29): Primary Teacher  
HELENA JACOB (27): Accountant  
URSULA JACOB (24): Student  
FIONA KAVANAGH (25): Fund Accountant  
SHELLEY KEHOE (19): Student  
STACEY KEHOE (19): Student  
KATE KELLY (29): Business Development Manager

NOELEN LAMBERT (27): Quality Assurance Supervisor  
MARY LEACY (24): Graduate Planner  
UNA LEACY (21): Student  
CAROLINE MURPHY (25): Factory worker  
AOIFE O'CONNOR (31): Medical rep.  
CIARA O'CONNOR (24): Pharmaceutical Technician  
CLAIRE O'CONNOR (29): Primary Teacher  
EIMEAR O'CONNOR (17): Student  
LOUISE O'LEARY (21): Student Nurse  
MICHELLE O'LEARY (29): Primary Teacher  
CATHERINE O'LOUGHLIN (25): Engineer  
KATRINA PARROCK (19): Student  
EVELYN QUIGLEY (28): Primary Teacher  
CIARA STOREY (20): Beautician



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Semple Stadium, Thurles, Dé Sathairn, 24ú Aibreán, 2010

Cluiche Ceannais Sraithchomórtais Náisiúnta Roinn 2 2010

National League Division 2 Final 2010

2.00pm Loch Garman v Uibh Fháilí

Cluiche Ceannais Sraithchomórtais Náisiúnta Roinn 1 2010

National League Division 1 Final 2010

4.00pm Loch Garman v Cill Chainnigh

#### CAMOGIE

##### NATIONAL LEAGUE FINALS

Semple Stadium, Thurles  
Div 1 final: Wexford 1-7 (K Kelly 1-3 (0-3), U Jacob 0-2, C Murphy, U Leacy 0-1 each) Kilkenny 1-6 (M Dargan 1-1, A Neary, D Gault 0-2 each, M Quilty 0-1)  
Div 2 final: Wexford 2-9 (L Bolger 1-2, B Gordon 1-1, S Kehoe 0-2, C Storey 0-1, C O'Connor, E Moran, S Nolan 0-1 each)  
Offaly 1-9 (A Watkins 1-0, E Doherty 0-6, T Hannon 0-2, M Gleeson 0-1)

##### ALL-IRELAND U16 CSHIP

'A' semi-finals: Galway 1-20 (R Henneff 0-11 (8f, 1'45), M Brehony 1-2, A O'Kelly 0-3, A Kenny, R Monaghan 0-2 each)  
Cork 1-0 (O Healy 1-0; Tipperary 0-13 (A Ryan 0-9 (5f, 1'45), M Graham, S Fryday, C McGrath, T Kennedy 0-1 each)  
Kilkenny 1-3 (L Fitzpatrick 1-0, C Holden 0-2 (1f, 1'45), K Holland 0-1)  
'B' semi-finals: Derry 0-12 (S Kearney 0-6 (3f), R Mulholland 0-3 (1'45), B McGilgan, A Duffy, C McColgan 0-1 each)  
Waterford 2-4 (E Fennell, R Geoghegan 1-0 each, Z O'Donoghue 0-2, A Hannon 0-1, C Whyte 0-1'45); Umeirick 6-8 (E Mullane 2-1, M McMahon 1-6 (4f, 1'45), R De Lee 1-1, K O'Reilly 1-0)  
Antrim 2-8 (O'Hara 1-4, McGee 1-0, M Lavery 0-3, M Doherty 0-1)  
'C' semi-finals: Meath 7-4 (A McCann 2-1, L Patterson, S Whyte 2-0 each, L Carroll 1-2S Garland 0-1)  
Tyrone 1-2 (M O'Hagan 1-1, L Fitzgerald 0-1)  
Carlow 5-8 (C Quirke 3-1, E Tracey 1-4, M Carroll 1-0, O McDonald 0-2, R O'Dwyer 0-1)  
Roscommon 0-0

##### LEINSTER U14 B CSHIP FINAL

Wicklow 4-5 (K Boucher 2-0, R Whyte 1-5 (5f), A Clarke 1-0)  
Laois 1-7 (K Cuddy 1-0, M Gleeson 0-3, A Holmes 0-2, M Collier, N Dunne 0-1 each)

# Kittens have further silverware in sight



Kilkenny's Michelle Quilty charges away from Galway duo Nicola Lawless (left) and Sandra Tannian (right) during the league semi-final. Quilty will be hoping for another good afternoon when the Cats play the League final this Saturday.  
Photo: Caroline Quinn

## Camogie

MICHAEL O'LEARY

WITH the hurlers out of contention, attention switches to the camogie girls now and Anne Downey's troops will have silverware on their minds when they attempt to win the National Camogie League for the second time in three years, this time against defending champions Wexford in Semple Stadium, Thurles on Saturday (4pm).

Having reached the All-Ireland senior final last September for the first time since 2001, Kilkenny have started the new decade in emphatic fashion and displayed top class character in difficult situations. They dealt easily with Tipperary in the opening fixture in The Ragg, when a hat-trick of goals from two-times All-Star Aoife Neary secured a 5-5 to 0-11 victory despite failing to score between the 12th and 42nd minutes. Next up was a clash with defending All-Ireland champions, Cork in Mullinahat. Here Kilkenny

recorded a hard-earned 3-4 to 1-6 victory. Anne Dalton scored a sublime goal with club-mate Deirdre Delaney bagging a brace of goals also.

### Goal hungry

The girls have been goal hungry - 10 in three games - and they showed the grittiest of determination to overturn an 8-point deficit against Galway in the semi-final clash in Tullamore.

Trailing by 1-12 to 0-7 inside the final quarter, the Cats would have been a beaten docket in years gone by. However,

Kilkenny senior camogie is a different kettle of fish these days, and they outscored the Connacht ladies by 2-5 to 0-0 during the final quarter to score a top class win.

Kilkenny are an improving force and with a whole host of under-age All-Ireland winners along with Ashbourne Cup winners, plus the experience of winning a National League and appearing in last year's All-Ireland final, the girls have a lot going for them no matter who they face.

Their opponents Wexford have solid form behind

them. They scored easy victories over Clare and Dublin and they also battered Galway.

Stella Sinnott, who did fantastic work for Wexford camogie in guiding the Model County to a memorable All-Ireland success in 2007, also landed the National League title last year against Tipperary.

### Exciting times

These are exciting times for Kilkenny camogie. With unprecedented success at under-age level, they have achieved every honour in the game between colleges, club and inter-county since

2004. Surely the glory days of the Downey twins dominance are just around the corner.

In Catriona Ryan Kilkenny have one of the top goalkeepers in the land. The Tullagher netminder has been unfortunate that she has not won an All-Star award. The full-back line of Amy Butler, the ever-reliable Catherine Doherty and the swash-buckling Jacqui Frisby is surely the best around.

Leanne Fennelly is a great young talent and she performed brilliantly at centre-back against Galway, stifling the threat of

the experienced Therese Maher. However, the participation of the two Lyng's could be in doubt.

Eimear had to be stretchered off following an accidental collision in the League semi-final, while namesake - but no relation - Lizzie has an even bigger day this coming Friday. She is getting married and she is highly unlikely to feature on Saturday.

### Strong contention

Deirdre Delaney and Edwina Keane are in strong contention for a starting position along with Collette Dormer, who was superb when introduced at half-time in the semi-final. She went onto score the match winning goal.

Despite scoring ten goals in three games, the Kilkenny forwards have only performed in fits and starts. There is plenty of room for improvement. But it's a good sign that the best is possibly yet to come.

Wexford are a team bristling with experience. Mags Darcy is a solid and dependable goalkeeper. In Catherine O'Loughlin they possess one of the best full-backs in the business. The Lacey sisters Mary at centre-back and Una - double goalscorer against Cork - add strength, skill and a powerful physical presence.

Ashbourne Cup player of the tournament Katriona Parrock, the lively Kate Kelly and the ever-skilful Ursula Jacob will take plenty of watching.

This Kilkenny team is on an upward curve. Young, determined, hungry and willing to succeed, they should be celebrating another League title on Saturday.

Any support for the girls would be welcomed. Admission is free for people under-16. The under-16 team plays their All-Ireland semi-final clash against Tipperary at The Ragg - five miles outside Thurles - at 1pm.



## A Little Bit of Fun!

Bridget CURRAN (Wexford) answers Liz Howard's questions

Club: St. Ibar's-Shelmallee

Q At what age did you first play camogie?

A I'm still trying to figure out how to play the game! About 9 years of age.

Q Who has been the biggest influence on your camogie career and why?

A I guess that would be my late father. He got me playing, even though he only saw me play for a couple of years. He was down for every match to fill up the car, and literally half the team travelled with him. That's why I'm still trying to play.

Q Most memorable victory and why?

A First Senior county final when I was about 14, will never forget that one ... and I guess the All-Ireland of 2007 comes to mind!!

Q Your best performance

A Do I have to choose just one game, ha, ha! Leinster Club final 2002 ... well, I thought I was great anyway!!

Q Biggest camogie disappointment

A Not getting a run in the All-Ireland final of 2007, and losing the All-Ireland Club final in 2002.

Q Most inspirational team-mate and why?

A Emma Carroll - a perfect example that pure heart and determination is over half the battle. I just loved playing on the same team as her!

Q Book you enjoyed most and why?

A Don't read really, too busy training, but did enjoy looking through the 'Lonely Planet' about Australia before I went travelling last year!!

Q Favourite actor

A Morgan Freeman

Q Favourite song/piece of music

A I love power

ballads, anything you can turn up full belt in the car to blast you out of it!!

Q Favourite food

A Love my big hearty meals ... steaks, stews, bacon and cabbage, chicken casserole etc ... yum, drooling here now thinking about food!

Q Hot date and why, Seán Óg Ó hAilpín or Damien Hayes?

A Seán Óg - in fairness to him, he's got one fit bod!!

Q Six male sport stars worldwide you'd invite to dinner

A Muhammad Ali, Roy Keane, Brian O'Driscoll, Lionel Messi, Usain Bolt and one Wexford hurler (can't name in case of jealousy!!).

Q Choice for deep and meaningful conversation and why - Paul Galvin or Calm Cooper (The Gooch)?

A Deep and meaningful conversation ... don't do that, but sure I'll pick Paul Galvin, we can have a chat about his notebook incident or something!!

Q Three female sport stars you admire

A Serena Williams, Brieghe Corkery, Kate Kelly.

Q If you were President of Cumann Camógaíochta, list three main priorities

A Have matches in more central venues for the sake of the supporters; make sure that important club and county matches are not on in the same week; try to get more of the matches and highlights on TV.

Q Something you are good at but no one knows about

A Hmm interesting. Well, maybe the boys might be able to answer this one!! Don't take that too seriously!!



CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA NA hÉIREANN

## A Little Bit of Fun!

Colleen ATKINSON (Wexford) answers Liz Howard's questions

Club: Oulart-The Ballagh

Q At what age did you first play camogie?

A I was 10, one of the girls from school brought me along, and that was the end of my Irish dancing.

Q Who has been the biggest influence on your camogie career and why?

A Definitely the parents, they have brought us to training and matches and followed us everywhere. With Daddy being from Blackwater and Mam from Bree, sure you can't get a better hurling combination (had to say it).

Q Most memorable victory and why?

A Beating Freshford in last year's Leinster Club final - a great moment, as we were trying for quite a while.

Q Your best performance

A That was last year in the All-Ireland Club semi-final against Cashel.

Q Biggest camogie disappointment

A Being beaten by Cashel in that All-Ireland Club semi-final in 2009.

Q Most inspirational team-mate and why?

A I would say Fiona Dunne; I wish I could get a ball and sidestep as easy as she makes it look, great player.

Q Book you enjoyed most and why?

A Well, I'm not much of a reader, but I read a book called 'Mixed Doubles' by Jill Mansell and it was hilarious - just the carry-on between three best friends; the lingo, I loved it.

Q Favourite actor

A Johnny Depp, he is just class!

Q Favourite song/piece of music

A Caledonia, can't beat the traditional Irish.

Q Favourite food

A Beans, I would eat them with everything!

Q Hot date and why, Seán Óg Ó hAilpín or Damien Hayes?

A Definitely Damien Hayes, it's all about the arms!!

Q Six male sport stars worldwide you'd invite to dinner

A Tommy Bowe, Roger Federer, Dan Carter, Rob Kearney, Usain Bolt, Ian Thorpe.

Q Choice for deep and meaningful conversation and why - Paul Galvin or Calm Cooper (The Gooch)?

A Paul Galvin; I'm not great on deep conversations but I would ask him why he thinks referees tend to focus on him, and also I would ask him why he wore that awfully tight grey/silver trousers and t-shirt on Hector's show.

Q Three female sport stars you admire

A Serena Williams; Katie Taylor; my sister Karen, I would love her hurling ability (that's the best of being third in the family).

Q If you were President of Cumann Camógaíochta, list three main priorities

A I have a few for this: more matches televised; relax the non-contact rule of the sport, no fun at all; more consistent referees with less use of the whistle; matches to get staged on top pitches in both club and county.

Q Something you are good at but no one knows about

A I make a mean biscuit cake but I try not to make it very often!



CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA NA hÉIREANN

## Uíbh Fháilí

Glas agus Ór



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(1)  
**AUDREY KENNEDY**  
A. Uí Chinnéide  
Birr

(2)  
**FIONA STEPHENS**  
E. Ní Stiofáin  
Drumcullen

(3)  
**LORRAINE KEENA**  
L. Ní Gionaoith  
Kilcormac-Killoughy

(4)  
**KAREN BRADY**  
C. Ní Bhródaigh  
St. Sinchill's

(5)  
**KAREN NUGENT**  
C. Ní Mhúcháin  
Drumcullen

(6)  
**MICHAELA MORKAN**  
M. Ní Mhurcháin (Capt.)  
Shirane

(7)  
**LINDA SULLIVAN**  
L. Ní Shuilleabháin  
St. Rynagh's

(8)  
**MARION CREAN**  
M. Ní Chroideáin  
Shirane

(9)  
**ARLENE WATKINS**  
A. Watkins  
Birr

(10)  
**AOIFE KELLY**  
A. Ní Cheallaigh  
Lusmagh

(11)  
**ELAINE DERMODY**  
E. Ní Dhiarmada  
Drumcullen

(12)  
**MICHELLE DAVIS**  
M. Ní Dhaibhis  
Shirane

(13)  
**TINA HANNON**  
T. Ní hAnnáin  
Naomh Bríd

(14)  
**SIOBHÁN FLANNERY**  
S. Ní Fhlannabhra  
St. Rynagh's

(15)  
**JEAN BRADY**  
S. Ní Bhródaigh  
St. Sinchill's

(16) Claire Birmingham  
C. Birmingham  
Lusmagh

(17) Emma Fogarty  
E. Ní Fhógartaigh  
Kilcormac-Killoughy

(18) Emma Dunne  
E. Ní Dhuinn  
Kilcormac-Killoughy

(19) Orlagh Kirwan  
O. Ní Chiarubháin  
Birr

(20) Aísa Hughes  
A. Ní Aodha  
Tullamore

(21) Michelle Gleeson  
M. Ní Ghleasáin  
Birr

(22) Katie Bergin  
C. Ní Bheirín  
Birr

(23) Grace Clendennen  
G. Clendennen  
Kinitty

(24) Aoife Corrigan  
A. Ní Chorráin  
Kinitty

(25) Shauna Flynn  
S. Ní Fhlóinn  
Kilcormac-Killoughy

(26) Eleanor Clendennen  
E. Clendennen  
Kinitty

(27) Debbie Flynn  
D. Ní Fhlóinn  
Kilcormac-Killoughy

(28) Sheila Sullivan  
S. Ní Shuilleabháin  
Birr

(29) Shauna Flaherty  
S. Ní Fhlóidheartaigh  
Tullamore

(30) Shauna Carroll  
S. Ní Chearbhaill  
Birr



## Loch Garman

Corcora agus Ór

(1)  
**HELENA JACOB**  
L. Iacob  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(2)  
**JEAN HAYDEN**  
S. Ní hÉideáin  
Rathnure

(3)  
**LOUISE O'LEARY**  
L. Ní Laoire  
Rathnure

(4)  
**COLLEEN ATKINSON**  
C. Ní Aidicín  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(5)  
**FRANCES DORAN**  
P. Ní Dheoráin  
Bullers Alley

(6)  
**CIARA STOREY**  
C. Ní Stóiri  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(7)  
**SHELLEY KEHOE**  
S. Ní Eochaidh  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(8)  
**EMMA MORAN**  
E. Ní Mhóráin  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(9)  
**EVELYN QUIGLEY**  
E. Ní Choigligh  
Rathnure

(10)  
**CIARA O'CONNOR**  
C. Ní Chonchubhair (Capt.)  
Rathnure

(11)  
**SÍONA NOLAN**  
S. Ní Nualláin  
Manager-Boalavogue

(12)  
**BRÍD GORDON**  
B. Ní Mhuirneacháin  
Blackwater

(13)  
**STACEY KEHOE**  
S. Ní Eochaidh  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(14)  
**EIMEAR O'CONNOR**  
E. Ní Chonchubhair  
Rathnure

(15)  
**LISA BOLGER**  
L. Ní Bholguir  
St. Martin's

(16) Nicola Murphy  
N. Ní Mhurchú  
Faythe Harriers

(19) Niamh O'Connor  
N. Ní Chonchubhair  
Rathnure

(22) Fiona Rochford  
F. de Rosfort  
St. Anne's

(17) Linda Bolger  
L. Ní Bholguir  
St. Martin's

(20) Stacey Redmond  
S. Ní Réamonn  
Oulart-The Ballagh

(23) Ellen Kelly  
E. Ní Cheallaigh  
Marshfield

(18) Lorraine O'Connor  
L. Ní Chonchubhair  
Oylgate-Glenbrien

(21) Bridget Curran  
B. Ní Chorráin  
St. Ibar's-Shelmallee

(24) Louise Codd  
L. Ní Óda  
Duffy Rovers

Roghndáir: Joachim Kelly (Bainisteoir), Ger Fogarty, Bernie Nugent.

Roghndáir: Karen Barnes (Bainisteoir), Ray Quigley, Ger O'Reilly, Treandaí: Gerry McQuaid.



# Wedding bells signal time out for Lyng



Kilkenny camogie star Lizzie Lyng with husband Liam Galvin after their wedding at the Church of the Assumption, The Rower, Co Kilkenny, yesterday. Picture: Patrick Browne

CAMOGIE NL Division One final



**Kilkenny v Wexford**

Today: Semple Stadium, 4pm  
Referee: A Lagrue, Kildare



**Daragh Ó Conchúir**

decision for her.

"I thought about the possibility of a clash when we set the date but there were no fixtures out at that point" said Lyng.

"I thought April might be okay. When the fixtures did come out, I obviously knew the league final was on the day after but it was only after beating Cork that I thought 'oh, oh, we might have a problem here'.

"I'm just happy that Kilkenny are there though, even if I won't be.

"Ann took it out of my hands, which was really nice of her. I just didn't know what to do; I really wanted someone to tell me. Liam said it was up to me and different people were giving me different kinds of advice but then Ann made the call and it was a relief."

It probably was the right decision too she reckons. Even in the semi-final, she felt flat and didn't play well. Physically, she was fine but mentally, she was exhausted.

"I don't think my mind could be fully on the game. And on the day of the wedding, you'd be conscious of it, so you wouldn't be enjoying that like you should."

"Of course I'll still be thinking of the girls and hoping that they win."

There has also been the little matter of concern that the Icelandic volcanic ash could scupper the honeymoon but that situation has improved.

"We've been checking it every day. We're flying to New York on Monday please God and after that going down to the Dominican Republic for six days."

Any Plan B? "Maybe Wexford, depending on Saturday's result" she laughs.

She's only half-joking. Lyng went to school in New Ross and works as a so-

cial worker in Wexford town. She has "a great fondness" for the county and its people and reckons that the Models winning an All-Ireland made everyone else step up a level.

Remarkably, only herself and Catriona Byrne had played in a senior All-Ireland going into last year. Indeed, some of her team-mates had never even been to Croke Park.

When Lyng, who turned 27 a couple of weeks ago, played in her first

All-Ireland, Downey was participating in her last.

"She's now my manager. I don't know what that says about me! But it's a young person's game now. People are getting married and have work commitments, that's a big part of it."

"But it's more difficult for camogie players than footballers or hurlers."

"You don't get mileage, you don't get the dinners. It can be hard to keep going, especially if you're not winning."

Mind you, if you're winning, these things don't matter."

She has no intentions of calling it a day herself.

"So long as one foot goes in front of the other and it happens quick enough and I'm fit enough, I'll be doing it another while anyway."

Just not today. "But hopefully they'll win and we'll all meet up in Kilkenny after."

"That would be perfect."

# Joy for Doyle as Wexford edge out Kilkenny with

**Camogie Division 1 final**

**Wexford 1-7  
Kilkenny 1-6**

by Denis Hurley

WEXFORD camogie manager JJ Doyle feels his job should come with a health warning after the events of Saturday's National League Division 1

final win over Kilkenny at Thurles.

Wexford led 1-5 to 0-6 as the game moved into injury time, but a scrambled 62nd-minute goal from the Cats' Marie Dargan looked to have stolen victory. Una Leacy responded immediately for Wexford before sub Ursula Jacob then pointed the winner in the eighth minute of added time.

"I've aged about 10 years after that!" Doyle joked.

"It's great to win it, but I mean, we

thought we'd won it, then we thought we'd lost and then it looked like it'd be a draw."

"I suppose the fact that Una got the point so quickly after we got the goal of settled us again, and then Ursula showed how good she is by coming on and getting the winner."

Prior to that late drama, the game was not overly entertaining, the poor weather contributing to this. Kilkenny led 0-4 to 0-3 at half-time, but

Wexford's Kate Kelly broke through for a goal within 30 seconds of the restart.

Though Aoife Neary replied immediately with a Kilkenny point, there would be 15 minutes before the next score but Wexford always looked in control and it seemed Kilkenny were beaten.

They summoned one last effort in Dargan's goal, but Wexford found the character to eke out the win,

something that pleased Doyle. "With a lot of teams, their heads would drop after something like that, but that one-point win is probably worth more to us today than a 10 or 15-point win."

"They showed great character there at the end, but at the same time we don't want too many games like that in the year!"

**Scorers for Wexford:** K Kelly 1-3 (0-3f); U Jacob 0-2; C Murphy, U Leacy 0-1 each.

**Scorers for Kilkenny:** M Dargan 1-1, A Neary



Cork captain Orla Cotter with Captain of the All-Star selection Elaine Alward, Kilkenny and

referee and organiser Jack McGrath at the charity game in aid of Hope Foundation on Saturday

## late point

0-3 (0-1f, 0-1 45), D Gaule, M Quilty (0-1f) 0-1 each.

**WEXFORD:** M D'Arcy; C O'Connor, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinson; N Lambert, M Leacy, D Codd; J Dwyer, C Murphy; K Parrock, M O'Leary, K Kelly; F Kavanagh, U Leacy, L Holohan.

**Subs:** U Jacob for Parrock (45).

**KILKENNY:** C Ryan; A Butler, C Doherty, J Frisby; K McDonald, L Fennelly, E Aylward; K Fennelly, D Gaule; A Dalton, K Power, M Dargan; M Quilty, D Delaney, A Neary.

**Subs:** A Farrell for K Fennelly (21, injured), S Farrell for D Delaney (half-time), E Keane for Gaule (47), C Dormer for Quilty (58).

**DIVISION TWO:** Wexford 2-9 Offaly 1-9



# Heartache as late point downs courageous Cats

MICHAEL O'LEARY

**Wexford .....1-7**  
**Kilkenny .....1-6**

WHAT a dramatic finish! The Kilkenny camogie girls have made a habit of producing late drama these times, and it was no different on Saturday in Semple Stadium, Thurles in the senior league final.

However, Kilkenny came out on the wrong side this time as Wexford showed great character to recover from conceding an injury-time goal from Marie Dargan.

A low scoring game saw Kilkenny lead by 0-4 to 0-3 at the interval, after Wexford shot seven wides. A Kate Kelly goal 30 seconds into the new half gave the Slaneysiders the perfect tonic, but Kilkenny refused to yield and they responded with a point from Aoife Neary following a superbly worked movement involving Elaine Aylward, Marie Dargan and Shelley Farrell (1-3 to 0-5).

The period from the 32nd to the 47th minutes remained scoreless as both sides enjoyed periods of possession without transferring it onto the score-

board. Points from a Kate Kelly free and match-winning heroine Ursula Jacob in the 47th and 49th minutes stretched the victors lead.

The Cats kept plugging away. Aoife Neary pointed a free in the 52nd minute to narrow the gap before the two times All-Star missed a goal chance in the 57th minute after good work by Katie Power and Michelle Quilty.

A substantial amount of injury-time was added on for the numerous stoppages. Eight minutes of additional time were added but at least another two could have been played. Kilkenny appeared to have snatched a late victory again.

Katie Power's goal attempt from an acute angle by the endline was brilliantly deflected by Wexford netminder, Mags Darcy at the expense of a 45. Aoife Neary's attempt was dropped on the edge of the square and a goal-mouth scramble involving Katie Power and Collette Dormer saw the faintest of touches by Marie Dargan squeeze the ball over the line (1-6 to 1-5).

However, credit to Wexford. They responded

immediately with a superb point from team captain Una Leacy. A replay looked on the cards as the heroic Kilkenny defence kept Wexford at bay.

That was until super-sub Ursula Jacob stepped up and struck over the winning point. While there was heartache because they lost, Kilkenny can take plenty of heart from an excellent league campaign during which they made huge progress. The attention now switches to the O'Duffy Cup campaign which begins on July 12.

This was a gallant effort from Kilkenny. The defensive sextet, just like Wexford's, was generally dominant.

Catherine Doherty gave a majestic display at full-back. She is a real unsung hero and produces consistently good performances.

Jacqui Frisby confirmed her status as possibly the best corner-back in the game by producing another mesmerizing display. The Mullinavat trio of Amy Butler, Leanne Fennelly and Elaine Aylward performed powerfully.

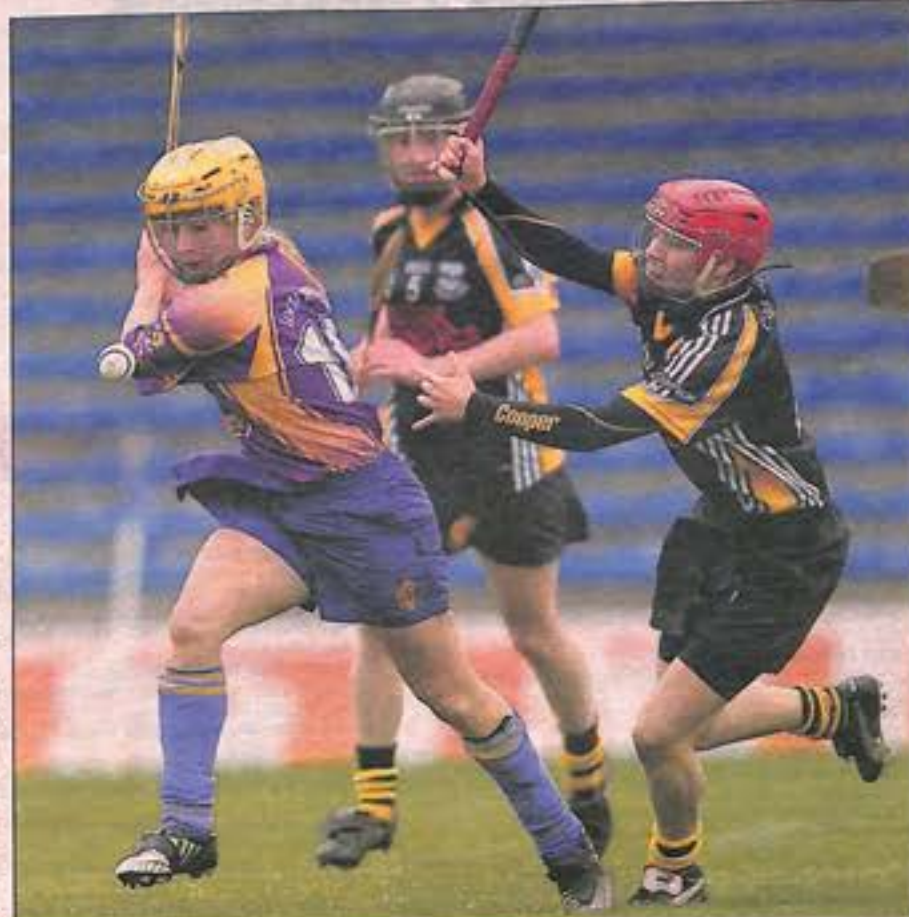
Marie Dargan covered more ground than any other player and performed superbly while

Katie Power was a constant threat despite mostly operating at centre-forward.

**Scorers:** Wexford - Kate Kelly (1-3, points frees); Ursula Jacob (0-2); Una Leacy, Caroline Murphy (0-1 each). Kilkenny - Marie Dargan (1-1); Aoife Neary (0-3, two frees); Anne Dalton (0-1, free); Denise Gaule (0-1).

**Kilkenny** - Catriona Ryan (Tullgoher), Amy Butler (Mullinavat), Catherine Doherty (St Anne's), Jacqui Frisby (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Kate McDonald (Thomastown), Leanne Fennelly (Mullinavat), Elaine Aylward (Mullinavat), Keava Fennelly (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Denise Gaule (Windgap), Anne Dalton, capt (St Lachtain's), Katie Power (Piltown), Marie Dargan (St Martin's), Michelle Quilty (Mullinavat), Deirdre Delaney (St Lachtain's), Aoife Neary (James Stephens). Subs - Anna Farrell (Thomastown) for K. Fennelly 22 min; Shelley Farrell (Thomastown) for Delaney 47 min; Edwina Keane (St Martin's) for Gaule 46 min; Collette Dormer (Paulstown) for Quilty 58 min.

**Wexford** - Mags Darcy, Claire O'Connor, Catherine



Lenny Holohan, Wexford, in action against Jacqui Frisby, Kilkenny in the All-Ireland senior camogie League Division 1 final in Semple Stadium on Saturday. Picture: Caroline Quinn

O'Loughlin, Karen Atkinson, Noeleen Lambert, Mary Leacy, Deirdre Codd, Josie Dwyer, Caroline Mur-

phy, Kariona Parrock, Michelle O'Leary, Kate Kelly, Fiona Kavanagh, Una Leacy, Lenny Holohan. Sub

- Ursula Jacob. Referee - Alan Lagrue (Kildare).

## Strong Tipp power into the All-Ireland finals

### Camogie

MICHAEL O'LEARY

**Tipperary .....0-13**  
**Kilkenny .....1-3**

THERE was bitter disappointment for the Kilkenny under-16 camogie team when they were overpowered by hugely motivated and physically strong Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final at the Ragg on Saturday.

Kilkenny, backed by the breeze, failed to make any great impression and they were fortunate to be trailing by a solitary point (0-6 to 1-2) at the interval. From an early stage Tipperary looked the stronger and under the guidance of former great, Noelle Kennedy they produced a performance of real substance.

Their defensive unit was brilliantly inspired by the game's best performer, full-back Caoimhe Maher. The Kilkenny attack found the opposing defence a lot tougher than the pick of their previous opponents, Wexford and Dublin.

Michaela Graham opened the scoring with a point in the 8th minute before Kate Holland finally opened Kilkenny's account with a superb leveller on 15 minutes. Ciara Holden (free) and Aoife Ryan exchanged points in the

17th and 19th minutes before the victors added further points from Tara Kennedy and Aoife Ryan (2, one free) approaching half-time.

However, Kilkenny gained a large slice of good fortune when Lydia Fitzpatrick's long range shot deceived the Tipperary goalkeeper and the ball ended up in the net (1-2 to 0-5).

The tenacious Ciara McGrath restored Tipperary's lead with a point in injury-time to conclude the first half scoring. After the turn, Tipp whipped up a storm. Aoife Ryan pointed three frees to extend the difference to 0-9 to 1-2.

Kilkenny refused to yield despite their struggles and they scored a badly needed point in the 45th minute. Ciara Holden was unmarked in front of goal and she had a chance at goal brilliantly smothered by Caoimhe Maher at the expense of a 45, which she converted (0-9 to 1-3).

Kelly Hamilton was unlucky with a chance to narrow the gap before Tipperary regained the initiative with further points from Aoife Ryan (3) and midfielder Sarah Fryday to wrap-up a deserved victory.

Kilkenny's best performers were Laura Dunne, Julie Anne Malone and Lydia Fitzpatrick, but no one could dispute the supe-

riority of Tipperary who were simply too strong.

**Scorers:** Tipperary - Aoife Ryan (0-10, six frees, one 45); Michaela Graham, Tara Kennedy, Sarah Fryday (0-1 each).

**Kilkenny** - Lydia Fitzpatrick (1-0); Ciara Holden

(0-2, one free, one 45); Kate Holland (0-1).

**Kilkenny** - Aine Kinsella (Mullinavat), Sarah Crowley (Mooncoin), Laura Dunne (Danesfort), Maureen Walsh (St Lachtain's), Niamh Phelan (Windgap), Julie Anne Malone (Mulli-

navat), Kelly Hamilton (Rower-Inistioge), Lydia Fitzpatrick (St Lachtain's), Miriam Walsh (Tullaroan), Orla Hanrick, capt (Dicksboro), Kate Holland (Lisdowney), Siobhan Corcoran (St Anne's), Emma Ayres (Danesfort), Ciara

Holden (Mullinavat), Rachel Hogan (Danesfort). Subs - Katie Doherty (St Lachtain's), Niamh Bambrick (Windgap).

**Tipperary** - Orla McEniry, Julie Anne Burke, Caoimhe Maher, Louise McLoughlan, Rachel

Kennedy, Clodagh Quirke, Teresa Ryan, Sarah Fryday, Mary Walsh, Ciara McGrath, Michaela Graham, Tara Kennedy, Aoife Ryan, Megan Ryan, Anne Eniston. Referee - Mike O'Kelly (Cork).

## PREVIOUS NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINALS

DATE	VENUE	RESULT	WINNING CAPTAIN
6/3/77	Thurles	Tipperary.....4-02	Wexford.....1-03
5/3/78	Castleboro	Wexford.....2-05	Cork.....0-04
12/11/78	Adare	Kilkenny.....2-04	Limerick.....1-05
18/11/79	Russell Park	Dublin.....0-06	Limerick.....0-00
29/6/80	Roscrea	Kilkenny.....3-08	Tipperary.....1-03
21/6/81	Russell Park	Dublin.....1-07	Cork.....1-04
24/5/82	St. John's Park	Kilkenny.....2-05	Cork.....1-04
22/5/83	Russell Park	Dublin.....4-08	Wexford.....1-06
17/5/84	Ballinlough	Cork.....1-08	Dublin.....0-04
2/6/85	Parnell Park	Kilkenny.....4-07	Dublin.....3-06
18/5/86	O'Toole Park	Cork.....3-08	Dublin.....1-10
7/6/87	Nowlan Park	Kilkenny.....4-08	Dublin.....1-06
12/6/88	O'Toole Park	Kilkenny.....3-10	Dublin.....2-04
18/6/89	Nowlan Park	Kilkenny.....6-07	Cork.....1-11
10/6/90	Enniscorthy	Kilkenny.....1-10	Wexford.....2-04
30/5/91	Ballinlough	Cork.....2-13	Kilkenny.....2-06
14/5/92	Enniscorthy	Cork.....2-17	Wexford.....0-11
6/6/93	Ballyragget	Kilkenny.....4-07	Cork.....1-13
12/6/94	Ballinasloe	Galway.....1-13	Tipperary.....1-08
21/6/95	St. Finbarr's	Cork.....5-16	Armagh.....3-04
2/6/96	Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork.....3-16	Galway.....1-07
8/6/97	Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork.....4-12	Kilkenny.....0-09
15/6/98	Ballinasloe	Cork.....1-16	Galway.....2-09
22/5/99	Thurles	Cork.....9-19	Tipperary.....2-04
20/5/00	Tullamore	Cork.....3-07	Tipperary.....1-10
27/10/01	Nenagh	Cork.....6-09	Galway.....0-11
24/5/02	Tullamore	Galway.....6-06	Limerick.....1-07
11/5/03	Páirc Uí Rinn	Cork.....3-13	Tipperary.....2-12
22/5/04	Nowlan Park	Tipperary.....3-10	Wexford.....2-09
29/5/05	Thurles	Galway.....2-10	Cork.....2-07
14/5/06	Thurles	Cork.....2-07	Tipperary.....2-05
6/5/07	Nowlan Park	Cork.....3-08	Wexford.....2-10
26/4/08	Nowlan Park	Kilkenny.....3-11	Galway.....0-17
25/4/09	Parnell Park	Wexford.....2-12	Tipperary.....0-11

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The first two National League Division 1 campaigns, for 1976-77 and 1977-78, started in the autumn and finished in the spring. Then it was decided to complete the competition within the calendar year, and this explains the two 1978 dates. The October date for the 2001 final was due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak earlier in the year.



## CAMOGIE NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL

## JACOB PROVES A POINT

DEAN GOODISON

In Semple Stadium

WEXFORD  
KILKENNY1-7  
1-6

SOMETIMES AN absolute refusal to stop trying; a lung-puncturing, unrelenting effort of monumental proportions is good enough to achieve your goal. However, when two teams cancel each other out in those stakes it takes a moment of sheer class to act as a separator.

And that's almost exactly how the National Camogie League Division 1 final transpired at Semple Stadium on Saturday last, with the only difference being that Wexford produced two moments.

Ordinarily hearts would have dropped when Marie Dargan forced the ball over the goal-line following a prolonged scramble involving upwards of a dozen players a minute and a half into injury time.

Yet this Wexford side is far from ordinary. The raised green flag only served to reinvigorate the troops as Una Leacy ignited to lash over a picture-perfect equaliser 30 seconds later.

As if that wasn't enough - following more frenetic yet asserted defending from the Slaneysiders - they eventually fashioned an opening for the winner.

Ursula Jacob, again starting as a substitute, worked half a yard of space down the right following a flick on from Lenny Holohan and blasted over the winning score as seven and a half minutes of injury ticked up on the gloom-illuminated stadium clock, sparking joyous scenes from the Wexford contingent inside the ground.

Again, like the semi-final victory over Cork, it wasn't always as it was drawn up in J.J. Doyle's notebook. At times it was downright ugly. But the defence again paved the way for victory as the forwards floundered for long periods.

While the half-back line defended exceptionally well for the second game running, they had prolonged periods of poor ball usage. The midfielders, while dramatically improved from the semi-final win over Cork, were guilty of the same offence.

It's not been costly so far but a continuation of the situation through the championship will eventually tell - like it did last year.

The forward line again struggled, partly because of the use of an extra back by Kilkenny, partly because of poor service but also because the confidence in possession is still a little off.

Katrina Parrock can count herself unlucky to be the one withdrawn for Jacob. The talented teenager was not at her best but still outshone others around her.

Mags D'Arcy pulled off a fine diving save from Michelle Quilty in the opening minutes before a good team move saw Caroline Murphy slot over the opening score for Wexford. Josie Dwyer then kicked an effort onto the crossbar, Lenny Holohan saw an attempt blocked on a path to goal, and Fiona Kavanagh fired a shot from a tight angle narrowly wide as Wexford pressed early.

A foul on Kavanagh 25 metres from goal allowed Kate Kelly to flick over her first score after 15 minutes, but Marie Dargan quickly responded (0-2 to 0-1).

Parrock forced Catriona Ryan into a sharp save in the 20th minute but three further Kilkenny scores, from Denise Gaule and Aoife Neary twice, edged them ahead.

A late free by Kelly left the gap at the minimum at the interval (0-4 to 0-3), but her powerful run and finish, following a sensational piece of fielding from Mary Leacy, seconds after the resumption turned the scoreboard in Wexford's favour.

Michelle Quilty quickly pulled one back, but it led to a third quarter in which Wexford were in the ascendancy yet the scores didn't flow. It wasn't until the 47th minute - a full 15 minutes without a score - that Kelly popped over a free following a trip by Ann Dalton (1-4 to 0-5).

Jacob lashed over her first from an acute angle on the right to put Wexford three ahead for the first time, only for Neary to respond for the black and ambers, their first score for 21 minutes.

While Dargan managed to edge Kilkenny clear in injury time, the Wexford girls never gave in as the Oulart-The Ballagh duo pounced, leaving captain Leacy to pick up the trophy from the Camogie Association President, Joan O'Flynn, surrounded by her victorious team-mates.



Wexford captain Una Leacy with the spoils of success after Saturday's final.



Lenny Holohan takes aim as Jacqui Frisby closes her down during Saturday's final.

## WEXFORD

SCORERS: Kate Kelly (1-3, 0-3 frees), Ursula Jacob (0-2), Caroline Murphy and Una Leacy (0-1 each).

1. Mags D'Arcy
2. Claire O'Connor
3. Catherine O'Loughlin
4. Karen Atkinson
5. Noeleen Lambert
6. Mary Leacy
7. Deirdre Codd
8. Josie Dwyer
9. Caroline Murphy
10. Katrina Parrock
11. Michelle O'Leary
12. Kate Kelly
13. Lenny Holohan
14. Una Leacy (capt.)
15. Fiona Kavanagh

SUBS: Ursula Jacob for Parrock (45), Helena Jacob, Aoife O'Connor, Evelyn Quigley, Shelley Kehoe, Clara Storey, Clara O'Connor, Stacey Kehoe, Colleen Atkinson, Louise O'Leary, Eimear O'Connor, Jean Hayden.

## KILKENNY

SCORERS: Marie Dargan (1-1), Aoife Neary (0-3, 1 '45, 1 free), Denise Gaule (0-1), Ann Dalton (0-1 free).

1. Catriona Ryan
2. Amy Butler
3. Catherine Doherty
4. Jacqui Frisby
5. Kate McDonald
6. Leann Fennelly
7. Elaine Aylward
8. Keava Fennelly
9. Denise Gaule
10. Ann Dalton (capt.)
11. Katie Power
12. Marie Dargan
13. Michelle Quilty
14. Deirdre Delaney
15. Aoife Neary

SUBS: Anna Farrell for Fennelly, Inj. (20), Shelly Farrell for Delaney (HT), Edwina Keane for Gaule (47), Collette Dormer for Quilty (59).

REFEREE: Alan Lagrue (Kildare).

VENUE: Semple Stadium, Thurles.

## Never-say-die attitude was key

WEXFORD SENIOR camogie boss, J.J. Doyle, says it was his team's never-say-die attitude that helped them to back-to-back National League Division 1 titles in Thurles on Saturday last.

'It shows great character that they came back, they had to keep going and their heads didn't drop down. It will do the world of good for them for the rest of the year as regards belief when you know that they are never beaten.'

'They were like the defence the last day. You don't win anything without a good defence like ours there again today,' said Doyle about his impenetrable rearguard. 'The full-back line, the centre-back line, just absolutely brilliant.'

Doyle also said his side improved their implementation of the game plan following their semi-final struggles.

'We didn't stick to the game plan all the time but we were better at it today than we were against Cork. We said we were using the league to build it up, so they will know now and have confidence in it and know it will work.'

Meanwhile, super-sub Ursula Jacob was delighted to make her presence felt in an impressive 15-minute cameo, but

she conceded that it was a disappointment to be left out.

'Obviously I was extremely disappointed to be left off, but there is great strength in the squad and a lot of good forwards and I had to deal with it and get on with it. I felt today I just wanted to come on and prove my point. Things worked out and thankfully the balls went over the bar.'

'We all know how good she is, she can take scores, she came on today and scored two brilliant points,' said Doyle about his charge.

'When you can call on experience like that from the bench it's a brilliant position for any management team to be in. She will be, like them all, pushing hard over the next few weeks to be getting on the championship team.'

Wexford's next game is a Leinster championship semi-final against Dublin on May 23.

A victory there would lead to a repeat meeting with Kilkenny in the provincial decider one week later, with the All-Ireland series beginning at home to Dublin on June 19 and continuing over five successive Saturdays.





Kilkenny goalkeeper Catriona Ryan shows relief as she watches the ball go wide during the All-Ireland senior camogie National League Division 1 final against Wexford in Thurles. The Cats were beaten. Photo: Caroline Quinn

Double delight as Wexford retain Division One crown

### Double delight as Wexford retain Division One crown

Wexford 1-7 Kilkenny 1-6

Denis Hurley, Semple Stadium

Ursula Jacob's point in the eighth minute of injury time gave Wexford victory in the Camogie National League Division 1 final at Semple Stadium on Saturday.

An otherwise-uninspiring game had a grandstand finish as a goal from Kate Kelly early in the second half looked to have been the deciding score when Wexford led 1-5 to 0-6 in injury time, but Marie Dargan's goal then seemed to have stolen victory for the Cats only for Una Leacy to level for the Model County before Jacob's winner.

Kelly's strike 30 seconds after half-time put the Model County into a 1-3 to 0-4 lead, having trailed by a point at the interval, and they never relinquished their advantage. Kelly was the top scorer for Wexford, shooting three points in addition to her goal, while centre-back Mary Leacy was excellent as part of their defensive unit and Aoife Neary was good for Kilkenny.

The first half, while lacking in scoring as Kilkenny led 0-4 to 0-3 at the break, was not without its chances though. As early as the third minute, Michelle Quilty almost found the net for the Cats, doubling on a Marie Dargan ball in, but Mags D'Arcy pulled off a great save.

After Caroline Murphy then gave Wexford the lead with the opening score, Josie Dwyer was unlucky not to goal for the Model County, her kicked effort after a scramble coming back off the crossbar, while Fiona Kavanagh also shot wide soon after.

A Kate Kelly free doubled the Wexford lead before two in three minutes, from Dargan and Michelle Quilty, had Kilkenny level, and, after Wexford's Katrina Parrock was denied by a good Catriona Ryan save, Aoife Neary and Denise Gaule had Kilkenny two clear as half-time approached, though Kelly halved the deficit in the final minute of the half.

Less than 30 seconds after the restart, Kelly then ran through the Kilkenny defence unimpeded and finished to the net to make it 1-3 to 0-4 for Wexford, and despite Aoife Neary cutting the lead to just a point soon after, Kilkenny couldn't find a leveller.

Amazingly, 15 minutes passed before the next score, with Kelly converting a free and sub Ursula Jacob then scoring a fine point to give Wexford some breathing space in the form of a goal lead. Neary, Kilkenny's main scoring threat, did get a point with seven minutes left to reduce the deficit to two, and though Quilty did have a late goal chance, shooting wide, Wexford looked as if they would hold on despite late Kilkenny pressure, before the drama at the end.

Scorers - Wexford: K Kelly 1-3 (0-3f), C Murphy, U Leacy 0-1 each, U Jacob (0-2)  
Kilkenny: Marie Dargan 1-1, A Neary 0-3 (0-1f, 0-1 45), D Gaule 0-1, Michelle Quilty (0-1)  
WEXFORD: H Jacob; C O'Connor, C O'Loughlin, K Atkinson; N Lambert, M Leacy, D Codd; J Dwyer, C Murphy; K Parrock, M O'Leary, K Kelly; F Kavanagh, U Leacy, L Holohan.  
Subs: U Jacob for Parrock (45).

KILKENNY: C Ryan; A Butler, C Doherty, J Frisby; K McDonald, L Fennelly, E Aylward; K Fennelly, D Gaule; A Dalton, K Power, M Dargan; M Quilty, D Delaney, A Neary.  
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Referee: A Lagrue (Kildare).



Wexford capture Division Two title

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Wexford 2-9 Offaly 1-9

Denis Hurley, Semple Stadium

A good second-half performance saw Wexford overcome Offaly to take the Camogie National League Division 2 crown at Semple Stadium in Thurles on Saturday afternoon.

Trailing 1-6 to 1-5 at half-time, Wexford upped their game after the interval to restrict their opponents to just three points in the second period and once they edged ahead in the 48th minute they held onto the lead.

Ciara Storey, daughter of Wexford legend Martin, was very good at centre-back while corner-forwards Stacey Kehoe and Lisa Bolger chipped in with some vital scores for the Model County. Greater scoring power was a feature in this victory for Karen Barnes' side, as they had seven different players on target, while in contrast Offaly were heavily reliant on the frees of Elaine Dermody, who accounted for six points of their 1-9 total.

Three of these helped Wexford into an early 0-3 to no score lead, but in the 12th minute Bolger's point attempt travelled all the way to the Offaly net to level. This score settled Wexford and they were to lead for most of the remainder of the first half, Emma Moran's point on 23 making it 1-4 to 0-5 for them.

That was cancelled out almost immediately by Dermody however, and then two minutes before the break, Offaly regained the lead, Arlene Watkins pouncing to fire to the net after Wexford goalkeeper Helena Jacob dropped a Michaela Morkan long-range free.

Siona Nolan reduced the gap to the minimum as the sides turned around but when Dermody pointed another free early in the second half, Offaly looked to still be in command.

By the 41st minute, however, Wexford were back level, Brid Gordon with a brilliant point and Kehoe with her second of the game. Dermody responded to put Offaly back in front, but the momentum was with Wexford by now, and an excellent score following a good run by Bolger levelled before a huge free from Storey put them ahead.

Gordon then almost got in for a goal but was denied by good defending from Linda Sullivan and Wexford captain Ciara O'Connor was similarly unlucky, her long-range free batted away by Offaly goalkeeper Audrey Kennedy.

Wexford were enjoying of possession as they looked to extend their lead, but the wides tally was increasing and Offaly were still in with a chance, but they were finding it difficult to make attacking headway.

Eventually, in the final minute of normal time, Wexford's pressure was to pay off as sub Linda Bolger sent a dangerous ball into the Offaly goalmouth and fellow replacement Stacey Redmond was able to poke the loose ball home before Kennedy could get to it to open up a four-point gap. Offaly did respond late on with a Siobhán Flannery point, but it was too little too late for them and Wexford emerged victorious.

Scorers - Wexford: Lisa Bolger 1-2, S Redmond 1-0, S Kehoe 0-2, E Moran, C O'Connor, S Nolan, B Gordon 0-1 each.  
Offaly: E Dermody 0-6 (0-5f), A Watkins 1-0, T Hannon 0-2, S Flannery 0-1.

WEXFORD: H Jacob; J Hayden, L O'Leary, C Atkinson; F Doran, C Storey, S Kehoe; E Moran, E Quigley; C O'Connor, S Nolan, B Gordon; S Kehoe, E O'Connor, Lisa Bolger.

Subs: Linda Bolger for E O'Connor (41), S Redmond for Lisa Bolger (56).

OFFALY: A Kennedy; F Stephens, L Keena, K Brady; K Nugent, M Morkan, L Sullivan; M Crean, A Watkins; A Kelly, E Dermody, M Davis; T Hannon, S Flannery, J Brady.

Sub: M Gleeson for J Brady (54).  
Referee: K O'Brien (Dublin).



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# Inters forge first leg of double

WEXFORD  
OFFALY

2-9  
1-9

DEAN GOODISON

THE WEXFORD Intermediate camogie team preceded their illustrious Senior counterparts into the record books by recording National League Division 2 success for the second year in succession against an up-and-coming Offaly at Semple Stadium on Saturday last.

With both sides undefeated coming into the contest, something had to give and it proved to be Offaly's 100% record.

Wexford were excellent, never giving their opponents a second on the ball, with an attitude of hard work rife throughout the side.

While it was very much a team performance that propelled them to victory, the key job for Wexford was to keep Offaly star Elaine Dermody quiet. It was a task that Ciara Storey excelled at.

On the fringes of the first team, she didn't let the disappointment at missing out affect her performance as she curtailed any dalliances forward by Dermody, restricted her to a point from play and won almost every individual battle.

It can't be easy watching your team-mates get promoted to the Senior squad - this side was two light of the team that got the better of Limerick in their last game - but they keep on churning out performances regardless.

With Karen Atkinson looking a fixture in the first team, Louise O'Leary switched inside to full-back, Jean Hayden moved back to the corner and Frances Doran came into the side. The enforced defensive changes were certainly successful as the full-back line looked a solid, cohesive unit while Doran was unspectacular but highly efficient.

Lisa Bolger was drafted in to fill a huge gap left by Fiona Kavanagh, with the rangy Bundocloy woman having already registered 5-5 in the Division 2 league before being promoted. The youngster put in a quality turn at left corner-forward as Eimear O'Connor took an unfamiliar role at full.

Offaly took their early chances to lead by three Dermody points after eleven minutes. All the scores were from frees, although the third decision had a touch of comedy about it as referee

Karl O'Brien penalised Doran for over-carrying while she was being asphyxiated by an opponent's hurl from behind.

A long-range Lisa Bolger shot found its way into the net to draw Wexford level following a quality sideline from Siona Nolan, but Offaly responded through Tina Hannon (0-4 to 1-0).

Ciara O'Connor, Stacey Kehoe and Bolger all pointed as the opening 20 minutes drew to a close to give Wexford a two-point lead, but Hannon soon grabbed her second as Offaly tried to take advantage of the aiding wind.

A close-range Emma Moran point again cushioned the lead before an uncharacteristic misjudgement by Helena Jacob allowed Arlene Watkins to pounce and tap home Offaly's goal. O'Connor's short free in injury time gave Nolan the chance to pull her side within one at the break which she duly took (1-6 to 1-5).

The second-half was one-way traffic for much of the 30 minutes. Dermody got the opening score for Offaly but they would only add two more. Points by Brid Gordon, Kehoe, Bolger and Storey edged Wexford ahead going into the last ten minutes (1-9 to 1-8).

The killer goal finally arrived in the last minute as substitute Linda Bolger's long ball found its way past a stranded Audrey Kennedy with Gordon providing the diversion and, while Siobhán Flannery tacked on a point, Ciara O'Connor would not be denied the chance to collect the trophy from President Joan O'Flynn.

## WEXFORD

Helena Jacob; Jean Hayden, Louise O'Leary, Colleen Atkinson; Frances Doran, Ciara Storey, Shelley Kehoe; Emma Moran (0-3); Evelyn O'Leary; Brid Gordon (0-1); Siona Nolan (0-1); Ciara O'Connor (capt., 0-1); Stacey Kehoe (0-2); Eimear O'Connor; Lisa Bolger (1-2). SUBS: Linda Bolger (1-0) for E. O'Connor (41); Stacey Redmond for Lisa Bolger (56); also Nicola Murphy, Lorraine O'Connor, Niamh O'Connor, Bridget Curran, Fiona Rochford, Ellen Kelly, Louise Codd.

## OFFALY

Audrey Kennedy; Fiona Stephens, Lorraine Keena, Karen Brady; Karen Nugent, Michaela Morkan (capt.); Linda Sullivan; Marion Cress, Arlene Watkins (1-0); Aoife Kelly, Elaine Dermody (0-6, 5 frees); Michelle Davis; Tina Hannon (0-2); Siobhán Flannery (0-1); Jean Brady. SUB: Michelle Gleeson for J. Brady (54).

REFEREE: Karl O'Brien (Dublin).  
VENUE: Semple Stadium, Thurles.



A delighted Ciara O'Connor raises the silverware aloft.



Eimear Donnelly Captain of Kilkenny U-14 Camogie Team who won the Leinster Final on Sunday last when they beat Dublin. Eimear is pictured with Tom Ryan (Trainer) and Liz Dempsey (Team Manager). Donnelly Captain of Kilkenny U-14 Camogie Team who won the Leinster Final on Sunday last when they beat Dublin. Eimear is pictured with Tom Ryan (Trainer) and Liz Dempsey (Team Manager).

## Thomastown NEWS

**CAMOGIE** - Congratulations to Emer Donnelly who captained the Kilkenny U-14 Camogie Team to their 8th Leinster Title in a row on Sunday last when they defeated Dublin on a 4-07 to 2-10 scoreline. Congratulations also to Liz Dempsey who was the team manager.

## WATERFORD CAMOGIE

### MUNSTER U-18 SEMI-FINAL

On Sunday May 2nd 2010, the Waterford minor camogie team took the trip to the 'Banner' County of Clare where they took on the Clare minor team in Cusack Park in Ennis. This game indeed was going to be a tough encounter for the Deise side as many of the Clare side were senior players on the Clare County team. Strong in all positions in the field the Waterford girls found it very hard to keep in the game so were decisively beaten on a score line of 3-17 to Waterford's 1-02. The girls now have a break from games until July when the All Ireland Championship begins.

### WATERFORD U-14 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Monday May 3rd was a busy day for the Waterford U14 girls as it was County final day for the U14 B and C Championship. Both finals were played in Walsh Park. In the U14B (Sponsored by Briceys C.C.) final it was Bricky Rangers against De La Salle, where Bricky Rangers were crowned the 2010 Champions. In the U14 C (Sponsored by Portlaoigh C.C.) Championship it was Portlaoigh who took on Ferrybank where Portlaoigh were the victors on a score line of Portlaoigh 3-3 Ferrybank 1-1.

### U14 A FINAL (SPONSORED BY FDC ACCOUNTANTS LISMORE)

The U14 A final took place in Fraher Field Dungarvan on Monday May 10th at 7pm. Gall Tir V Lismore were the teams who played, result not known at the time of going to press.

### COUNTY FEILE NA NGAEIL FINAL LISMORE 2-1 GALL TIR 2-0

On Saturday May 1st Tramore was the venue for the County Feile final. This year only two teams (Lismore V Gall Tir) played in the County Feile Championship so it was a straight final. Only one point separated the teams in this match and once again for the 11th year in a row Lismore will represent Waterford in the All Ireland Feile na nGael. This year the Feile will be held in Clare, where Waterford will be hosted by St. Joseph's of Doora Bearfield which is just outside Ennis.



# Healy goal no consolation as Cork suffer a huge defeat

Galway 1-20  
Cork 1-0

THERE can be no disputing the outcome of this one as champions Galway totally overpowered Cork to advance to a final meeting with Tipperary after a one-sided U16 All-Ireland semi-final at The Ragg Co Tipperary on Saturday, writes MARY NEWMAN.

From the throw-in the champions were in command and having elected to play with the aid of the strong wind in the opening half they set about laying the foundations for victory from the start.

All over the pitch they held the upper hand and from one to 15 they were full value for victory. Their first touch was superb and they showed a maturity way beyond their years. Cork didn't help their cause by an insistence through the opening half on playing long ball against the wind when the option to carry the ball forward and maybe draw frees was one they never used or explored and it suited Galway, allowing their defence time to clear their lines to safety.

Cork almost grabbed a goal with the first attack of the game but from here to the break their defence was under constant pressure as Galway with the wind to their backs picked off scores from all angles.

Five minutes into the game Maria Breheny, standing in total isolation on the edge of the square, grabbed the game's opening goal and piling on the pressure Galway extended their lead with Rebecca Hennelly a constant threat hitting seven first-half points, three coming from play and four from frees. Cork battled hard but the sheer physical strength of Galway was evident all over the pitch as they quenched any attack Cork set up quickly and efficiently.

Cork needed to get a good start to the second half but Galway with Maria Cooney a commanding figure at centre back closed them down completely. Rebecca Hennelly had converted two frees before Orla Healy finished the ball to the net for a Cork goal eight minutes into the half.

At this stage 15 points separated the sides but to be fair Cork battled on. However they were simply brushed aside by the sheer physical strength of a very focused Galway side, 13 of whom were eligible from last season All-Ireland winning side. They showed the mark of champions all through and on this display they will be hard to stop.

In the opening game at The Ragg, Tipperary booked their place to meet Galway in the final with a 0-13 to 1-3 victory over Kilkenny.

**Scorers for Galway:** R Hennelly 0-11 (0-7), 0-2 (45°), M Breheny 1-2, A O'Reilly 0-3, A Kelly 0-2, A O'Reilly 0-1.

**Cork:** O Healy 1-0.

**GALWAY:** C Daly, S Keehen, S Cormican, M Dunleavy, L Farrell, M Cooney, A Dervan, C Mc Grath (c), R Hennelly, A Kenny, A O'Reilly, S Skehill, R Monaghan, M Breheny, O Mc Grath.

**Subs:** A Dolan for A Kenny (49), E Murray for S Skehill (53), S Gardiner for O Mc Grath (53), C Donohue for A Dervan (55).

**CORK:** S O'Mahony, A Barry, A Peate (c), C O'Callaghan, N O'Brien, T Crowley, A Twohill, A O'Keeffe, J Mulcahy, C Shine, J Barry, E Jordan, O Healy, L O'Flynn, O Cronin.

**Subs:** R O'Callaghan for N O'Brien (Nt), S Moloney for J Barry (44), R Murphy for A Barry (50), R Crowley for J Mulcahy (55), G Sheehy for A Twohill (56).

**Ref:** Eamonn Browne (Tipperary).



**STAR CAPTAINS:** Cork football skipper Michael Shields and Cork camogie captain Orla Cotter show off their University College Cork Sport Star Awards at The River Lee Hotel last night. Picture: Neil Danton

## President's April Blog

I'm a little late with this month's blog so apologies.

I love this time of the year. After work, it's bright and there's loads of evening matches on. Even if there isn't a game on the club will be training and I can watch from the sidelines! Failing that, there's sure to be a few meetings to keep me busy!

Over the last couple of weeks, myself and Sinéad, our Ard Stiúrthóir, have clocked up a few miles. We've attended a number of county boards and regional workshops to consult on the proposed new rules for the Camogie Association. We've had very useful discussions in Dublin, Croke Park, Wexford and Tullamore and to date 14 counties have attended the sessions. There are two more workshops to go- in Armagh and Waterford.

Following these, Central Council (Ardchomhairle) will revise the draft rules doing our best to take account of the points made by you at the workshops. A second draft of the rules will then issue and Special Congress on 22nd May will vote on the proposals.

## GAA Congress

Sinéad and I also attended the annual GAA Congress in Newcastle, Co. Down in mid April. Several of the motions were of interest. These included the motion successfully passed to introduce Go Games for hurling and football players aged under 12. While, this debate is ongoing within Camogie, we are strongly promoting Go Games in our development work.

GAA Congress also considered a motion to introduce match bans as a form of suspension instead of the current system of suspending people for a number of weeks or months. This was referred for further consideration. Within Camogie, our proposed new rules suggest match bans in certain circumstances.

## New clubs monitor

One of the best things I've heard over the past couple of weeks is the drive around establishing new clubs around the country. Here's some of what's happening:

Ballyvarley in Mayo just started... Arklow Rocks in Wicklow on the go.... Burrin Rangers in Carlow recently launched..... St. Joseph's in Laois getting off the ground .....St. Bridgets in Rochfortbridge starting up .....Longford Slashers taking part in competition. .... Mungret and Glenrue in Limerick up and running..... discussions in Carnew, Co. Wicklow ..... Castletown in Laois maybe re-establishing and overseas a new club forming in Indianapolis USA.

There sure is plenty of interest and enthusiasm out there for our game. Let's keep spreading the word. If each county can establish one new club this year that'd be at least 28 new clubs by this time next year! That's definitely within our sights. Its more players, more teams, more volunteers, more participation and more fun!

## National League Finals

The business end of the National Leagues is over. Congrats to Wexford on a brilliant defence of their Division One and Two National League titles. Well done also to Laois and Tyrone on excellent performances in securing the Division Three and Four titles. You may have noticed the emergence of Camogie TV during the promotion of the Division One and Two Finals? Check it out on You Tube and don't forget to sign up for the Camogie page on Facebook too. This will provide you with up to the minute scores in key national games.

Next up are the All Ireland under 16 finals on 8th May. Galway, Tipperary, Limerick, Derry, Meath and Carlow will all be vying for glory. Check out the website for details of venues etc nearer the time.

Until May, gach dea mhéin

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# Cork look to retain crown in minor final

**TOMORROW**  
Munster minor final,  
Cork v Clare,  
Sixmilebridge, 5.30pm

**HOLDERS** Cork with victories over Tipperary and Limerick under their belts will be hoping to overcome the challenge posed by Clare when the sides meet on Sunday evening at Sixmilebridge, County Clare. Last season Clare reached the All-Ireland final where they lost out to Kilkenny and having defeated Cork at semi-final stage they will be confident of repeating that results.

Two years ago at U16 level they defeated Cork to take the provincial crown, but Cork turned the tables in that season's All-Ireland series to regain the upper hand.

There are several survivors two years later as the players have now moved up the grades to minor level and it will be interesting to see just who has blossomed and progressed in the intervening two years.

Cork were full value for their victories over Tipp and Limerick and they have prepared hard under the guidance of Aghbullogue's Murt Murphy. Captain Jessica Kavanagh is a reliable keeper while players such as Claire Meeney, Fionnula Neville, Pamela Mackey, Mariah Reidy and Aine and Ailin O'Donovan have been to the fore.

The experienced Chloe Morey captains Clare and with players of the calibre of Naomi Carroll, Louise Woods, Niamh O'Dea and Christina Glynn in his line out manager Francie McMahon will be confident that his side can take the provincial crown. The All-Ireland series is the main focus of attention for both counties and they have been using the provincial competition which is played on separate basis to gel their panels. Clare will be confident of taking the title but Cork look to be that bit sharper and should hold out to retain their crown.



## Féile na nGael semi-finals

IT'S down to semi-final stages in the camogie Féile na nGael as the race to find Cork's representatives continues. On Saturday last in division one Inniscarra, Douglas, Courcey Rovers and Carrigaline emerged as section winners and will contest the semi-final to battle it out to find the team who will travel to Clare to represent the county.

The Division 2 competition is confined for clubs who participate in under 14 C and D competitions and as Cork are a senior graded county the winners of this will not go forward to national competitions but nevertheless the Division 2 title will be hotly contested with Tracton and Fr O'Neill's meeting in the semi-final and Bishopstown awaiting the winners in the final.

The semi-finals will take place this Wednesday night as follows:

### Division 1:

Courcey Rovers v Carrigaline; Douglas v Inniscarra both in Riverstick

### Division 2:

Tracton v Fr O'Neill's; venue to be announced.

### Na Piarsaigh Bishopstown

2-7  
1-6

NA PIARSAIGH and Bishopstown battled it out for the 2009 U15A Seandún title in Bishopstown. After a superb contest four points separated the sides at the full-time whistle.

Bishopstown made all the early running and led by five points before Rebecca Rourke took on the Bishopstown defence to slot the ball over for a Na Piarsaigh point. Three points in-a-row from Amy O'Connor left just one between the sides at the break. Both sides battled to gain control in the second-half Louise Dorgan flicked the ball to the net for Na Piarsaigh. Erin Mc Elhinney and Amy Leahy were also prominent on the score sheet.

**Na Piarsaigh:** A Lee, L Connery, N Connery, N Cronin, V O'Connor, R. Rourke, R.

THE Seandún division cleared its backlog when they recently played their U15A and U13 A finals to get competitions, held up by bad weather, finally completed.

It was a north side double as Na Piarsaigh and Glen Rovers took the titles on offer in two splendid finals.

**Sheehan, M. Punch, E. Mc Elhinney, A. Moynihan, A O'Connor, A. Hannon, L. Dorgan, A. Leahy, N. Batt. Subs: C. Kelly, S. Simpson, M. Long, J. Ryan**

**Bishopstown:** S O'Sullivan, C Broderick, T Morgan, A Foley, N Foley, S Murphy, N Christie, A Murphy, R Hayes, R O'Riordan, S Ni Dheasmhunaig, E Ni Dheasmhunaig, O Byrne, M O'Riordan, Megan Delaney Subs: Niamh Stephens, Jessica Kearney, Laura O'Neill, Ellen O'Donovan, Alison Devlin.

**Referee:** Dave O'Connell (Glen Rovers).

### Glen Rovers Bishopstown

4-5  
1-0

Glen Rovers took the Seandún U13A title for 2009 when they proved to strong for Bishopstown in a good contest at the Glen Field. Mikaela Hyde pointed a free to give the home side the lead before Olivia Harrington hit their second, Bishopstown battled to get into the contest but the Glen defence held firm, extended their lead with goals from Aisling O'Brien and Mikaela Hyde before the break.

Mikaela pointed a 45 to get the second-half underway but Bishopstown were back in the contest with a goal from Eirne Desmond.

With play swinging form end to end both sides battled hard. Kelly Fitzgerald pointed for Glen

Rovers as they maintained the upper hand around the centre of the field with Aisling Wallace Kelly Falvey and Shaun Goggin all working hard. A goal from Aisling O'Brien put the game beyond Bishopstown's reach as the Glen ran out deserving winners after an exciting and sporting contest.

**Glen Rovers:** L Dineen, D O'Neill, K Falvey, M Hyde, S Goggin, K Chisholm, E Mc Carthy, C Noonan, K Fitzgerald, F Rea, O Harrington N Gowen (c), C Cotter, A Wallace, A O'Brien. Subs used: L Hickey, S O'Connell, H Duggan, N Murphy, S O'Riordan. Scorers: A O'Brien 2-0 M Hyde 0-3 (0-2f 0-1 45"), K Fitzgerald, O Harrington 0-1 each.

**Bishopstown:** Sarah O'Sullivan, C Broderick, E O'Donovan, C Richardson, M Delaney, N Foley, J Kearney, E Desmond, R Coffey, Saoirse O'Sullivan, L O'Neill, E Richardson, A Devlin, L Leisk, K Flynn. Scorers: E Desmond 1-0. **Referee:** Colette O'Mahony (St Finbarr's)



Cork's Senior camogie team and the All-Star selection before the Hope Foundation charity game on Saturday last in Blackrock

# Hope foundation benefits from charity game

A WONDERFUL occasion and a superb day's camogie was enjoyed recently as an All-Star selection played the Cork senior team in aid of the Hope Foundation Street Children of Calcutta project in Blackrock. Organiser Jack McGrath put in huge efforts to get players from all counties to attend and credit to those who travelled, amongst them the Kilkenny con-

tingent led by Ann Downey who were very much to the fore. It was great to see players such as Katie Power, Marie Alward, and Marie O'Connor travelling the long distance. All credit must go to local Cork club players who answered the call to fall in as very late replacements with the All-Stars, Gillian Harrington and Liz Bugler, Valley Rovers; Sinead O'

Halloran, Denise Luby and Lydia Cunningham, Glen Rovers; Doireann Ni Mhuiri Blackrock, amongst those answering the call to make up a team and ensure everything went smoothly.

The first half was very much in favour of Cork but in a closely contested second-half the All-Star selection rallied.

The final score in favour of

Cork was 3-21 to 2-14. At half-time the underage players from Causeway, Kerry played the local club Blackrock. It was great to see the huge progress being made in Kerry with the youngsters enjoying the whole experience. After the game the Cork and visiting stars ensured fans got plenty of autographs and pictures.

There was added joy for the

Causeway club when the result of the guess-the-score competition was announced. They were the club who predicted the score, thus giving them the prize of a set of jerseys.

Again any club who did not support the event can still do so by contacting Madeline Cummins at the Hope Foundation or by making contact with Jack McGrath.



5 All Ireland winning captains: Aisling Dunphy (Senior 'A' Camogie), Jennifer Trousdell (Senior Orchestra, Feis Ceoil), Laura Murphy (Futsal) Claire Phelan (All Ireland mini-sevens Camogie), Kate Holland (Junior 'A' Camogie)





**Rena O'Leary**  
CASTLEVIEW, CONNA, CO. CORR  
Died MAY 1, 2010

#### The Great Southern Railway Camogie Club | Top

Few teams in any sphere of sport can rival the brilliant record of the C.I.E. camogie teams who swept victoriously across the playing fields of Ireland.

It seems incredible but nevertheless it is true—their senior team were only defeated once between 1945 and 1954. Tom Brady established the G.S.R. Camogie Club in 1931 in order to cater for girls who were interested in playing Camogie. The girls trained after school in the grounds with the boys in a disorganised fashion. The ground on which the Camogie team played was known as the pond field. This field was originally a water pond, and due to the financial support and good will of the G.S.R. Company the pond was filled in during the 1930s.

The girls had to buy their own uniforms and Hurley's. The affiliation fees etc. were paid for by the Railway Athletic Union who gave great support and encouragement to the Club. The Uniform colours of the Club were wine tunic, green blouse, and white sash—the Railway colours.

The first Camogie team in 1931 consisted of the following players, Rose Molyneux, [Captain] Kathleen Neville, Agatha Roche, Maureen Farrell, Dolly Byrne, Dolly Behan, Margaret Behan, Claire Nugent, Kitty Murphy, Nora Roche, Kathleen Lanigan, Edith Stack, and Eileen Nolan. The team was entered in the Intermediate League and were runners-up in the Celtic Cup. [Cup for winners of the Intermediate League]

For most of the lifetime of the G.S.R. Camogie Club they fielded three teams, junior, intermediate and senior. During the 1940s and 1950s the Club was not alone one of the outstanding Clubs in Dublin but also in the whole of the Country.

In 1945 Dublin and a number of other Counties withdrew from the Ard Chomhairle of the Camogie Association due to a difference that arose at the 1945 Congress. This was also the year that the Camogie team adapted the name C.I.E.

In 1947 the C.I.E. Camogie Club affiliated to the Ard Chomhairle and were therefore elected to represent Dublin in the All Ireland series, they were beaten by Antrim 2-4 to 2-1 in the final that year. In 1948 history was made when girls of the C.I.E. Club representing Dublin beat Down in the All Ireland Senior Camogie final by 11-4 to 4-2.

In 1951 the team excelled themselves, winning the three prized trophies in camogie, the Isle of Man cup, the Dublin league and the Dublin championship, a feat never before accomplished by any single team in one season.

Naturally members of the team were selected to represent their county in many an All Ireland game. It would be difficult to name a few champions from that galaxy of stars, but Kay Mills was recognised as one of the finest players in the country. Kathleen Mills was born in 31 South Square Inchicore and was reared in the area. She was educated in the local Convent School at Goldenbridge. Kathleen's father worked in the Inchicore works and therefore Kathleen was able to participate in and avail of the sporting activities in the G.S.R. Athletic Union. Two pence per week were deducted from the worker's wages to go towards the financing of the sports activities in the Railway.

From an early age Kathleen was interested in all kinds of sporting activities and distinguished herself in Gymnastics and running, she won her first Camogie uniform by coming first in a race in the Railway Union annual sports. In 1938 after finishing her education at the age of fourteen years she played her first Camogie match for the G.S.R. Her first match was in the junior ranks and in the next game she was promoted to the senior panel.

Kathleen played senior from then until her retirement from the game of Camogie in 1951 after winning the last of her 15 All Ireland medals. In 1941 at the age of 16 years she played her first senior County match against Cork. At Club level she played her part in helping her club win the senior club championship in 1942, 1947, 1949, 1951 and 1954, and the senior league in 1946, 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951, 1954, 1958, and 1959.

Kathleen also assisted her County in winning the All Ireland senior Camogie championship in the years 1942 to 1944, 1949 to 1955 and 1957 to 1961, a record 15 All Ireland Senior Medals that no other player in Camogie, hurling or football has equalled or is ever likely to.

**O'LEARY (Conna):** On May 1, 2010, peacefully, after a short illness at Cork University Hospital, RENA (nee Manley), Castle View, Conna, beloved wife of Dermot and dear mother of Sheila, Ted, Paddy, Derry and Brid. Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her husband, sons, daughters, daughter-in-law Helen, brothers Noel and Jim, sister Brenda (Clancy), brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and many friends. Requiescat in pace. Reposing at her home on today (Monday) from 6pm with Rosary at 8pm. Funeral arrangements later. Enquiries to Rosayne's Funeral Home, Fermoy. Tel 025-34217.

#### CAMOGIE

**Munster U18 Championship semi-finals**  
**Clare 3-17** (O'Duggan 2-0, L Woods 1-4, N Carroll 0-5, N Corry 0-4 (0-10), C Morey 0-15, R O'Halloran, A Darcy, K Cahill 0-1 each) **Waterford 1-2** (Z O'Donoghue 1-0, M Tobin 0-2)  
**Cork 4-10** (A Kiely 2-1, J Casey 1-3 (0-10), A O'Donovan 1-1, S O'Flynn 0-2, F Neville, F Cotter, C O'Reilly 0-1 each) **Limerick 0-5** (K O'Carroll 0-4, S Green 0-1)  
**Munster Junior Camogie championship final:** Tipperary v Cork, Tipperary Camogie Grounds (Today, 4pm).

#### CAMOGIE

**Cork Intermediate League final (2009):** Clonakilty 3-11 Fr O'Neills 2-8; **Intermediate League:** Sanfields 3-4 Newtownshandrum 2-7; Tracton 3-11 Malinbeg 0-7  
**Junior A League:** Blackrock 2-10 Brian Dillon's 2-4  
**Junior B League:** Glen Rovers 4-6 Castlemagner 2-6  
**Junior C League:** Youghal 5-8 Blarney 0-1  
**Minor B Championship (Round Robin Series):** Brian Dillon's 5-7 St Mary's 0-5  
**Munster Junior Championship final:** Tipperary 6-20 0-4 Cork

# Programme to



**Maurice O'Sullivan, sports development officer with the Cork Sports Partnership, presenting coaching equipment to Catherine Martin and Lorraine Kelly, Na Piarasigh Camogie Club, at the launch of a Coaching and Club Development Programme for a number of clubs around the City and County. Also included are Deirdre Murphy, camogie development officer for Munster and Marian McCarthy, chairperson Cork Camogie Board.**  
Picture: Mike English

By MARY NEWMAN  
Camogie news

**THE Cork Local Sports Partnership recently teamed up with Cumann Camogaíochta Na Gael and Cork County Camogie Board to implement a coaching and club development programme for 10 camogie clubs at grassroots level in Cork.**

Cumann Camogaíochta Na Gael and Cork County Camogie Board identified the need to develop a programme that aims at increasing participation and providing better education opportunities for coaches and volunteers within the selected clubs.

Maurice O'Sullivan Sports Development Officer with the Cork Sports Partnership explained to me how the plan was implemented and the criteria laid down for it.

"The clubs involved were chosen by Munster development officer Deirdre Murphy, director of camogie Mary O'Connor and the Cork County camogie Board and the criteria we laid out was to identify 10 camogie clubs in Cork that are struggling at underage at the moment and help them to develop a plan for increasing participation in their clubs through developing links with schools and increasing coach and volunteer education.

"This is the beginning of what we would all hope will be a long and fruitful relationship between camogie and the Cork Sports Partnership.

"We are very excited by our new relationship with the Cork County Camogie Board and Cumann Camogaíochta Na Gael and look forward to helping target participation at grassroots level."

The clubs involved are Grenagh, Blarney, Youghal, Na Piarasigh, St Finbarr's, Bandon, Carrigrohilly, Brian Dillon's, St Colum's, Bantry and they were presented with coaching equipment packs that the Sports Partnership and County Board co funded which the clubs will use in implementing their development plans.

Speaking at the launch on Wednesday last at the Local Sports Partnership of-

## Feile Na nGael champions to be crowned on Monday night

NEW champions will be crowned on Monday evening as Courcey Rovers and Inniscarra battle it out in the Division 1 Cork Feile Na nGael final in Ballinlough to decide who goes forward to represent Cork at national Féile in Clare, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Inniscarra overcame holders Douglas to book their place in the decider while Courcey's had to overcome Carrigaline both games took place on Wednesday evening and now its all to play for as they battle for the right to represent the county.

The division 2 final is the curtain

raiser as Tracton and Bishopstown come face to face for the crown, this is a competition that only goes to county level as cork are graded senior county and are not allowed representatives in the national Division 2 Féile however.

Never the less it's a county title up for grabs and both clubs will battle to the finish to secure it.

**Division 1 Cork Feile Na nGael Final:** Courcey Rovers v Inniscarra; Monday May 3rd; Ballinlough 7pm

**Div 2 Cork Feile Final:** Tracton v Bishopstown; Mon May 3rd; Ballinlough 5.30pm

## Draws reveal exciting Senior B championship year ahead

THE draws for the Evening Echo senior B championship and the divisional side of the draw for the Evening Echo Senior County championship (which were deferred on the night of the original draws) took place at last Monday evening's county board meeting.

After consultation with the 11 clubs involved, it was decided that the Senior B championship will continue in the format that has been in operation for the last three years with two groups playing games in a round robin format with the top two in each group emerging to contest the semi-finals.

In total, 11 Senior B clubs will battle it out for the title — one group of six and one of five. Group one is the bigger of the two groups and here Eire Og, Glen Rovers, Killeagh and Bishopstown battle it out with Kilbrittan/ Timoleague and Carrigaline for the top two spots. Group two has Valley Rovers in opposition to their fellow divisional club Ballinhassig and they are joined by Aghbullogue, Newcestown and newly-promoted Clonakilty who won last season's Intermediate championship and league titles.

The Senior B championship is always hotly contested and the season ahead will no doubt provide plenty of exciting clashes. Eire Og, Killeagh, Glen Rovers and Bishopstown battled it out for the top spot at senior level. Each of these clubs has been working hard with their respective underage sections in a bid to reach the top grade once again. Eire Og contested last season's final where they lost out to Ballincollig and having been semi-finalists twice previously, they will be determined

to go one better this time. Killeagh are strong title contenders and have promised much at this level; experienced intercounty players such as Mary O'Connor and Angela Walsh will be hard to stop. Glen Rovers made it to the semi-final last season but lost out to Ballincollig, but then bounced back to take the Senior B league title. Bishopstown, Kilbrittan and Carrigaline have all enjoyed a lot of underage success and while they didn't emerge from their sections last season they have strong players coming through the ranks and they will build these players into their structure for the season ahead.

In section two, Valley Rovers lost out to Douglas two year ago at final stage having made the semi-final the previous year. They will put in a strong challenge to reach another fi-

nal and go one better. Clonakilty will be hoping to continue to build on the success of last season as they join the ranks of Senior B, while Ballinhassig are a strong side with a huge amount of talent and they will be one of the favourites to emerge from the group.

Newcestown and Aghbullogue are clubs with strong underage structures and they are always good championship campaigners and hard to beat. They will not be overawed by any of their opponents and, with plenty of talented players in their line-out, will be strong opposition for all teams in the group.

Overall, the Senior B championship is a wide open affair with all 11 teams evenly matched. It will be interesting to watch each team's progress as the competition unfolds.

The divisional side of the Senior County championship was deferred on the night of the draws and it was held on Monday night and it is as follows: Carrigrohilly v Muskerry; Carbery v Avondhu; Carrigrohilly or Muskerry v Seandun; Carbery or Avondhu v Imokilly.

The winner of the divisional side goes into the championship proper where they will meet Rockbawn in round one.

#### Senior B Championship 2010

Section 1	Section 2
Eire Og	Valley Rovers
Bishopstown	Ballinhassig
Killeagh	Newcestown
Kilbrittan	Aghbullogue
Glen Rovers	Clonakilty
Carrigaline	

## Future stars join All-Star camogie camp

A REMINDER to young aspiring camogie stars that the All-Star Camogie Coaching Camp is to be held on the weekend of May 22/23.

The camp is being organised by the Cork Camogie Supporters Club and current Cork Camogie stars such as six times All-Star Gemma O'Connor, Lynda O'Connell, Joanne O'Callaghan, Mary O'Connor, Rena Buckley and Jenny Duffy will be to the fore at the Camp to coach participants along with other members of the 2008 and 2009 Senior All-Ireland winning Cork camogie teams. The venue for both

days is the St Finbarrs hurling and football club 10am to 2pm and through both days there will be inter-county players in attendance passing on their knowledge and advice to all the young aspiring stars where they will give specialised coaching sessions.

The organisers will be setting out a time table for both days which will include Elite and specialised skills coaching specific to each age group, nutritional advice and awareness, indoor hurling alley skills and drills session, goal-keeping sessions, match play, a questions and answers session with Corks All-Star Camogie

players. There will also be plenty of photography opportunities with O'Duffy Cup and members of Victorious Cork Camogie Panel. The cost of this Camp is €30 per participant and all proceeds from the camp are going towards the supporters club fund which plays a huge role in helping the county board cater for many extra needs of the county teams.

The camp promises to be hugely popular and booking in advance is essential. Application forms are now available from local camogie clubs and young players interested in attending can enquire from their club mentors.



# boost camogie



Cork Local Sports Partnership with Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael and the Cork Camogie Board are to implement a coaching and development programme for a number of clubs at grassroots level in Cork. At the launch were Michael Crowley (co-ordinator Sports Partnership), Vincent Cashman (Carrigtwohill), Liz O'Mahony (Brian Dillon's), Kelma McCarthy (Youghal), Deirdre Murphy (Munster Camogie Development officer), Marian McCarthy (chairperson Cork Camogie Board), Maurice O'Sullivan (Sports Development Officer Sports Partnership), Gerard Casey (Blarney), Kate O'Sullivan (Bantry), Donal Hurley (Grenagh), Mary McSweeney (Bandon) and Mary Moran (St Finbarr's). Also present were Catherine Martin and Lorraine Kelly (Na Piaras) and Rita Bevan (St Colum's).

Picture: Mike English

Director of Camogie, Mary O'Connor and Munster Development Officer Deirdre Murphy are pleased with the plan and the ten camogie clubs chosen to be part of the programme met with Mary and Deirdre and developed a plan to address the most immediate needs of their clubs. Deirdre Murphy is looking forward to the implementation of the plan.

"The hard work of the volunteers in the individual clubs could not be done without the financial support and expertise of the Cork LSP and Cork Camogie Board. This unified approach has been beneficial to all involved and we are extremely grateful to the Cork LSP for their support."

A foundation course for club coaches will be delivered on May 10 and 17 of while on June 5 all clubs will take part in a Go Games blitz hosted by participating club Na Piaras.

Cork County Camogie Board Chairperson, Marian McCarthy welcomed the programme and is hopeful it will have a major positive impact on Camogie in Cork.

"The Cork Camogie Board are delighted to be associated with the Cork Local Sports Partnership in a very exciting venture which will see ten Cork Clubs across the city and county benefit from a Coaching and Development programme."

"This scheme will have a major impact on the game in Cork and on behalf of the board, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Cork Local Sports Partnership for this initiative."

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Isabelle Kearney, Seonaid Keena, Tara Kerrigan and Aisling Murray members of Glanmire Community College camogie team enjoying their medal presentation function at Vienna Woods Hotel. Picture: Mike English

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## Sporting gesture will help increase involvement in camogie

by Mike English

THE Cork Local Sports Partnership has teamed up with Cumann Camogaíochta na nGael and the Cork County Camogie Board to implement a coaching and development programme for 10 selected clubs in Cork city and county. Their aim is to increase participation and provide instruction for coaches and volunteers within those clubs.

Speaking at the launch and presentation of coaching equipment, Michael Crowley, coordinator with Cork Sports Partnership said:

"This project is the first major joint venture between camogie and the Sports Partnership and it has the potential to increase participation on a large scale. As well as providing additional opportunities for young girls to participate in camogie through developing club and school links, this venture will also provide a solid platform in camogie for those clubs. We have approached this programme in a unified way which, we feel, will have many positive effects on how these clubs and camogie will develop for the future," he said.

Maurice O'Sullivan, Sports Development Officer outlined how the 10 clubs were chosen and hoped on



Kate O'Sullivan (Bantry) and Rita Bevan (St Colum's) accepting camogie coaching equipment from Michael Crowley and Maurice O'Sullivan (Cork Local Sports Partnership), Deirdre Murphy (Munster Camogie Development Officer) and Marian McCarthy (Cork Camogie Board). Picture: Mike English

completion of this project it would be possible to assist in other areas.

The 10 clubs who will benefit this time around are Grenagh, Blarney, Youghal, Na Piaras, St Finbarrs, Bandon, Carrigtwohill, Brian Dillons, St Colum's and Bantry.

Deirdre Murphy, Munster Camo-

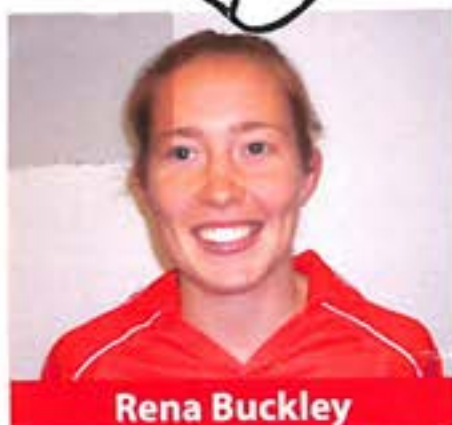
gie Development Officer and Marian McCarthy, Chairperson Cork Camogie Board said they were delighted that such a programme had been implemented and they thanked the Cork Sports Partnership for their assistance in putting it in place.

"This will have a major impact on the game in Cork," said Marian.

It was announced that a course for club coaches will be held on May 10 and 17. To round off the programme, all clubs will take part in a GO GAMES Blitz hosted by Na Piaras on June 5.

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Rena Buckley



Gemma O'Connor



Orla Cotter



Rachael Moloney



Aoife Murray



Catriona Foley



Mary O'Connor

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# Kearney gets the scores to give city side deserved win

Bishopstown  
Tracton

4-2  
1-7

IN A GAME where the lead changed hands on four occasions over the hour, a late injury-time goal from Jessica Kearney sealed the result in Bishopstown's favour as they took the Cork Féile Division Two title at Ballinlough yesterday.

It was close all through and both sides had star performers.

Tracton captain Chloe Castleton led by example and notched up 1-3 of her side's total while the impressive Eime Ni Dheasmhunaigh, Jessica Kearney and Laura O'Neill were to the fore for the city girls.

The game was into the 10th minute before the first score was registered as both defences held firm under a lot of pressure.

Chloe Castleton converted a Tracton free to give them the early advantage but when Jessica Kearney pulled smartly to finish the ball over the line in a goal mouth scramble, it was advantage Bishopstown. From the puck-out they attacked again and inside 20 seconds they were five points ahead, when Ni Dheasmhunaigh sent a rocket to the roof of the Tracton net past a crowded goal mouth.

Tracton failed to panic and were back in the game with a bang thanks to captain Castleton, who made a bursting run from defence unchallenged before finishing the ball to the net, despite the best efforts of keeper Sarah O'Sullivan.

Now it was all Tracton, as Bishopstown struggled to maintain their early dominance and three unanswered points gave Tracton a 1-4 to 2-0 interval lead.

From the restart the momentum remained with Tracton and they extended their advantage to four points with two from Jessica Dempsey.

Bishopstown settled into the second half and began to regain composure with Laura O'Neill working hard to hold possession and Ni Dheasmhunaigh causing the Tracton defence all sorts of problems.

Laura O'Neill pointed a free before the impressive Ni Dheasmhunaigh, who showed lightning pace every time she got possession, struck again. She unleashed an unstoppable shot to the net with five minutes on the stop-watch and it was advantage Bishopstown again.

Battling hard, Tracton levelled with a Jessica Dempsey point and with the game entering injury time it was all square and all still to play for.

But Bishopstown were not finished yet and as she did in the first half, Jessica Kearney was again fast in on the action, firing a ground shot to the net in a crowded goalmouth with two minutes of injury time played.

Tracton did have a further two minutes to grab an equaliser but it was Laura O'Neill who had the final say, confidently slotting the game's closing score to help secure the title for her side.

As Cork are a senior county, the Cork Division Two Féile is just a local competition, therefore the winners do not progress to national level as Cork are not allowed participate in anything other than Division One at national level.

**Scorers for Bishopstown:** J. Kearney, E. Ni Dheasmhunaigh 2-0 each, L. O'Neill 0-2 (0-1).

**Tracton:** C. Castleton 1-3 (0-3), J. Dempsey 0-3, T. Hegarty 0-1.

**BISHOPSTOWN:** Sarah O'Sullivan, C. Richardson, C. Broderick, E. O'Donovan, M. Delaney, M. Foley, L. Leisk, N. Stephens, E. Ni Dheasmhunaigh, E. Richardson, L. O'Neill, Saoirse O'Sullivan, J. Shanahan, J. Kearney, R. Wilson. **Sub:** T. Hayden for R. Wilson (47).

**TRACTON:** E. Collins, L. O'Callaghan, U. O'Brien, H. Fitzgerald, U. Lyons, J. Kiely, R. Good, C. Castleton (c), T. Hegarty, L. O. Murphy, J. Dempsey, F. Cogan, A. Kidney, S. Harrington, A. Lyons.

**Referee:** Deirdre Twomey (Éire Óg).



Courcey Rovers' Sinead Keating and teammate Rosie Murphy are tracked by Inniscarra's Joanne Walton and Kate Walton during their Division One Cork Féile na nGael Final at Ballinlough last night.

Picture: Damien Quirke

# Moloney emulates dad with Courceys

Courcey Rovers  
Inniscarra

3-6  
1-3

By MARY NEWMAN  
Féile Na nGael

COURCEY ROVERS earned themselves the right to represent Cork at National Féile Na nGael in Clare when they overcame the challenge posed by Inniscarra in Ballinlough last night.

On the form displayed they will be worthy standard bearers for the county.

In 1996, Ray Moloney coached Courceys to take their first Cork Féile crown but last night it was the turn of his daughter Rachel to coach the club to take their second title, helped in no small way by a powerful display from impressive full-forward Linda Collins.

She tore the Inniscarra defence to shreds every time she got possession. Her contribution of 3-5 tells its own story — this is a player to watch out for. Her strength and striking ability is superb and certainly she will pose a danger in front of goal at any level and with experienced players around her we could see a lot more of her in the red and white of Courceys before the year is over.

From the throw-in Collins looked

dangerous as she showed plenty of pace in the Courceys attack while all around her she was surrounded by teammates who read the game superbly, in particular corner-forward, Finola Moloney and Emer O'Reilly.

In defence they were also very strong, goalkeeper Sarah Collins had to be alert all through, while her backs closed down the Inniscarra attack with some timely interventions.

Inniscarra also had their stars, none more so than Niamh McCarthy, who did trojan work covering acres of ground in their quest for glory and she also is a name that we will hear a lot more of.

She is a super striker of the ball, did huge work and could not be faulted. Aoife Singleton and Donnell O'Leary worked hard as Inniscarra battled to stay the distance as Courceys began to gain the upper hand and in the finish it was the better balance Ballinspittle girls who triumphed.

Collins converted an early free to give Courceys the lead and it was nip

and tuck as the sides swapped points.

With four minutes to the break Courceys held a narrow advantage, but inside three minutes we had a goal at either end.

Linda Collins fired Courcey's four ahead, only for Niamh McCarthy to respond, finishing to the net just before the break after a good save from Sarah Collins.

Courceys led by the narrowest of margins at the short whistle.

Inside six minutes of the restart, Finola Moloney set up Linda Collins for a goal that put her side four points ahead and as Inniscarra battled to find their feet, the sides exchanged points.

Aided by the wind, Inniscarra enjoyed a lot of possession and put the Courceys defence under pressure.

They pressed for scores but Sarah Collins in the Courceys goal was superb denying them on numerous occasions as she and her defence cleared to safety under ferocious pressure.

Weathering the storm, Courceys grabbed a third goal, Linda Collins firing to the net from close range before

pointing a free as Courceys opened up a seven-point lead.

Inniscarra pressed but Courceys defence cleared their lines and despite conceding four 45s in a row, they weathered the strong Inniscarra challenge to hold firm.

Up front they grabbed a point as Linda Collins slotted over from play to put them eight points clear with three minutes remaining. Inniscarra pressed and pressed but their was no way past a strong Courceys defence where Anna Hannon, Rachel Collins and Ca-triona O'Reilly stood firm.

**Scorers for Courcey Rovers:** L. Collins 3-5 (0-3), L. O'Sullivan 0-1.

**Inniscarra:** N. McCarthy 1-2 (0-1), J. Walton 0-1.

**COURCEY ROVERS:** S. Collins, A. Hannon, R. Collins, C. O'Reilly, S. Keating, E. Crowley, R. Murphy, I. Loran, Elaine O'Reilly, L. O'Sullivan, Emer O'Reilly, A. Condon, F. Moloney, L. Collins, A. O'Reilly. **Subs:** C. Mulcahy for A. Condon (47), H. Quinn for L. O'Sullivan (60), K. McCarthy for Emer O'Reilly (63).

**INNISCARRA:** A. M. Roche, H. O'Sullivan, A. O'Connell (c), M. Fitzgerald, A. Singleton, G. Heffernan, E. Coleman, N. McCarthy, D. O'Leary, K. O'Shea, J. Walton, K. Wilson, C. Kelly, S. Daly, A. O'Riordan. **Subs:** F. Cooney for C. Kelly (47), M. Manning for K. O'Shea (47), K. Cosgrave for J. Walton (57), L. Gallagher for F. Cooney (63), A. Dineen for M. Manning (59).

**Referee:** Mike O'Kelly (Ballyheal).

# Conna camogie legend O'Leary passes away

THE death took place on Saturday after a brief illness of Rena O'Leary (née Manley) president of county senior champions St Catherine's.

A former intercounty player with Cork, Rena started her camogie career with St Aloysius School, with whom she won many honours.

She won a junior county in 1956 and three senior county championship medals with Old Aloysius in 1959, '60 and '61. She played senior with Cork

in 1960 and was captain of the Munster Championship winning team in '62. She won Gael Linn medals in 1963 and '64 with Munster.

A native of Whitechurch, Rena moved to take up residence in Conna with her husband Dermot and she was the driving force behind the formation of the St Catherine's, club whom she captained to take the club first major title when they captured the Junior B county title in 1984, a remarkable 28

years after she has won her first county junior championship medal with Old AIs in 1956.

When she retired from playing, her enthusiasm for the game continued and she was deeply involved in coaching and training underage teams as well as doing a huge amount of work for the club in her capacity as secretary.

Two years ago Rena was elected to the position of club president.

Always to the fore in all club activities Rena was 'Mrs Camogie' in the parish of Conna and it was a source of great pride to her when St Catherine's captured the senior championship title for the first time last November.

She is survived by her husband Dermot, daughters Brid and Sheila, sons Ted, Paddy, Derry and extended family. Mass and burial takes place on Wed following 2pm mass in Conna, May she rest in peace.



# Skilful Stacey led Ashbourne Charge

by Alan Aherne

It takes all sorts to make up a successful team; for every vocal player with a fondness for shouting words of encouragement to colleagues, you can be sure to find somebody who prefers to let their stickwork do the talking.

All those familiar with Stacey Redmond will agree that she fits into the latter category, and her outstanding performances in the first half of this year prove that being of a quiet disposition on the field isn't an impediment to success.

It's fair to say that the 20-year-old from Knocknaveigh, The Ballagh, wouldn't have been very well known outside of Wexford and W.I.T. when she joined her team-mates in Cork last February for the Ashbourne weekend.

However, her two brilliant midfield performances attracted widespread attention, so much so that Stacey was selected as a worthy winner of the player of the tournament.

Saturday's semi-final against U.C.C. in the Mardyke had its fair share of anxious moments, particularly in the first-half, but when W.I.T. needed someone to step up to the plate, Stacey was ready, willing and able.

It was a similar story 24 hours later in Páirc Uí Rinn when the Oulart-The Ballagh starlet continued her successful partnership with Kilkenny's Anne Dalton. Their dominance around the centre was one of the chief factors in ending U.C.D's three-

in-a-row bid and, speaking as a neutral with no ties to either college, it was hard to credit how both W.I.T. players weren't chosen on the Ashbourne All Stars team.

There was more to come from the 20-year-old who is taking the Early Childhood Studies course. Fittingly, the league and championship double was completed on her home pitch in Oulart on the worst night possible for a game of camogie.

The rainfall lashed down from start to finish and it was thoroughly miserable for the dedicated few huddling under the floodlights. And while W.I.T. didn't seem to be in a great position at the break, Stacey and her colleagues played with the confidence that comes from being winners and eventually edged a tight contest by one point.

Camogie followers in Wexford knew that Stacey had what it takes to make the grade from her Under-12 debut. That sublime skill was there from the off, and it remains to this day as Stacey's clever wristwork makes her a joy to watch when in full flight.

How often have you seen several players huddled over a ball on the ground, only for Stacey to sweep away with possession and get in a snappy delivery? She's been doing it successfully in the red and black of Oulart-The Ballagh, the purple and gold of Wexford, and the white and blue of W.I.T., and the good news is that there's a lot more to come because her camogie career is still in its infancy.

Success came to Stacey at an early stage, as she won a fabulous four All-Ireland Féile na nGael Division 1 titles in a row with her club and also captained Wexford to the Leinster Under-14 championship in 2002.

A provincial Under-16 title was added in that same year, and she was also a key figure in a truly golden era for Coláiste Bríde (Enniscorthy). Four All-Ireland medals came her way, a Senior hat-trick from 2003 to 2005 plus a Junior title in the never to be forgotten double year of 2004.

She has probably lost track of the number of under-age county medals won with Oulart-The Ballagh as they were simply unstoppable coming up through the ranks. And they carried this on to the Senior grade, with Stacey holding five county titles in a row from 2003 to 2007 plus an All-Ireland sevens crown from 2006.

2007 was a year she won't forget in a hurry, winning an All-Ireland Senior medal as a Wexford substitute just three months after completing her Leaving Cert. And after a barren 2008 when the mental and physical exertions of that achievement took its toll on everyone, the signs are that the appetite has returned.

Stacey had a great day in Parnell Park on the last Saturday in April, playing at right half-forward on the Wexford Intermediate team which beat Antrim to clinch a first-ever National League Division 2 title, and immediately adding a Division 1 medal as a substitute with the Seniors who accounted for Tipperary.

A versatile performer, Stacey tends to shine whether she is positioned at midfield or in a wing-back or wing-forward role. And she's not the only Redmond family member attracting attention, as her older brother, David, has firmly established himself on the Wexford Senior hurling team since making his debut early in 2008, alternating for the most part between midfield and the full-forward line.

Keep a close eye out for Stacey if you happen to attend a W.I.T. or Wexford game in the near future, but be warned - while you won't hear her on the field, those silken skills will be guaranteed to catch your eye!

ALAN AHERNE is Group Sports Editor of 'The People' newspaper group and assistant manager of the Wexford Senior camogie team.



## WIT Inter-county Camogie Players

**Keeva Fennelly, Kilkenny:**

Captain of Ashbourne 2009. A member of the Kilkenny Senior team for the last number of years.

**Karen Atkinson, Wexford:**

Vice Captain of Ashbourne 2009. A member of the 2007 All Ireland winning Senior Wexford team. Captained Wexford to win the Division 2 National League in 2009.

**Therese Shortt, Tipperary:**

Has been a versatile player for Tipperary playing in both the forwards and backs for the senior team. A prominent member of the Drum and Inch team that won the Munster Club Championship 2008 and that got defeated in the Club All Ireland

**Kellyanne Cottrell, Kilkenny:**

A fresher in 2009 Kellyanne has been a member of the Kilkenny Senior team for many years.

**Aine Fahy, Kilkenny:**

Scholarship recipient 2009. Aine was key to the Ashbourne success and been a vital member for the last three years and will be one to watch out when she togs out for Kilkenny over the next few years.

**Pauline Cunningham, Waterford:**

Pauline returned to Ashbourne this year after missing the 2008 campaign through injury. Pauline has been involved with the Waterford team for many years and has helped them secure a place in All Ireland Junior final 2009. Pauline was recognised for her contribution to county and college camogie in 2009 when she received a national camogie scholarship.

**Ann Dalton, Kilkenny:**

WIT Senior Camogie Player of the year 2009. Ann is the current captain of Kilkenny Senior All Ireland Finalists 2009.

**Stacey Redmond, Wexford:**

Ashbourne player of tournament 2009. Stacey was a member of

the All Ireland winning Wexford team in 2007. Division 1 and 2 National league 2009.

**Fiona Morrissey, Limerick:**

Fiona has been a driving force in the Ashbourne success this year. She will be one of the camogie players to watch out for over the coming years.

**Colette Dormer, Kilkenny:**

Ashbourne All Star 2009. Colette received the player of the match in the All Ireland Intermediate final 2008. Partners Ann Dalton in mid-field on the current Kilkenny senior team

**Jenny Simpson, Waterford:**

Jenny has shown her versatility and lines out for Waterford as a wing back and is currently preparing for All Ireland Junior final.

**Michelle Quilley, Kilkenny:**

2nd year on Ashbourne team Michelle lines out as a corner forward on the Kilkenny senior team

**Ursula Jacobs, Wexford:**

Ursula played in the forwards for Wexford and won an All Ireland in 2007 and National League in 2009. Ursula has been nominated for an All Star on three occasions in recognition for her displays with the county team

**Lorraine Keena, Offaly:**

Lorraine is a real talent for future. Is currently full back on the Offaly Junior team that have reached the All Ireland Junior final

**Shelly Kehoe, Wexford:**

Won national division 2 league in 2009. The heart beat of any panel just like her twin Stacey

**Stacey Kehoe, Wexford:**

Won national division 2 league in 2009. The heart beat of any panel just like her twin Shelly

### PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Collette Dormer  
Course: Architectural Tech  
Nicknames: "Ditsy"

High Point in Sporting Career:

Winning the Ashbourne 2009. Winning intermediate All-Ireland with Kilkenny

Third Level Honours: 1 Ashbourne Cup, 2 Div 1 Leagues camogie leagues, 1 Ashbourne All-star

Other Achievements: Intermediate all-Ireland, National League, 1 u-16 and 2 u-18 All-Irelands with Kilkenny

Other Sports: Basketball and Swimming

Players you admire: Briege Corkery, Peter Barry

Most Memorable game for W.I.T.:

Ashbourne Semi-final V UCC in the Mardyke

What do you like about WIT GAA Club:

The Friends made and everyone in the Club knows each other!

Best Sporting event Watched/Witnessed:

Kilkenny Stopping Corks 3-in-a-row in 2006

Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bolognese

Favourite Film: Million Dollar Baby or My Best Friends Wedding

Favourite Music: Anything but AC/DC.....fair hate them!

Ambitions in Life: Get to Croke Park and Win All-Ireland Senior with Kilkenny plus Complete my course eventually.

Ideal Date: Jamie Redknapp....





# The Path to Ashbourne Glory 1998 - 2009 by Jacqui O'Connor

Patience is a virtue and success comes to those who wait and these phrases epitomises the WIT Camogie clubs 10-year Ashbourne Cup history. One could say it could be both one of admiration for the three Ashbourne titles won and one of contempt for the ones they failed to secure.

WIT's Ashbourne camogie trail began in 1998, where they reached the Ashbourne Cup final against UCC only for heartbreak to ensue with the last puck of the game sending WIT into disarray and UCC into exhilaration. However this was to be the driving force behind the two-year success story that was to follow. The 1999 campaign brought with it a fresh horde of first years, who were astonished with the sincere passion and drive worn on the sleeves of the girls whose Ashbourne dreams of 1998 was crushed. In the semi final stages WIT faced a strong physical NUIG outfit. WIT fought hard and their unerring fighting attitude paved the way to their second Ashbourne cup final in two years. The memories of '98 still etched in the faces of the stalwarts who braved the pitch that day, resulted in WIT's empathic win over UCC. The celebrations, which followed, along with the stories told will live long in the memory of the Ashbourne cup panel of '99.

The 2000/2001 season was one of misfortune having lost a number of key players, nevertheless WIT was still instantly seen as being strong contenders. Unfortunately an element of contempt set in the camp and WIT regretfully bowed out of the competition of the semi-final stages against UCD. 2001 brought with it a rejuvenated approach however a defeat in the league campaign, which saw WIT, overpowered by a 19 points defeat by UCC, this marked the start of an incredible journey. It was evident from the degrading defeat that nothing would be taken for granted with players showing their alliance and dedication, sheer hard work and camaraderie to achieve what many presumed the unachievable. WIT faced undoubtedly a highly fancied UCC team in the semi-final stages. A battle was to follow where each WIT player took centre stage where they stood up and were counted resulting in a remarkable team performance. Conversely a tougher test followed with UL waiting in the wings having had an easy path to the final. It was a fairy-tale match where WIT trailed by seven points with five minutes remaining and UL undoubtedly having one hand on the cup. Unbelievably WIT scored two goals and two points in the dying stages and victory was snatched. WIT were duly crowned Ashbourne Cup Champions for the second time in three years.

A famine then blighted the WIT camogie team from 2001 to 2007 where they never reached their full potential having the players was not alone the key ingredient but it was that element of luck that failed to shine. 2008 saw their level of disappointment beginning to take a u-turn where they reached the Ashbourne Cup final only for their path to glory being sabotaged by an experienced UCD contingent. However it was UCD that felt the wrath of WIT's long absence from Ashbourne glory and when in 2009 they disposed of UCC in the semi-final all that stood in their way were their old rivals UCD. Being beaten once would have been tolerable but to be beaten twice in two years was inconceivable. WIT brought with them an element of play that secured WIT their first Ashbourne title in '99, which was sheer heart, passion and camaraderie. All of which have been passed down through the years in not alone camogie but all codes of the club and will continue to do so in the future. WIT fought tirelessly and were given their due rewards when the final whistle blew and WIT secured their third Ashbourne title after an absence of eight years.

It must be said that this success would not have unfolded but for the work behind the scenes of the GAA club. When it all began in 1981 each and every player gone through its doors have witnessed the professionalism given to each code, the standard that were set and the pure and utter pride that the club had and still has to offer speaks in it self. This club is the reason that the college is to the fore of third level GAA. Not only serving as an ambassador to the players who wear the blue white and red and also the college as a whole. This club knows the value of its members and it's these values that have brought the club to the highest level.

Camogie in WIT is on the rise once again and hopefully it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Ten years have gone by extremely



Ashbourne Panel of 1999

have elapsed.

## Ashbourne Success 2009 by Helena Jacob

After eight years of unrelenting effort and no little heartache, W.I.T. camogie team re-captured the prestigious Ashbourne Cup by defeating reigning champions and three-in-a-row aspirants, U.C.D. in Pairc Ui Rinn, Cork on Sunday 22nd February.

Nothing worthwhile is ever achieved without strength of character, hard work and steely determination, qualities found in abundance in the panel of 2009. We knew from experience that the path to glory would be an uphill struggle but we also knew that when questions would be asked of the players and management, such questions would be answered courageously and emphatically and that there would be no doubt in anyone's mind where our ambitions were focussed.

Statistics will record that W.I.T. defeated U.L. in the quarter-final, by 2 goals 10 points to 7 points, U.C.C. fell to the power of W.I.T. in the semi-final, on a scoreline of 3 goals 9 points to 2 goals 9 points while, in a thrilling final, W.I.T. beat holders U.C.D. by 1 goal 9 points to 1 goal 6 points. Stats will also reveal that the team scored a total of 6 goals 28 points in the three matches (an average of 15 points per match) with Ursula Jacob accounting for 2 goals 17 points and the remaining scores coming from Michelle Quilty (2 gls 3 points), Susan Keane (1 gl 4 pts), Jenny Simpson (2 pts) and points from Colette Dormer, Fiona Morrissey and Anne Dalton.

However, dry as dust facts cannot record the unity, passion and pride that spurred the team onwards and upwards to victory. One would need the pen of a poet to adequately describe the staunch dependability of Kay

Ryall in goal, the tenacity and tigerish tackling of the defence of Therese Shortt. Karen Atkinson, Keeva Fennelly, Pauline Cunningham Aine Fahy and Kellyanne Cottrell the sheer energy and brilliance of Stacey Redmond and Anne Dalton in midfield and fluency and accuracy of the attacking sextet.

Of the 30 players on the panel 13 came from Kilkenny, 6 from Wexford, 4 from Waterford, 3 from Tipperary and one each from Galway, Limerick, Offaly and Cork. The team was captained by Keeva Fennelly (Kilkenny) and managed by Helena Jacob, James Meagher, Ger Kinane and Conor Phelan

The final, on 22nd February was an exciting though tense affair. W.I.T. were determined to obliterate the memory of the defeat in 2008 while U.C.D. were intent on completing the 3-in-a-row. W.I.T. dominated the first half and scored 1 goal 6 points to 1 point for U.C.D. The opposition, though wind-

assisted in the second half, could not match W.I.T.'s intensity and power and were forced to relinquish their crown and ambition.

Stacey Redmond had the privilege of being named as the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament while she joined team-mates Therese Shortt, Colette Dormer and Ursula Jacob on the Ashbourne All-Stars 2009.

Ashbourne 09 was an unforgettable odyssey for everyone involved. Lasting friendships were forged, skills were improved and perfected, character was tested and proved and immense fun was had by all. The wonderful camogie year came to a glorious end in Oulart when, some weeks later, W.I.T. re-affirmed their superiority by defeating U.C.D. in the Ashbourne League Final and finished the year undefeated.

Mile Buiochas to everyone who helped to make our dream a reality and may the Ashbourne champions of 2009 continue as worthy winners in all aspects of their lives.



Ashbourne Panel 2009: Ailish Dunphy, Aine Doran, Ann Dalton, Ann Marie Roche, Charlene Norris, Chloe Corraway, Ciara Kehoe, Claire Ryan, Colette Dormer, Emer O Leary, Fiona Morrissey, Jenny Simpson, Karen Atkinson, Kay Ryall, Keeva Fennelly, Kellyanne Cottrell, Lorraine Keane, Maeve O Keefe, Marie Therese O'Neill, Michelle Quilty, Pauline Cunningham, Sheena Ryan, Shelly Kehoe, Stacey Kehoe, Stacey Redmond, Stacie Power, Susan Keane, Therese Shortt, Ursula Jacob.

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Marion McCarthy, chairperson Cork Camogie Board presents Aisling O'Reilly Captain Courcey Rovers with the cork Féile na nGael Division 1 trophy victory over Inniscarra.



May O'Reilly with her granddaughters Catriona and Eimear O'Reilly, and sisters Aisling and Elaine O'Reilly after Courcey rovers victory in the Féile Na nGael.

# Courcey Rovers capture Cork Féile crown

## Development squads up and running

CORK Camogie are building for the future as they organising their first development squads — 130 young camogie players of 15 years of age attended for the initial trial in their bid to make it onto the squad.

This is the first time that the county board have organised the development squad for the aged 15 bracket, last season Cork were part of the Coillte under 14 development programme and following on the success of this venture plans were unveiled at county convention to get things up and running. Players who are under 15 this year and not currently members of the county under 16 squad were been nominated by their clubs and they were divided into groups with approximately 36 players in each session, they went through their paces under the watchful eye of former inter-county players as four one hour sessions took place. The 36 players were divided into four teams of nine and each session consisted of a warm up, some drills and three 10-minute games played across the pitch with two games on at the same time.

A second trial will be held on Sunday, May 16, after which two panels of 20 players will be selected and over the next six to eight weeks the players chosen will attend training and coaching sessions with a Munster blitz to be held on Saturday, July 17, in Cahir.

## Courcey Rovers Inniscarra

COURCEY Rovers will represent Cork at National Féile Na nGael in Clare after they defeated Inniscarra in the Cork final played at Ballinlough.

They settled into the game early and look confidence as they put the Inniscarra defence under pressure up front Linda Collins looked dangerous as she showed plenty of pace in their attack, captain Aisling O'Reilly played a defensive role roaming out-field to help quench the Inniscarra attack while Finola Moloney and Emer O'Reilly showed great vision as they picked out team mates with their excellent distribution of the ball. The star of the show was impressive full-forward Linda Collins who tore the Inniscarra defence to shreds every time she got possession. Contributing 3-5 of her sides tally she showed great strength and striking ability and posed a huge danger every time she got possession, her ability to get into space at the right time proved vital as Courcey's advanced.

Linda Collins converted an early free to give Courcey's the lead and it



Bishopstown captain Caoimhe Broderick is presented with the Division 2 Cork Féile na nGael trophy by Marion McCarthy, Chairperson Cork Camogie Board.

was nip and tuck as the sides swapped points. Linda Collins grabbed a goal but Niamh Mc Carthy responded net just before the break after a good save from Sarah Collins to see Courcey's

ahead by the narrowest of margins at the break. Inside six minutes of the restart Finola Moloney set up Linda Collins for a goal that put Courcey's four points ahead and as sides ex-

changed points it was close.

Linda Collins grabbed a third goal before pointing a free as Courcey opened up a seven-point lead but still Inniscarra pressed as the Courcey's defence cleared their lines and despite conceding four 45s in a row they weathered the strong Inniscarra challenge. Inniscarra pressed and pressed but their was no way past a strong Courcey's defence where Anna Hannon, Rachel Collins and Catriona O'Reilly stood firm as they secured themselves the much sought after Cork Féile crown and the right to represent Cork in Clare at the national event.

**Courcey Rovers:** S Collins; A Hannon, R Collins, C O'Reilly; S Keating, E Crowley, R Murphy; I Lordan, Elaine O'Reilly; L O'Sullivan, Emer O'Reilly, A Condon; F Moloney, L Collins, A O'Reilly. Subs: C Mulcahy for A Condon (h/t), H Quinn for L O'Sullivan (60), K McCarthy for Emer O'Reilly (63). Scorers: L Collins 3-5 (0-3f), L O'Sullivan 0-1.

**Inniscarra:** A M Roche; H O'Sullivan, A O'Connell (c), M Fitzgerald; A Singleton, G Heffernan, E Coleman; N Mc Carthy, D O'Leary; K O'Shea, J Walton, K Wilson; C Kelly, S Daly, A O'Riordan. Subs: F Cooney for C Kelly (h/t), M Manning for K O'Shea (h/t), K Cosgrave for J Walton (57), L Gallagher for F Cooney (63), A Dineen for M Manning (59). Scorers: N Mc Carthy 1-2 (0-1f), J Walton 0-1.

**Referee:** Mike O'Kelly (Ballyhea)

## Late goal gives Bishopstown Cork Féile Division 2 title

## Bishopstown Tracton

BISHOPSTOWN had to be at their best in tussle where the lead changed hands on four occasions before a late injury time goal from Jessica Kearney gave them the Cork Féile Division 2 title at Ballinlough.

Chloe Castleton pointed to give Tracton an early lead but Jessica Kearney edged Bishopstown ahead with a goal, from the puck out they attacked again and inside 20 seconds they were five points ahead when Eirne Ni Dheasmhunaigh sent the ball to the net past a crowded goal mouth. Tracton were back in the

game captain Chloe Castleton making a bursting run from defence unchallenged before finishing the ball to the net despite the best efforts of keeper Sarah O'Sullivan who did stop the shot but the sheer force of it carried the ball over the line. As Bishopstown struggled to maintain their early dominance three unanswered points gave Tracton a 1-4 to 2-0 interval lead.

From the restart Tracton and they extended their advantage to four points with two from Jessica Dempsey but Bishopstown were working hard, Laura O'Neill pointed a free before the impressive Ni Dheasmhunaigh who showed light-

ening pace every time she got possession struck again winning possession from O'Neill's free she unleashed an unstoppable shot to the net with five minutes on the stop watch.

Tracton levelled with a Jessica Dempsey point and with the game entering injury time Bishopstown were not finished yet as Jessica Kearney shot to the net in a crowded goal mouth with two minutes of injury time played.

Tracton did have a further two minutes to grab and equaliser but it was Laura O'Neill who had the final say confidently slotting the games closing score to help secure the title for her side.

As Cork are a senior county the Cork Division 2 Féile is just a local competition, the winners do not progress to national level as Cork are not allowed participate in anything other than Division 1 at national level.

**Bishopstown:** Sarah O'Sullivan; C Richardson, C Broderick (c), E O'Donovan; M Delaney, M Foley, L Leisk; N Stephens, E Ni Dheasmhunaigh; E Richardson, L O'Neill, Saoirse O'Sullivan; J Shanahan, J Kearney, R Wilson. Sub: T Hayden for R Wilson (47). Scorers: J Kearney, E Ni Dheasmhunaigh 2-0 each, L O'Neill 0-2 (0-1f).

**Tracton:** E Collins; L O'Callaghan, U O'Brien, H Fitzgerald; U Lyons, J Kiely, R Good; C Castleton (c), T Hegarty; L O'Murphy, J Dempsey, F Cogan; A Kidney, S Harrington, A Lyons. Scorers: C Castleton 1-3 (0-3f), J Dempsey 0-3, T Hegarty 0-1.

**Referee:** Deirdre Twomey (Eire Óg).

## CAMOGIE

**ALL-IRELAND U16 CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Semi-finals  
A: Galway 2-11 (A O'Reilly 1-1M, Brehony 1-0R, Hennessy 0-6 (0-3f), O'Leary 0-4 (0-2f), O'Grady 0-2 each)  
Tipperary 2-7 (T Kennedy, T Ryan 1-0 each, A Loughane 0-2, C Mc Grath 0-2, A Loughane 0-2, A Evison 0-1 each, A Ryan 0-1 (45))  
B: Derry 3-9 (R Mullholland, A Duffy 1-2 each, M Mc Nicholl 1-0, S Carney 0-2 (0-1f), B Mc Gillian, M Mullane, S Quinn 0-1 each) Limerick 1-6 (C Keating 1-1, N Ryan, A Doyle, E Mullane, K Carroll 0-1 each, M Mc Mahon 0-1 (45))  
C: Carlow 4-8 (E Treacy 3-2L, Bible 1-1, C Quinke 0-2, S Barcoe 0-2 (45R, O'Dwyer 0-1) Meath 1-3 (E Burke 1-0, L Carroll, S White, A Mc Cann 0-1 each)

## CAMOGIE

**Munster Senior final:** Tipperary 2-14 Clare 3-7.  
**Munster Intermediate final:** Limerick 4-18 Tipperary 1-5.  
**Munster U18 final:** Clare 0-13 Cork 1-9.  
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**MCCARTHY** (nee O'Meara) (St. Killian's Place, Ferrybank, Waterford) - May 6, 2010, (peacefully), Mary (Maimie)

**MURRAY** (Mountshannon, Whitegate and Killuran, O'Callaghan's Mill, Co. Clare) - May 6, 2010, at his home in Killuran, in the loving care of his family, Rev. Fr. Liam (retired P.P.), much loved brother of Gus, Sr. Ita and Thérèse

**Camogie** Three well known Camogie personalities died in the past week: Rena O'Leary (nee Manley) RIP captained Cork in 1962. She won Munster senior championship medals with Cork and Gael-Linn medals with Munster. She moved to Conna when she married and started the St. Catherine's Club who are now the Cork senior champions.

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Is math le Jane, Dee agus 2 eile é seo.

**Camogie** Maimie McCarthy (nee O'Meara) RIP, is the only Waterford player to win an All-Ireland senior medal. She played with Waterford in the 1945 All-Ireland senior final. She took up a post with Irish Life in Dublin, joined Clie Camogie Club and won an All-Ireland senior medal in 1948.

Inné ag 14:33 · Déan trácht · Is Math Lom É

**Camogie** Fr Liam Murray RIP, President of the Clare Camogie Board, founded a Camogie Club in every parish that he served including Ahane (Limerick), Whitegate and Killenena (Clare) and Kilruane McDonagh's (Tipp). A great man to tell stories, his enthusiasm for camogie was outstanding.

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Joanne Casey top scored for Cork, but was unable to stop Clare winning their second Munster minor title in three years with a one-point victory in Sixmilebridge.



# Banner edge out Cork in minor final

By ORLA CONSIDINE

Camogie

Clare	0-13
Cork	1-9

**CLARE** won their second Munster Minor title in three years with a one-point victory in a hard fought contest against defending champions Cork in Sixmilebridge.

Sinead Touhy got the opening point of the game for Clare but Cork won a free a minute later and Joanne Casey dropped the ball into the top corner of the net to open Cork's tally with a goal. Naomi Carroll pointed next for Clare. Cork's Aine O'Donovan had the next point of the game. Clare captain Chloe Morey pointed a free for Clare in the 16th minute to bring Clare within a point of Cork. Casey

put over two more frees for Cork with O'Donovan pointing from play bringing the score to 1-4 to 0-3 in favour of the visitors. Both sides fought hard all over the field and each ball was well contested. Naomi Carroll, whose speed was instrumental to Clare, pointed from a well caught ball before O'Donovan again pointed for Cork. Cork were denied a goal in the 33rd minute when Vera Loughnane in the Clare goal batted away a straight shot from Aine O'Donovan, who then put over the resultant 45 leaving the half time score Clare 0-4, Cork 1-6.

The home side had a determined look about them as they took to the field for the second half, and Carroll led the way with a point from play in the first minute.

Carroll again pointed from a free five minutes later. Clare had two more points, Niamh Corry from play and Morey from a free. The Clare de-

fence was in superb form and held Cork from scoring until the 21st minute when again O'Donovan pointed. However, Clare were now in their stride and Carroll pointed twice more to bring the game level. Fionola Neville put Cork back in front with a well taken point with four minutes of normal time remaining. Clare won a free and Morey made no mistake as she slotted the ball between the posts to level the sides again. Clare sensing victory was within their grasp upped the ante and Carroll put them in front for only the second time in the game when she won a free which she duly converted one minute into injury time. The resulting puck-out was won by Clare and driven back into the forwards. Touhy gathered the ball in mid air and put over Clare's last point of the game. Cork had the last score of the game with a point in the third minute of injury-time leaving

Clare victors on a score-line of 0-13 to 1-9.

Before the game a minutes silence was observed in memory of Fr Liam Murray, President of Clare Camogie who passed away on Thursday and was buried yesterday morning.

**Scorers for Clare:** N Carroll 0-6 (016), C Morey 0-3 (0-3f), S Touhy 0-2 N Corry 0-2.

**Cork:** J Casey 1-3(f), Aine O'Donovan 0-5(0-1 45"), F Neville 0-1.

**CLARE:** V Loughnane; H Hehir, J O'Neill, L Higgins; C Glynn, C Morey (C), J Walsh; R O'Brien, N O'Dea; O Duggan, L Woods, N Corry; N Carroll, S Touhy, K Cahill. **Subs:** A Darcy for R O'Brien (h/v).

**CORK:** J Kavanagh (C), R O'Mahony, N O'Brien, L Browne; E Kingston, P Mackey, S Harrington; C Meeney, F Cotter; Aileen O'Donovan, F Neville, S O'Flynn; Aine O'Donovan, J Casey, A Kiely. **Subs:** K Mackey for Aileen O'Donovan (inj/15), M Reidy for S O'Flynn, E Coughlan for E Kingston.

**Referee:** Eamon Browne (Tipperary)

## Grogan stars as Tipp hold nerve to claim glory

TIPPERARY	2-14
CLARE	3-7

MUNSTER SENIOR CAMOGIE FINAL

**TIPPERARY** claimed their first title since 2004 as 2-7 from Claire Grogan helped them past Clare at Toomevara on Saturday night.

Despite being the better side for the majority of the game, Tipp almost contrived to let this game slip through their fingers and allow Clare a first victory since 1946.

As the game moved into injury-time, Tipp led by 2-12 to 1-7, but goals from Fiona Lafferty and Shonagh Enright cut the lead to just two points before Tipp regained their composure.

Frees from Clare's Deirdre Murphy bookended a first half where Tipp scored 1-7, Grogan with the goal in the 17th minute



Grogan: Fine performance

after good work by Cora Hennessy.

When Murphy had a penalty saved early in the second period, it looked as if Tipp would win easily but, to their credit, Clare had the deficit down to four points by the 47th minute trailing 1-10 to 1-6, Ruth Kaiser with the goal.

Grogan's second goal seemed to signal the end of Clare's hopes, but their late show almost reaped dividends.

**Scorers - Tipperary:** C Grogan 2-7 (0-4f, 0-1 45), C Hennessy 0-3, M Luttrell 0-2, J Horan, C Devane 0-1 each. **Clare:** D Murphy 0-5 (0-3f), F Lafferty, S Enright 1-1 each; R Kaiser 1-0. **TIPPERARY:** - H Kennelly; G Stapleton, S Ryan, J Kinneary; M Ryan, S Larkin, J McGrath; J Horan, M Shortt; C Hennessy, M Luttrell, N Flannagan; C Devane, C Grogan, N Walsh. **Subs:** M Kirwan for M Ryan, M Tyrnan for McGrath (both 60). **CLARE:** - S Vaughan; A Hannon, S Lafferty, C Kaiser; E Conidine, K Lynch, A O'Shea; F Lafferty, K McLane, R McMahon, S McMahon, D Murphy; M Scallan, N Murphy, D Sheedy. **Subs:** R Kaiser for S Lafferty (35), N Carroll for McLane (22), S Enright for Scallan (h-v), AM McMahon for Sheedy (38), S Sheen for Murphy (54). **REF:** - P Whelan (Waterford).

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Miriam Deasy takes time out from a busy day.

Picture: Richard Mills

# Deasy delivers on sporting front for CIT

**SPORTS Officer Miriam Deasy has seen some dramatic changes in the landscape at Cork IT since her days as a student and they are all for the betterment of student life on campus.**

"I have been employed here at Cork IT since 1998 as sports officer and I was a student here before that for four years.

"I have loved every minute of it and I qualified as a Bachelor of Business Studies and Marketing.

"The job is hectic, to say the least, and ranges from anything and everything.

"You could be hit with anything here, from arranging a pitch for a match to arranging finance for a club, to having an enthusiastic bunch coming in the door wanting to set up a club or presentation, to paying hundreds of bills a week," said Miriam as

she best describes her role as a sports officer.

She added: "We have to try and keep the more established clubs on campus in order and active and ensure that they are catering for everyone and not just a select few.

"We organise the hosting of the annual sports awards, the sports bursaries presentation evenings as well as the application process all the way up to the general administration of the sports facilities.

"We arrange the astroturf bookings from the CIT students, staff and clubs as well as a variety of outside groups and clubs.

"It's all go, believe me... and we cater for all sports from field sports to watersports to martial arts to the great outdoors.

"We also handle the athletic track bookings from clubs and schools and it's packed every evening with the local clubs," said Miriam when we met

up at Cork IT recently.

On top of all that, she works on bookings for the sports hall, pitches, studio room, the elite gym and the tennis court.

"We have a lot of the county teams using the facilities from ladies football to the camogie team to the Cork minor hurlers and footballers - they all train here on site," she added.

Cork IT has undergone a huge transformation since Miriam graduated and they now boast nine grass pitches, two all-weather surfaces and an international standard track with a new 1,200-seater stand.

"There is a huge interaction with the local community not just here in Bishopstown and Curraheen but right across the city and county.

"What we try to do here is to give something back to the community and we cater for a lot of the development squads.

"We had the Cork U14 camogie de-

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## Ferrybank

### LATE MARY MCCARTHY

It is with regret we record the death of Mary (Maimie) McCarthy, (née O'Meara) of St. Killian's Place, Ferrybank, which took place on Thursday last May 6, the day of her 89th birthday. Daughter of John and Anne O'Meara, she was born in Ferrybank in 1921 and grew up on the Rockshire Road.

One of the great camogie players of her time, she was listed in the hall of fame for all time greats of the game and it is something that she and her family are very proud of. It was said that Maimie O'Meara was the fastest player ever seen in a Waterford jersey. She won a Munster medal with Waterford in 1959 and went to play for Dublin with whom she won her All Ireland medal.

She is survived by her brother Jim, Rockenham, and predeceased by her husband, Michael, sisters Peggie Power and Phyllis Fuller and brother John. Her removal took place from Power's Funeral Home, Ferrybank, to the Sacred Heart Church, Ferrybank, on Saturday evening. Following requiem mass, on Sunday celebrated by Fr. Raymond Dempsey, OC, her burial took place in the adjoining St. Killian's cemetery.

## Sporting circles mourn priest's passing

Bernie English

EAST Clare parishioners and the sporting world were joined in mourning this week following the death of Fr Liam Murray, retired parish priest of Mountshannon, who gave fifty years service to camogie.

Fr Liam died last Thursday at his home in Killuran, O'Callaghan's Mills. He served as priest of the Killaloe Diocese for 58 years.

A native of O'Callaghan's Mills, Fr Liam was born in 1926. He studied for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he was ordained in 1952.

After ordination he served on the emigrant apostolate in the Diocese of Brentwood for four years before

returning to become Curate in Killanena in 1956. He was appointed curate in Whitegate in 1960 and in Castleconnell, County Limerick, in 1965. He served there until 1969 when he was appointed curate in Cloughjordan, County Tipperary. He was appointed parish priest of Coolmeen/Cranny in 1986 and moved to Mountshannon/Whitegate as parish priest in 1989, where he served until he retired in 1998. He remained as assistant pastor in Mountshannon until his death.

In his younger days, Fr Liam Murray played hurling for O'Callaghan's Mills and St Flannan's. In 1957 he revived the ailing hurling club in Killanena, but it was in 1959 that he initiated his outstanding associa-

tion with camogie by founding a new club in that parish.

He had perceived a need for some form of recreation and social activity for the young girls of the area. He was elected club chairman and he also trained the team which went on to win the Clare Senior Championship and League double in its first year.

In 1960, he was elected to the chair of Clare Camogie Board, as well as taking charge of the preparation of the county senior camogie team.

He continued as chairman of the Killanena club and trained the team to their second senior double in this year also. Killanena went on to win a total of eight senior titles in a row and the club that Fr Liam founded

supplied the majority of the players to the Clare team during that period.

In 1960, he took over the Whitegate senior hurling team and led them to a memorable senior championship victory in 1961.

During 1962 Fr Murray was chairman of Whitegate hurling club and St Mary's camogie club. He was also chairman of the Clare Camogie Board and Whitegate Athletics Club, while he continued as trainer to St Mary's camogie team, Whitegate hurlers and the Clare camogie team. In addition, he served as a selector of the Clare senior hurling team and was also elected vice-president of Clare NACA.

At the time of his death he was president of the Clare Camogie Board.





Miriam Deasy, CIT Sports Officer watches a game at the CIT Sports Stadium in Bishopstown.

Picture: Richard Mills

velopment squad here and I was directly involved in that myself. We have the Cork Kennedy Cup team in soccer and the Cork GAA development squads," said Miriam, who hails from the picturesque town of Kilbrittain in West Cork.

Originally Miriam was one of three full-time sports officers on campus but two full-timers have left the office and due to a staffing embargo they have not been replaced.

"I am joined in the office by Acting Sports Officer Mia O'Leary and then we have Aoife Kelleher on the admin side doing sport and societies and between the three of us we keep the office in full swing.

"On the GAA side, we have Keith Ricken and on the soccer side for the first time this year, we have a part-time officer in Eric Marah."

Cork IT has a student population of 5,500 to 6,000 and, as Miriam rightly says: "It's non-stop, day and night and it's a city in itself when you come in off the main road."

Cork IT and, more specifically, the sports administration office, is catering for 38 clubs on campus from martial arts to water sports like sailing, kayaking and sub aqua to canoeing.

They have basketball, boxing and badminton and basically cater for a huge range of sports.

"A lot of people would come into college and some of them would never have played sport before and we have to cater for that too. It's a great opportunity for students to take up a new sport and to even try their hand at a couple of different sports."

This year Cork IT presented 84 sports scholarships across a wide range of sports.

***FIVE TIME All-Ireland winner and qualified camogie tutor, MIRIAM DEASY brings the same zest and enthusiasm to her job as Sports Officer at Cork Institute of Technology.***

***She took time out of her busy schedule to talk on campus to the Evening Echo's NOEL SPILLANE.***



"We have hosted a lot of cross-country events this year with the South Munster schools, the Munster schools and the All-Ireland series. It's the first time ever the All-Irelands were held in Cork and that's been great for Cork IT as a sports facility.

"We had the course here on campus right around the pitches and we also had the inter-varsity cross-country and the Umbro Cup soccer."

Irish ladies boss Noel King and his squad used the facilities during the year and also on the horizon are the Cork City sports this summer.

Miriam says the college has come a long way in terms of development and infrastructure since she was a student and rates Cork IT alongside UCC at this stage.

"We have come a long, long way from the days when I was a student here. We had very few clubs and we had one pitch that catered for everybody but look at it now," said Miriam as she surveyed the scene from upstairs at the main stadium.

The next stage in the on-going development of Cork IT as an ultra-modern sports facility catering for all is the erection of more flood lights on the soccer pitches and the provision of a new sports hall as the existing indoor facility has reached over-capacity.

"When I was here as a student I played soccer, ladies football and camogie and I was very involved at the time in setting up the camogie club from scratch.

"There was no camogie team here when I arrived but it's thriving now. Myself and Cliona Meaney (who played with Inniscarra) got the ball rolling in that sense.

"When you have a desire and a love of a particular sport, and in my case camogie, you want to see other people enjoying it and I was determined to get that project off the ground," said Miriam who helped with the hosting of the Ashbourne and Purcell Cup finals.

"We combined them here. It was nice to have it here and it was the first time that the two have been

played over the same weekend.

"It was a great carnival of camogie here in February. It worked out really well and there was a great atmosphere around the place," said Miriam who won six All-Ireland medals with Cork.

"The job is very much administration at this stage and, perhaps, that's a downside to it.

"There's not a whole lot of time to get out and enjoy the games these days as much as we would.

"There's a lot of paper work, office and accounts, email's, bookings and so on.

"We do all the bill paying and accounts for the clubs and that's a mammoth task.

"When I started out here, I was training the camogie club and the soccer club and I even took a Freshers' hurling session when we had no GAA officer.

"But the chances of getting out now to train a team is zero because of the work load.

"During the academic term, it's full whack, full steam ahead and very, very busy and you just have to put in the hours," she told me.

Miriam comes from a family of five brothers who are all hurling and football mad.

"I had some fantastic years in the camogie and I was lucky enough to have won six county medals with my home club and each one is as precious as the other and I suppose I was lucky to have won Munster medals at every level.

"I have five All-Irelands with Cork, three senior 'A' medals, one junior medal and one senior 'B' which I captained in 2006 - so I retired on September 30, 2006 - very happy below in the Gaelic Grounds

in Limerick after captaining the senior 'B' team and it was a sweet way for me to end my camogie career."

But Miriam's passion and desire for the game she loves continues in her home where she now coaches the kids and runs an annual Camogie summer camp.

"I am still sticking in there with the club but we are going through a bit of a lean period in a way.

"I train and coach some of the underage teams now and this will be my third year running a summer camp.

"I take a week off work and go back home and do it for a week just to give something back to the club and the sport.

"I cater for girls from 6-14, we have a great week and it's a chance for the girls to meet some of their Cork and senior club heroines!

"They get a great buzz out of it and I just feel it's a chance for me to give something back as well.

"Each of the under-age teams would want you to coach them but it's physically impossible so I see my camp as an opportunity to get in touch with them all.

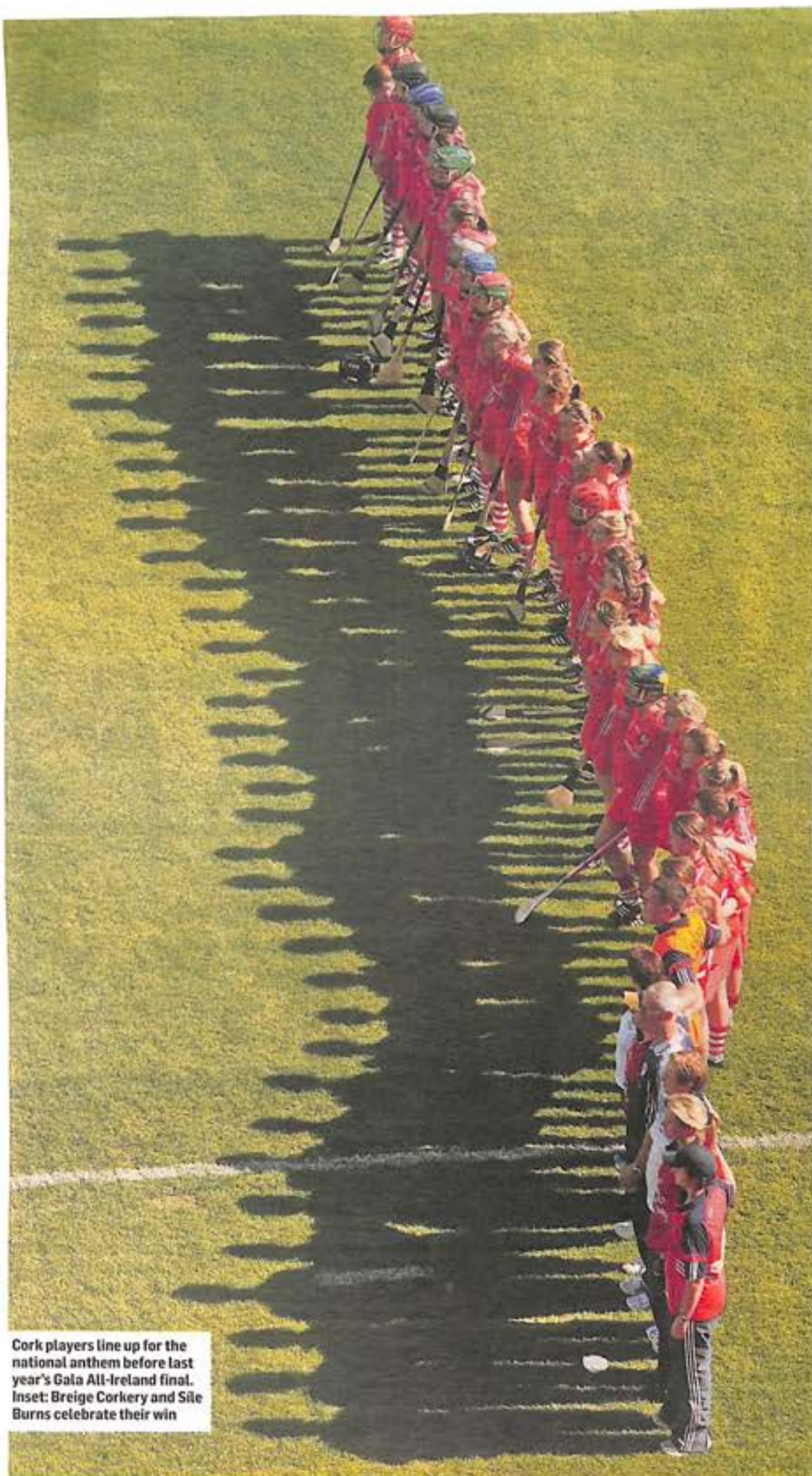
"I coached the Cork U-14 development squad last year and I am looking forward to coaching the U-15 girls this year.

"I have coached here at Cork IT for years, with the highlight being the winning of the Purcell Cup in 2001 and gaining promotion to the Ashbourne for the first time ever.

"I also coached the Cork juniors to a national league title as well.

"I enjoy it and now that I see the big 'R' of retirement looming, I have become a Camogie tutor with Coaching Ireland," she added.





## After losing a clutch of key players, Cork must unearth some new stars to bolster their bid for three-in-a-row

THE All-Ireland championship has undergone a revamp this year, with teams playing seven round-robin games ahead of the knock-out stages.

The new format will be taxing, and strength in depth is the key for All-Ireland success.

Champions Cork find themselves in uncharted waters, bereft of the talents of key players – Briege Corkery has taken some time off to travel, and Una O'Donoghue and Sarah Hayes have retired.

At present Emer Dillon and Emer Farrell are not training with the panel but it is anticipated that Farrell will return, while the door also remains open for Dillon.

A lacklustre league campaign and a defeat to Tipperary in the Munster championship will have left manager Denise Cronin with plenty to mull over before they begin the defence of their crown against last year's All-Ireland finalists Kilkenny.

If they are to retain their title and fulfil their ambition of three-in-a-row, Gemma O'Connor, Rachel Moloney, Orla Cotter, Mary O'Connor and Caitriona Foley will need to play big parts.

Having captured the League title in breathtaking fashion last weekend against Kilkenny, Wexford now turn their attention to championship.

Wexford are widely fancied to reach the final, but manager JJ Doyle will be well aware that League form does not necessarily transfer to the Championship.

The Leacy sisters, Una and Mary, along with keeper Mags D'Arcy and attackers Ursula Jacob and Katrina Parrock are vital for success. The Model County are one of the teams who have the strength in depth to adapt to the new format.

The dark horses are Tipperary. An excellent display against Cork in the first round of the Munster championship was a positive indication of the re-emergence of one of camogie's sleeping giants.

While manager Eoin Brislane must plan without the considerable talents of Emer McDonnell, Emily Hayden and Paula Bulfin, he retains a strong cohort of talent, including a number from All-Ireland winning club champions Cashel.

With captain Jill Horan, Cora Hennessy, Clare Grogan and Tricia O'Halloran hurling well, the Premier County are worth watching.

Buoyed by an outstanding conveyor-belt of under-age talent and a number of experienced players, Galway will be anxious to atone for last year's heart-breaking All-Ireland semi-final defeat and go one step further.

They are fortunate that they possess a potent mix of talent, experience and youth; however, they have failed to fulfil their potential on the big stage.

Defeated in '08 and pipped in the semi-final of '09, they also

suffered a recent National League semi-final defeat to Kilkenny. The Tribeswomen will be acutely aware that they need to secure silverware sooner rather than later.

Kilkenny will have learned from their All-Ireland defeat of '09 plus their recent National League final defeat to Wexford.

Ann Downey is managing one of the youngest teams in the championship and how they adapt to the rigours of this year's format will be telling.

Kilkenny possess talent in abundance with All Star Ann Dalton captaining the side, Edwina Keane, Katie Power, Jacqui Frisby, Eimear Lyng and Leann Fennelly all playing integral roles.

Last year's defeat will be one of their primary motivators and nothing less than an All-Ireland this year will suffice.

Junior champions in 2008, Clare competed admirably in last year's All-Ireland series, but lack the depth in talent of their main rivals.

The opportunity to compete in this year's round-robin series will only serve to improve the fortunes of the Banner County who will hope to build on the tremendous under-age success they have enjoyed of late.

Dublin have invested significantly in under-age structures across the capital and boast enormous success at both U-14 and U-16 level. At present, the fortunes of their senior team have waned, despite the vibrant adult club scene.

Like Clare, they will be hoping to garner as much experience as possible from this year's Championship and build on their impressive under-age foundation.

In the Intermediate Championship, all eyes will be on Joachim Kelly's Offaly side, who are hotly tipped for the crown.

Their recent National League Division 2 final defeat to Wexford will have provided them with plenty of lessons.

Up north, Derry have been working away quietly and are the dark horses for the Intermediate title.

Limerick, boosted by a good League campaign, will fancy their chances and the odds look good for them to make the finals.

However, don't rule out the might of Wexford, Cork, Kilkenny, Tipperary and Galway for a crack at silverware.

The Junior Championship is a melting-pot of possibilities: luckless Waterford will hope to banish a host of All-Ireland defeats between club and county. Division 3 champions Laois have their sights set on the title while Antrim, Down and Meath are all strong contenders, not to mention recently promoted Roscommon.

A Waterford v Laois final looks the most likely, though.

Cork players line up for the national anthem before last year's Gala All-Ireland final. Inset: Briege Corkery and Síle Burns celebrate their win

# EMERGING FROM THE SHADOWS



MAY 2010



# Clare earn revenge on the Rebels

Clare 0-13 Cork 1-9  
@ Sixmilebridge

CLARE won their second Munster Minor title in three years avenging the bitter loss they felt to the hands of Cork last year.

They won by a single point in a titanic struggle against the defending champions Cork in Sixmilebridge on Sunday evening.

Clare were denied the dream start with a nearly goal in the third minute. Then Sinead Touhy registered Clare's opening score.

However, Clare were dealt a sucker punch when Joanne Casey found the top corner of the net from a free to open Cork's tally with a goal.

Naomi Carroll pointed next for Clare. Cork's Aine O'Donovan had the next point of the game. Clare captain Chloe Morey pointed a free for Clare in the 16 minute to bring Clare within a point of Cork.

Joanne Casey put over two more frees for Cork with Aine O'Donovan pointing from play bringing the score to 1-4 to 0-3 in favour of the visitors.

Naomi Carroll, whose speed was instrumental to Clare, pointed from a well-caught ball before O'Donovan again pointed for Cork. Then O'Donovan put over a 45, leaving the half-time score of 1-6 to 0-4 to Cork.

Clare were determined not to have a repeat ending of last year's final and tore into Cork at the start of the second half. Carroll led the way with a point from play in the first minute.

Carroll again pointed from a free five minutes later. Clare had two more points, Niamh Corry from play and Morey from a free.

The Clare defence was in superb form and held Cork from scoring until the 51st minute when again O'Donovan pointed. However Clare were now in their stride and Carroll pointed twice more to bring the

game level.

Fionuala Neville put Cork back in front with a well-taken point with four minutes of normal time remaining.

Clare won a free and Morey made no mistake as she slotted the ball between the posts to level the sides again.

Clare were not to be deprived victory and Carroll put them in front for only the second time in the game when she won a free which she duly converted one minute into injury-time.

Touhy put the seal on a Clare victory with Clare's last point of the game. Cork had the last score of the game with a point in the third minute of injury-time leaving Clare victors on a scoreline of 0-13 to 1-09, on an evening when the flags flew at half mast in honor of the memory of Fr Liam Murray, President of Clare Camogie.

## Match Details

### Clare

Vera Loughane (Feake), Helen Hehir (Inagh), Jessica O'Neill (Cloonoy), Lorna Higgins (Kilmaley), Christina Glynn (Kilmaley), Chloe Morey (0-2) (Captain) (Sixmilebridge), Joanne Walsh (Newmarket on Fergus), Regina O'Brien (Ogonnellie), Niamh O'Dea (Corofin), Orlaith Duggan (Cloonoy), Louise Woods (St Joseph's), Niamh Corry (0-2) (Sixmilebridge), Naomi Carroll (0-7) (Sixmilebridge), Sinead Touhy (0-2) (Sixmilebridge), Katie Cahill (Kilmaley)  
**Subs** Aisling Darcy (Kilmaley) for Regina O'Brien (H/T)

### Cork

Jessica Kavanagh (Captain), Rosie O'Mahony, Niamh O'Brien, Lorraine Browne, Emma Kingston, Pamela Mackey, Sarah Harrington, Claire Meeney, Fiona Cotter, Aileen O'Donovan, Fionuala Neville (0-1), Sinead O'Flynn, Aine O'Donovan (0-6), Joanne Casey (1-2), Aoife Kely **Subs** Katrina Mackey for Aileen O'Donovan 15th min in, Mariah Reidy for Sinead O'Flynn

### Player of the Match

Naomi Carroll (Clare)

**Referee** Eamonn O'Brien (Tipperary)

## In brief

### Munster squad

THE following is the Munster team for the Gael Linn Interprovincials this weekend. The games are taking place in Trim GAA Club in Meath and Munster will play Ulster in the semi-final at noon the winners are then in the final against the winners of Leinster v Connaught at 2.30pm.

Aoife Murray (Cork)  
Joanne O'Callaghan (Cork)  
Cathiona Foley (Cork)  
Jenny Duffy (Cork) (captain)  
Mary Ryan (Tipperary)  
Sabrina Larkin (Tipperary)  
Julie McGrath (Tipperary)  
Orla Cottor (Cork)  
Anna Geary (Cork)  
Gráinne Kinneally (Cork)  
Niamh Mulcahy (Limerick)  
Jill Horan (Tipperary)  
Aine Lymb (Waterford)  
Deirdre Murphy (Clare)  
Noreen Flanagan (Tipperary)

Susan Vaughan (Clare)  
Rena Buddey (Cork)  
Eimear Considine (Clare)  
Fiona Lafferty (Clare)  
Jenny O'Leary (Cork)  
Kate Lynch (Clare)  
Gráinne Kinneally (Waterford)  
Gemma O'Connor (Cork)  
Karen Kelly (Waterford)  
Patricia Jackson (Waterford)

**Management** Kay Dunne (Cork), Peter Whelan (Waterford), Trevor Galvin (Tipperary) Patsy Fahey (Clare), Toby Kavanagh (Limerick)

## More efficiently and effectively

ATHLONE IT are currently offering camogie administrators the opportunity to run their clubs more efficiently and effectively with a new certificate evening course that will be run at the end of this year.

The HETAC (Level 6) Certificate in Sports Administration programme is aimed at helping camogie clubs and county boards in the region to manage and administer the development of individual clubs and regional structures.

The programme will also give sports administrators third level recognition for skills/competencies gained throughout their previous involvement in organisation of camogie and community development.

Who should apply: Camogie Club administrators, County Board Officers.

### Course Content

Participants will study and reflect on best practice in:  
• Leadership and delegation including managing meetings  
• Sports administration including event management  
• Communications  
• Financial management  
• Exercise and fitness  
• Ethics and legal issues in sports administration

Course material will be developed through individual project and portfolio building.

### Course Delivery

Autumn - Winter 2010/11 over a 12 week period one evening a week for three hours. Lectures will be delivered on campus in Athlone Institute of Technology.  
Fee for this programme will be €300.

Course completion will enable experienced key administrators with the knowledge and skills necessary to:  
• Manage and administer your club/organisation  
• Facilitate retention and increase of participation/ membership  
• Identify a future path for your club/organisation

More information: Initial enquiries from prospective participants should be addressed to Mr Kieran Doyle, Work Based Learning Office, Athlone Institute of Technology at 0906424438 or email at kdoyle@ait.ie or Jennifer Camogie Regional Development Officer, 087 6436579 or email at jennifer@camogie.ie



The Clare panel that defeated Cork to win the Munster Minor title at the weekend.

# Tipperary weather a late Clare storm

Tipperary 2-14  
Clare 3-7  
@ Toomevara

James Conlan

CLARE'S bid for only their second Munster Senior Camogie title ended in defeat on Saturday evening in Toomevara. Clare's inability to deal with Claire Grogan who hit a staggering 2-7 ultimately led to Clare's downfall, but much would have to be admired for Clare's never-say-die attitude as they pushed Tipperary to the last whistle. However, Clare ultimately left themselves with too much work to do and fell just short come the final whistle.

Clare opened the scoring with a point from Deirdre Murphy in the second minute, Tipperary responded quickly through a Grogan 45 to level the sides. Clare were taking time to settle into this game and Tipperary capitalised on this by scoring four unanswered points, Grogan accounting for three of these, and Cora Hennessey bringing it to 0-5 to 0-1.

Clare suffered a crushing blow with the loss of captain Siobhan Lafferty from the full-back position in the 14th minute with a suspected broken wrist. Grogan capitalised on Clare's loss by adding 1-2 to Tipperary's tally.

Clare's only response was a point from a free by Deirdre Murphy just before the break, leaving Clare behind at the break on a scoreline of 1-7 to 0-2.

At the start of the second-half Clare was awarded a penalty in first minute of play when the Tipp goalie Rosie Kennelly fouled on the goal line. However, she made up for it by saving Deirdre Murphy's effort.

Shonagh Enright put over the next point for Clare but Grogan pointed again bringing the score to Clare 0-4, Tipperary 1-8.

Deirdre Murphy, who battled tirelessly for Clare throughout the match, pointed again from play but again Grogan and Hennessey added two more points to Tipperary's tally.

Clare had a shot on goal, which was batted down by Kennelly, and the

resulting scramble for clearance saw Ruth Kaiser manage to raise Clare's first green flag of the evening. Fiona Lafferty then pointed to bring Clare within four points of Tipperary.

Tipperary upped their game once more and won the puckout which was driven downfield to Grogan who goalied immediately. Hennessey pointed from play again as did Murphy for Clare.

Tipperary responded through Cait Devane in the 58th minute, however Clare goalied twice in the space of a minute, with Lafferty sneaking through the Tipp defence before Murphy struck another goal a minute later.

Hennessey and Grogan added a point each bringing the final score to Clare 3-07 Tipperary 2-14 leaving Clare to rue their wasted chances and for giving Tipperary such a big lead at half-time. This was a marked improvement on their performances in the National League, but Clare will feel come June they will be a more formidable outfit when the All-Ireland series begins.

## Match Details

### Clare

Susan Vaughan (Ogonnellie), Aisling Hannon (Cloonoy), Siobhan Lafferty (Kilmaley), Carol Kaiser (Newmarket on Fergus), Eimear Considine (Kilmaley), Kate Lynch (Kilmaley), Aileen O'Shea (Sixmilebridge), Fiona Lafferty (1-1) (Kilmaley), Kelly McLean (Cloonoy), Rosin McMahon (Newmarket on Fergus), Sharon McMahon (Newmarket on Fergus), Deirdre Murphy (1-5) (Cloonoy), Mairead Scanlon (Scariff), Nora Murphy (Kilmaley), Danielle Sheedy (Broadford) **Subs** Ruth Kaiser (1-0) (Newmarket on Fergus) for 5 Lafferty (15 mins in), Naomi Carroll (Sixmilebridge) for McLean (22 mins), Shonagh Enright (1-1) (Kilmaley) for Scanlon (Half Time), Ann-Marie McMahon (Crusheen) for Sheedy (39 mins), Sarah Sherlock (Truagh) for Murphy (54 mins)

### Tipperary

Rosie Kennelly, Geraldine Stapleton, Teby O'Halloran, Julie Kirwan, Mary Ryan, Sabrina Larkin, Julie McGrath, Jill Horan (0-1), Michelle Shortt, Cora Hennessey (0-3), Mairead Luttrell (0-2), Noreen Flanagan, Cait Devane (0-1), Claire Grogan (2-7), Nicole Walsh

### Player of the Game

Michelle Shortt (Tipperary)

### Referee

P Whelan (Waterford)





The Carlow u16 camogie team after winning the all-Ireland C title at Blakestown, Dublin on Saturday

## U16 CAMOGIE ALL-IRELAND FINAL

# All-Ireland champions

CARLOW  
MEATH

4-8  
1-3

By Kieran Murphy

CARLOW camogie team are the all-Ireland C champions.

At Blakestown in Dublin on Saturday Eleanor Treacy produced the performance of her young life when scoring 3-2 to see her county run out worthy winners in a one-sided contest.

"Eleanor was amazing today and was brilliant in the forwards," said an admiring Ciara Quirke who, for once, was outshone in the scoring stakes.

Treacy may have caught the eye with her impressive haul but this was very much a collective effort. Hopes were high that after some impressive qualifying games this team would make the break through.

The pressure was on but you wouldn't have known it. From the throw in they laid siege to the Meath goal and never let their opponents settle.

Treacy opened the scoring with a third minute point and a minute later the Barrowsiders were on their way when the full forward beat the Meath goalkeeper from close range for the first of her three goals.

Ciara Quirke had to work hard for her first point of the game but her perseverance was a hall mark of the team's determination on the day.

"It is about working together. We said it is a team effort and today we worked together," said the young Myshall forward.

Carlow were dominant in midfield with Lorraine Bible and Michelle Nolan very much in control. Bible collected the ball in space, drove it in and with defenders and forwards contesting the high ball it went all the way to the net.



John Kennedy, Estoria, Bagenalstown, presents a sponsorship cheque to Helen McDonald, Treasurer, Carlow Camogie Board, surrounded by officers of Board and members of u16 all-Ireland winning team on Saturday

Treacy scored her second goal and Quirke and Rebecca O'Dwyer added points in quick succession. With 19 minutes gone on the clock the game was over.

Meath rarely threatened but they hit a brick wall in the Carlow full-back line of Ann Marie Kelly, Katie O'Byrne and Chloe Kenny standing up to the best efforts of Shona White and Adrienne McCann.

A Lisa Carroll free eventually put the Royal County on the score line but Bible had the last say of the first half when she pointed to see Carlow lead 3-7 to 0-1 at the break. They could have been further ahead but keeper, Eilan Duignan, caught four balls underneath her own posts and kept out efforts by Quirke and Rebecca O'Dwyer.

The second half was all about avoiding complacency. Treacy completed her hat-trick in the 36th minute when her low shot deceived the keeper and ended up in the back of the net.

"We were very excited after that. It was brilliant to see it going in," said centre-half back Katie Nolan afterwards.

Meath continued to struggle. Carlow were happy to settle into the pocket and absorb what Meath could throw at them.

It was effective and they limited their opponents to two points in the third quarter. Treacy's point finished the Carlow scoring in the 48th minute. The last quarter was somewhat scrappy with both sides introducing their quota of substitutes.

Just at the end the tactical switch of moving full back Eilan Burke to the other end worked when she scored a consolation goal after White had created the opening.

It was no more than an irritation for the Carlow side. For eight of them this victory helped make up for losing the all-Ireland Colleges final with Borris VS in March.

"I think after we lost out we were

more determined to win this. This was our time," said Nolan who is now the proud holder of an all-Ireland medal.

She singled out the management team for special praise.

"Without our trainers we wouldn't be anywhere. They prepared us so well for this but we are all so excited just to play," she said.

**Carlow:** Niamh Curran (Naomh Bríd); Ann Marie Kelly (MLR); Katie O'Byrne (MLR); Chloe Kenny (Bunclody, capt); Shauna Barcoe (MLR, 0-2fs); Kate Nolan (Miseal); Emma Kelly (MLR); Lorraine Bible (1-1, MLR); Michelle Nolan (Miseal); Olivia McDonald (MLR); Ciara Quirke (0-2, Miseal); Shauna Daly (Bunclody); Maria Carroll (Bunclody); Eleanor Treacy (3-2, Ballinkillen); Rebecca O'Dwyer (0-1, MLR). Subs: Casey Tobin (Naomh Bríd) for Carroll (38mins); Laura Quirke (Ballinkillen) for AM Kelly (53mins); Megan McDonald (Naomh Bríd) for McDonald (54mins); Siobhán Lawlor (Naomh Bríd) for Daly (58mins); Katie Doyle (Naomh Bríd) for O'Dwyer (59mins); Maria Kinsella (Ballinkillen); Laura Regan (Naomh Bríd). Management: Jack Barcoe, Nuala Quirke and Mary Smyth.

**Meath:** Eilan Duignan; Ciara Donoghue, Eilan Burke (1-0); Mollie Duignan; Cheyenne O'Brien, Lauren McCann, Aibhe Lynch; Lisa Carroll (0-1f); Maggie Randell; Susie Gartland, Adrienne McCann (0-1); Laura Irwin; Lauren Patterson, Shona White (0-1); Caoimhe McDermott. Subs: Áine Kirby for Donoghue (35mins); Aoibheann Leahy for Irwin; Cathy Collins for Patterson (45mins); Emma McGill for Randell (54mins); Clodhna O'Sullivan for Gartland (60mins).

**Ref:** Gerry McGough (Dublin)



## CAMOGIE



# Powerful victory for Clare

**Clare** 0-13  
**Cork** 1-9

**Sports Editor**  
**Seamus Hayes**

CLARE camogie received a huge boost at O'Garney Park in Sixmlebridge on Sunday evening when the county minor side captured the provincial championship title with a one-point win over Cork.

A powerful second-half performance saw the home side take the honours, reversing last year's final result.

Originally scheduled for Scariff

at 2pm, the match was switched to Sixmlebridge with a 5.30pm start because of the funeral of Clare camogie president Fr Liam Murray. Before the game, a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect for the late Fr Murray.

Clare opened the scoring through full-forward Sinéad Tuohy but a goal from a 50m free by Joanne Casey rocked the home side in the fifth minute and gave Cork a lead they would hold for the remainder of the half.

The visitors played with the aid of the wind in the opening period and deserved their half-time advantage of five points, 1-6 to 0-4.

Clare's full-back line was under a lot of pressure in the opening period as Joanne Casey and Aine O'Donovan caused them a lot of problems.

For the second half, Clare made a number of changes and these helped them get a grip on proceedings. They dominated the third quarter, during which they scored four points without reply to get to within a point of the visitors.

Naomi Carroll was proving to be a major problem for the Cork defence but Clare were experiencing problems in getting the ball into the corner-forward. The half was 20 minutes old before Cork

added to their half-time tally with a Mariah Reidy point but a Chloe Morey effort from a free followed by an excellent Naomi Carroll effort had the teams level with five minutes to go.

Cork again went back in front before Morey had the point of the game when she scored from her own 65 to level matters for the second time. As the game moved into injury time Naomi Carroll gave Clare the lead for the first time before Sinéad Tuohy, who had the opening score of the game in the fourth minute, sealed victory with a fine score.

Team captain Chloe Morey led

by example from centre-back and she contributed 0-5, four from frees, to her side's total.

Naomi Carroll had a similar tally, all from play, and she played a crucial part in the victory. Others to make important contributions were Jessica O'Neill, Christina Glynn, Orlaith Duggan and Sinéad Tuohy.

Niamh O'Brien, Pamela Mackey, Fiona Cotter, Aine O'Donovan and Joanne Casey were prominent for Cork.

**Clare:** Vera Loughnane (Fealde); Lorna Higgins (Kilmaley); Jessica O'Neill (Clooney); Helen Hehir

## Nenagh Guardian Player of the Week



Tipperary Senior Camogie midfielder Michelle Shortt for her Player of the Match performance in the Munster Final over Clare.



From left:  
■ Helen Hehir attempts to clear from Cork's Aoife Kelly.  
■ Clare's Katie Cahill attempts to block Pamela Mackey.  
■ Aisling Darcy tussles with Jessica Kavanagh.

Photographs by John Kelly

## minors

(Inagh); Joanne Walsh (Newmarket), Chloe Morey (Sixmlebridge), capt, Christina Glynn (Kilnamona); Regina O'Brien (Ogonnelloe); Niamh O'Dea (Corofin); Orlaith Duggan (Clooney); Louise Woods (St Joseph's); Niamh Corry (Sixmlebridge); Naomi Carroll (Sixmlebridge); Sinéad Tuohy (Sixmlebridge); Katie Cahill (Kilmaley).

**Subs:** Aisling Darcy (Kilmaley) for O'Brien (half-time).

**Scorers:** Chloe Morey, Naomi Carroll, (0-5) each; Sinéad Tuohy (0-2); Louise Woods (0-1).

**Cork:** Jessica Kavanagh; Rosie

O'Mahoney, Niamh O'Brien, Lorraine Browne; Emma Kingston, Pamela Mackey, Sarah Harrington; Claire Meaney, Fiona Cotter; Aileen O'Donovan, Fiona Neville, Sinéad O'Flynn; Aoife Kiely, Joanne Casey, Aine O'Donovan.

**Subs:** Katrina Mackey for Aine O'Donovan (in); Ena Coughlan for O'Flynn.

**Scorers:** Joanne Casey (1-3); Aine O'Donovan (0-3); Fiona Neville (0-2); Mariah Reidy (0-1).

**Referee:** Eamonn Browne, Tipperary.

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■ Siobhán Lafferty.



# Late Tipperary comeback not enough

## All-Ireland Under 16 'A' Camogie Championship Final

Galway 2-11  
Tipperary 2-7

Report and photographs by Rose Mannion  
in Tullamore

Tipperary succumbed to Galway for the second year in a row in the All-Ireland Under 16 Camogie final which took place in O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Saturday last.

The winners took control of the game from the very beginning and despite the fact that little or nothing separated them throughout the first half, it was the second half that brought out the skill and determination from the title holders and Tipp couldn't find the answers to cope with the rampant Galway girls.

Two early second half goals from full forward Maria Brehony and wing forward Ailish O'Reilly were the crucial scores which ignited the Galway

challenge with some of their ace scorers from last years decider, popping up throughout the pitch to throw over points with their defence on top form keeping the Tipp attack out.

Tipp were slow to settle into the game allowing Galway in with an opening point after less than a minute which was aided with a strong breeze.

Galway's ace free taker Rebecca Hennelly added her second point minutes later and Galway were on their way. A goal chance for Tipp presented with Aoife Ryan and Andrea Loughnane fighting hard but Sarah Keenan took control and clearing, it was Andrea Loughnane who

caught and forced a '45' to give Tipp their first score which came from Aoife Ryan after nine minutes.

Galway cancelled it out and when Brehony went in search of a Galway goal, the Tipp defence denied with Orla McEniry between the uprights making a great save.

Both sides swapped points with Tipp most unlucky with their efforts at goal while Galway were now stretching ahead with some good points points and after the Tipp backs and keeper denied them a second goal, the clearance was scooped up by the waiting Aoibhin Kenny who sent it over the bar.

Enjoying a large amount of the possession, Galway should have had more scores but the Tipp rear-guard and keeper were playing heroically in keeping out the Galway attacks which came often and at half time only four points lay between the sides; Galway 0-7 Tipp 0-3.

The second half of this All-Ireland was a totally different game with Tipp unable to capitalize on their early possession and going on to rue some missed chances. Seven minutes in and the Galway fire was lit when Brehony netted after O'Reilly spotted a gap in the Tipp defence and while Tipp were recovering from the shock Rachel Monaghan scooped the ball to O'Reilly who rattled the Tipp net for a second time.

Tipp regained their attacking powers and Anne Eviston pointed. The Tipp management brought in fresh legs and they weren't



Sarah Fryday (Tipperary) goes in to block Sarah Keenan (Galway) during last Saturday's All-Ireland final in Tullamore.



Tara Kennedy (Tipperary) gets away from Lorraine Farrell (Galway) during the under 16 "A" All-Ireland final on Saturday last.

disappointed as Galway were hungry now for further goals but Louise McLoughlin put a halt to Orlaith McGrath's try who caused a foul in the process to which Ciara McGrath converted to reduce the deficit.

Further points were swapped until McGrath dropped a '45' in the goal mouth causing disarray with corner forward Tara Kennedy pouncing and claiming Tipp's first goal with four minutes remaining.

A sudden urgency sprung forth as the Tipp side realised they could take this game as they ignored

Galway's point and swinging back into defending action McGrath's side line chip swung low across the goal mouth where Theresa Ryan blasted to the Galway net to a huge cheer from the Tipp supporters who were now on their feet.

However, time was not on their side and an injury time point from Galway helped them to their second successive All Ireland title.

## Match Digest

**Player of the Match:** Rebecca Hennelly (Galway).  
**Scorers:** Galway: Rebecca Hennelly 0-6, 3 frees, 2 45s; Ailish O'Reilly 1-1; Maria Brehony 1-0; Aoibhin Kenny, Orlaith McGrath 0-2 each.  
**Tipperary:** Tara Kennedy, Teresa Ryan 1-0 each; Andrea Loughnane 0-2; Ciara McGrath 0-2, 1 free, 1 45; Anne Eviston, Michaela Graham 0-1 each; Aoife Ryan 0-1 45.

**Galway:** Catriona Daly; Sarah Keenan, Sinead Cormican, Michelle Dunleavy; Lorraine Farrell, Maria Cooney, Aine Dervan; Clodagh McGrath, Rebecca Hennelly; Ailish O'Reilly, Rachel Monaghan, Aoibhin Kenny, Sara Skehill, Maria Brehony, Orlaith McGrath.  
**SUB:** Aoife Dolan for C McGrath.

**Tipperary:** Orla McEniry (New Inn); Julieanne Bourke (Toomevara); Caoimhe Maher (Burgess/Duharra); Louise McLoughlin (Silvermines); Rachel Kennedy (Silvermines); Clodagh Quirke (Clonoulty/Rossmore); Mary Walsh (Kilruane MacDonaghs); Teresa Ryan (Toomevara); Sarah Fryday (Clonoulty/Rossmore); Ciara McGrath (Nenagh Éire Óg); Anne Eviston (Drom & Inch); Tara Kennedy (Burgess/Duharra); Aoife Ryan (Toomevara); Michaela Graham (Moycarkey); Andrea Loughnane (Thurles).  
**SUBS:** Clodhna Ryan (Toomevara) for Graham, Megan Ryan (St. Cronan's) for Eviston (inj).

**Referee:** Mike O'Kelly (Cork).

# Munster senior title returns to Tipp

## Senior Munster Camogie Final

Tipperary 2-14  
Clare 3-7

Report and photographs by  
Rose Mannion in Toomevara

The Tipperary Senior camogie team have shaken off the shackles by taking the Munster title back to the Premier County for the first time in five years on Saturday evening in Toomevara.

A hugely impressive performance against a Clare side that is improving in leaps and bounds, saw Tipperary claim the cup with four points to spare after a fine performance particularly in the

second half. This win is the tonic Tipp need after years in the doldrums and as they now set about preparing for the All-Ireland championship series which commences on June 12th at home to old rivals Cork.

After a minute's silence was observed for the late Fr. Liam Murray who was president of the Clare Co. Board, the visitors set the wheels in motion when they converted a free in

the opening minute from Deirdre Murphy and when Cait Devane tried to net for Tipp her effort went out for a 45 which Claire Grogan converted to bring the sides level.

Over the remainder of the half, Tipp clocked up a further 1-6 without reply, all from play. The home side were playing very well as a unit with the backs in particular keeping Clare well out and away from scoring chances. Deep into injury time, Deirdre Murphy put Clare on the scoreboard but they trailed by eight points on the break.

Four minutes into the second half, Clare were facing up to a penalty which they tried to goal but Shonagh Enright's shot was deflected out for a 45 with Enright converting. Claire Grogan and Deirdre Murphy traded points but the girls from the Banner County were chasing goals and when Fiona Lafferty, Deirdre Murphy and Mairead Scanlon pushed forward to exert huge pressure on the Tipp backline, Siobhan Ryan, Mary Ryan, Julie McGrath and Julie Kirwan all had a hand in denying Clare the required result until the 41st minute when Deirdre Murphy finally breached the Tipp rear-guard.

Two further points from Cait Devane and a free from Claire Grogan pushed Tipp into a nine point lead and then the



Munster Senior Camogie Champions with mentors Gerry Cahill, Carmel Harkin, Trevor Galvin and manager Eoin Brislane.

newly introduced Clare sub Ruth Kaiser, grabbed a low ball and blasted to the Tipp net at the three quarter mark. This was followed up in quick succession by two further points and now Tipp had a challenge on their hands as their lead was reduced to four.

As the Clare supporters got behind their team, Claire Grogan grabbed a dropping ball and after a solo run her strike blasted past the Clare keeper Susan Vaughan to restore her sides confidence.

Both sides missed scoring chances before both swapped points before the Banner girls struck for their third goal with two minutes remaining when Kelly McLean threw caution to the wind and

dropped a free into the danger zone it was Shonagh Enright who connected to goal.

Tipp's great lead was reduced to just two and with time running out scores were crucial to Tipp. As the ball was now keenly contested, this game took on a major increase in pace where Cait Devane passed to Cora Hennessy who split the uprights as normal playing time faded.

Within a minute, Claire Grogan converted a free to provide the insurance score and bring the Munster title back to the Premier County once more where the old familiar never say die Tipp approach came to the fore in the dying minutes of the game.

## MATCH DIGEST

**Player of the Match:** Michelle Shortt (Tipperary).  
**Scorers:** Tipperary: Claire Grogan 2-7, 0-4 frees, 0-1 45; Cora Hennessy 0-3; Mairead Luttrell 0-2; Jill Horan, Cait Devane 0-1 each.  
**Clare:** Deirdre Murphy 1-5, 0-4 frees; Shonagh Enright 1-1; Ruth Kaiser 1-0; Fiona Lafferty 0-1.

**Tipperary:** Rosie Kennelly (Drom & Inch); Geraldine Stapleton (Silvermines); Siobhan Ryan (Holycross); Julie Kirwan (Moneygall); Mary Ryan (Moneygall); Sabrina Larkin (Shannon Rovers); Julie McGrath (Cashel); Jill Horan (Cashel, Capt); Michelle Shortt (Drom & Inch); Cora Hennessy (Clonoulty); Mairead Luttrell (Windgap); Noreen Flannagan (Holycross); Cait Devane (Clonoulty); Claire Grogan (Cashel); Nicole Walsh (Toomevara).  
**SUBS:** Maria Tynan (Toomevara) for M Ryan (inj); Michelle Kirwan (Moneygall) for McGrath (inj).

**Clare:** Susan Vaughan; Aisling Hannon, Siobhan Lafferty (Capt), Carol Kaiser; Emer Considine, Kate Lynch, Aileen O'Shea; Fiona Lafferty, Kelly McLean; Roisin McMahon, Sharon McMahon, Deirdre Murphy; Mairead Scanlon, Nora Murphy, Danielle Sheedy.  
**SUBS:** Ruth Kaiser for Lafferty (inj); Naomi Carroll for McLean; Anne Marie McMahon for Sheedy; Sarah Sherlock for Murphy; Shonagh Enright for McMahon.

**Referee:** Peter Whelan (Waterford).



Jill Horan Captain is presented with the Munster Senior camogie cup by the chairman of Munster council Morgan Conroy.



# Cooney leads Galway U-16s to All-Ireland glory

Galway 2-11  
Tipperary 2-7

EOGHAN CORMICAN  
IN TULLAMORE

A YEAR after Galway defeated Tipperary in the All-Ireland U16 camogie final, the 2010 decider threw up the same final pairing, the same scoreline, but most importantly the same outcome.

The scenes of unbridled joy at O'Connor Park, Tullamore after a much fancied Galway outfit outfought Tipperary in a thrilling contest to emerge as deserving four point winners will be savoured in the County for some time to come.

Unquestionably, the state of underage camogie in Galway received a tremendous endorsement following the successful exploits of Johnny Kane's charges. Building on the success of this latest triumph at U16 level must now be the next step in the development of the game in the West but, for now, players and supporters alike will bask in the glory of Galway's 11th All Ireland title.

Despite leading the contest from pillar to post, Galway supporters - who travelled in large numbers - were left fretting during the game's final minutes as a Teresa Ryan goal in injury time reduced the arrears to just three points. However, the defence led by the majestic Marie Cooney held out and when Rebecca Hennelly slotted over a close range free, the two-in-a-row was complete.

Playing with the aid of a stiff

breeze, the defending champions led by four at the break, but it was the performance rather than the scoreline that was causing concern amongst the Galway supporters as some good chances were spurned.

Rebecca Hennelly opened the scoring on 51 seconds with a converted free, but they would not score from play until the 24th minute. In the interim period three placed ball efforts from Hennelly were answered to by Aoife Ryan (45), Michaela Graham and Andrea Loughnane.

No doubt, one of the major failings of the Galway campaign enroute to Saturday's climax was that they were never put to the pin of their collar by the opposition and forced to respond. Consequently, Tipperary's physical approach clearly rattled the Tribeswomen in that opening half and they were made work like dogs for every score.

Crucially, Galway made the wind advantage count late on in the first half with three scores from Orlaith McGrath, Hennelly (45) and the outstanding Aoibhin Kenny. Tip-

perary badly needed a bright start to the second half and their plight was not helped by two early wides. Then came arguably the key score of the game - a goal from Davitt's Maria Brehony.

Clodagh McGrath initiated the score dispossessing Anne Eviston in the middle of the park before sending the sliotar in the direction of Sarsfields club mate Aoibhin Kenny. The wing forward flicked possession to the onrushing Ailish O'Reilly who, in turn, moved the ball to the inside Brehony who drilled low for her tenth

goal of the championship.

Scarcely another minute had elapsed when Galway struck again. Rachel Monaghan set up O'Reilly, whose effort from outside the '21 dipped under the crossbar to leave her team ten points to the good.

Tipperary, to their credit, didn't lose heart and responded with three points on the trot with Anne Eviston and Ciara McGrath (two) both finding the mark for the Premier County. In truth, they were desperately unlucky not to find the net when Sinead Cormi-

can was adjudged to have brought down Aoife Ryan in the Galway square. The penalty, however, was excellently stopped by 'keeper Catriona Daly.

Subsequently, Aoibhin Kenny and Ailish O'Reilly sniped a pair of points to leave Galway eight clear with only seven minutes left, but Tipperary roused themselves for a grandstand finish. On 57 minutes Ciara McGrath's free was well blocked by Daly, but Tara Kennedy latched onto the rebound that whizzed into the Galway net.

Orlaith McGrath, whose pace was causing all sorts of problems for the opposing defence struck a terrific point to ease Galway nerves, but Teresa Ryan ensured the title would not be decided without its fair share of drama, drilling a peach of an effort into the top left hand corner of Daly's goals to leave just one score separating the sides.

With time elapsed, the next score would prove pivotal and, fortunately, it went the way of the maroon and white. On the day, Catriona Daly oozed confidence between

the sticks, pulling off a number of important stops. Despite, a nervy opening the full back line looked extremely assured, in particular Michelle Dunleavy who turned in a terrific display at corner back.

A half back line that appeared in some trouble in the opening quarter, soon got the house in order marshalled superbly by Player of the Match Marie Cooney, with Lorraine Farrell also impressing in the second half.

Clodagh McGrath provided telling leadership at midfield, showing an excellent aerial prowess, while sharpshooter Hennelly was influential from the placed ball. The half forward line of Ailish O'Reilly, Rachel Monaghan and Aoibhin Kenny was unmistakably Galway's strongest sector. As well as contributing two points, Kenny worked her proverbial socks off, while O'Reilly and Monaghan were the architects of the majority of their side's scores.

Inside them, McGrath and Brehony tormented the Tipp defence with Brehony's goal proving the catalyst in the Galway win.

**Galway:** C Daly; S Keenan, S Cormican, M Dunleavy; L Farrell, M Cooney, A Dervan; C McGrath, R Hennelly (0-6, 0-3 frees, 0-2 45's); A O'Reilly (1-1), R Monaghan, A Kenny (0-2); S Skehill, M Brehony (1-0), O McGrath (0-2). Subs: A Dolan for Skehill 47 mins.

**Tipperary:** O McEniry; J Bourke, C Maher, L McLoughlin; R Kennedy, C Quirke, M Walsh; T Ryan (1-0), A Eviston (0-1); C McGrath (0-2, 0-2 45's), S Fryday, T Kennedy (1-0); A Ryan (0-1, 45) M Graham (0-1), A Loughnane (0-2). Subs: C Ryan for Graham 55 mins, M Ryan for Eviston 56 mins.

Referee: Mike O'Kelly (Cork)



The Galway U-16 Camogie squad which won the All-Ireland title by defeating Tipperary at O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Saturday. Back row, left to right: Aisling Mitchell, Azarh Gordon, Clara Donohue, Donna Larkin, Hazel Kilkelly, Slobhan Gardiner, Rachel Callanan, Michelle Dunleavy, Niamh Cunliffe, Leanne McAndrew, Olivia Keehan, Rebecca Hennelly, Sinead Cormican, Rachel Monahan, Sarah Keehan, Lorraine Farrell, Lorraine Donnelly, Maria Brehony, Catriona Daly, Kate Forde. Front row: Sarah Skehill, Maria Cooney, Laura Glynn, Aisling Spellman, Claire Curley, Lisa Dolan, Sarah Curley, Clodagh McGrath, Orlaith McGrath, Aoibhin Kenny, Ailish O'Reilly, Ciara Hanniffy, Lisa Hynes, Aine Dervan, Aine Ni Dhubhail, Edel Murray.

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# Tributes paid to Fr Liam Murray

CLARE camogie lost one of its best-known figures last weekend when Fr Liam Murray passed away after a short illness.

President of Clare camogie in recent years, he devoted much of his time over the years to the promotion of the game in parishes where he ministered in Clare and Tipperary.

His work for the game in Killanena was well documented in that club's history, which was published last year.

During their celebrations in 2009 the club presented a cup in his honour to the Clare board and this will be played for in the upcoming county intermediate championship.

He also did a lot work for the game in Whitegate during his time in the East Clare parish.

Fr Murray was remembered before Clare's games in the Munster championship last weekend, when a minute's silence was observed, while flags were at half-mast as a mark of respect.

## Murphy makes Munster team

DEIRDRE Murphy has been named on the Munster camogie team for this Sunday's Gael Linn inter-provincial semi-final in Trim.

Munster will play Ulster at 12 noon, with Leinster playing Connacht at 2.30pm.

Cork have seven in the first 15, followed by Tipperary, who have five, with one each from Limerick, Waterford and Clare.

Clare have four players, Eimear Considine, Fiona Lafferty, Kate Lynch and Susan Vaughan, named amongst the substitutes while Clare manager Patsy Fahey is a member of the management team.

The Munster team is: Aoife Murray (Cork); Joanne O'Callaghan (Cork); Cathriona Foley (Cork); Jenny Duffy (Cork captain); Mary Ryan (Tipperary); Sabrina

Larkin (Tipperary); Julie McGrath (Tipperary); Orla Cottor (Cork); Anna Geary (Cork); Gráinne Kinneally (Cork); Niamh Mulcahy (Limerick); Jill Horan (Tipperary);

Aine Lyng (Waterford); Deirdre Murphy (Clare); Noreen Flanagan (Tipperary).

Subs: Susan Vaughan (Clare); Rena Buckley (Cork); Eimear Considine

(Clare); Fiona Lafferty (Clare); Jenny O'Leary (Cork); Kate Lynch (Clare); Gráinne Kinneally (Waterford); Gemma O'Connor (Cork); Karen Kelly (Waterford); Patricia Jackman (Waterford).

The management team comprises: Kay Dunne (Cork); Peter Whelan (Waterford); Trevor Galvin (Tipperary); Patsy Fahey (Clare) and Toby Kavanagh (Limerick).

## Death of former Mountshannon parish priest

THE communities of Mountshannon, Whitegate and O'Callaghan's Mills were saddened this week following the death of the Very Reverend Liam Murray, retired parish priest of Mountshannon.

Fr Liam died at his home in Killuran, O'Callaghan's Mills, on May 6. He served as priest of the Killaloe diocese for 58 years. A native of O'Callaghan's Mills, where he was born in 1926, Fr Liam went on to study for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he was ordained in 1952.

After ordination, he served on the Emigrant Apostolate in the Diocese of Brentwood in England for four years before returning to become curate in Killanena in 1956. He was appointed curate in Whitegate in 1960 and went on to Castleconnell in County Limerick, serving as a curate there from 1965 until 1969, when he was appointed curate in Cloughjordan, County Tipperary. He was later appointed parish priest of Coolmeen/Cranney in County Clare in 1986 before moving to Mountshannon/Whitegate in 1989, where he served as parish priest until he retired in 1998. He remained on as assistant pastor in Mountshannon until his death. During his time in the parish of Killanena, Fr Murray established the Killanena Camogie Club and current chairperson of the club Kathleen McNamara said, Fr Murray "was very popular and left a lasting imprint on the life of the parish".

"He loved farming, folklore, poetry and storytelling and will be always remembered with fondness in Killanena. One of his enduring legacies was the setting up of Killanena



■ The late Very Reverend Liam Murray.

Camogie Club in 1959 and he won two senior championships immediately as team trainer. The team went on to win six additional senior titles in-a-row. The Killanena club celebrated his 50 years of camogie involvement last year by unveiling a plaque in his honour at the clubhouse. The club presented the Clare Camogie Board with a new cup in his name, which will be awarded to the champions in the intermediate grade from this year onwards," she said.

Fr Murray also enjoyed recalling stories from the early years of the club and according to Ms McNamara "was inspirational in providing material for the club's history, which was launched in 2004".

A large number of locals attended his funeral in Whitegate at St Flannan's Church last Sunday and he was laid to rest in the church grounds.



■ Shonagh Enright will be hoping Kilmaley can regain the title.



■ Clare captain Chloe Morey lifts the cup surrounded by fellow players and supporters following their U-18 Munster camogie final win over Cork at Sarsfieldbridge. See section 2, page 25 for more.

Photograph by John Kelly



# Camogie

**Intermediate Munster Final**  
**Limerick 4-18 Tipperary 1-05**  
 Limerick Senior Camogie team captured the Munster Intermediate Camogie title on Friday last over in the Ragg.

Even at his early stage in the season Phelim has been very busy with training sessions and challenge games. Preparations went well in the build up to the game, our new senior team sponsor [www.wesaveumoney.ie](http://www.wesaveumoney.ie) has been actively promoting Camogie in the county and is delighted to be associated with the team. The team sported their new kit and boy did it set them alight. The girls hit the ground running and player of the game Niamh Mul had two points scored in two minutes. This set the tone for what was to come over the next 60 minutes. Tipperary managed to stay with Limerick for about 15 minutes, but with Niamh Mul in top class form and all the forwards looking to get in on the scoring action the girls soon put this match to bed. Two goals and ten points from the new Munster centre-forward earned Niamh all the plaudits from her sister Claire in her captain's speech.

Other scorers for the treaty girls were Kerrie Brosna, Vera Sheehan, Orla Curtin, Eileen O'Brien, Mairead Fitzgerald and not to be out done by her big sister Judith scored a magnificent point from the half-back line.

Overall a great team performance, but with some fine individual displays from full-back Sarah Collins, half-back and captain Claire Mulcahy and midfielder Dee Fitzpatrick. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to Clem Smith who looked after the girls so well.

**Team:** Sile Moynihan (Ahane), Sarah Carey (Granagh-Ballingarry), Sarah Collins (Ballyagran), Janet Garvey (Tournafulla), Catriona Davis (Killeedy), Claire Mulcahy (Ahane), Judith Mulcahy (O-1, Ahane), Deirdre Fitzpatrick (Killeedy), Niamh Mulcahy (2-10, Ahane), Joanne O'Gorman (1-1, Feenagh-Killeedy), Vera Sheehan (O-2, Granagh-Ballingarry), Orla Curtin (1-1, Kinvara), Eileen O'Brien (O-1, Granagh-Ballingarry), Michelle Casey (Killeedy), Kerrie Brosnan (O-1, Ballyagran). **Subs:** Caroline Scanlon (used - Killeedy), Caitrin De Bhal (used - Feenagh-Killeedy), Kristy Carroll (Bruff), Aisling Enright (used - Bruff), Mary O'Callaghan (Bruff), Mairead Ryan (Galbally), Claire Casey (used - Na Piar-saigh), Mairead Fitzgerald (O-1, Granagh-Ballingarry), Fiona Moloney (Kilmallock), Aileen McNamara (Na Piar-saigh), Aoife Sheehan (Granagh-Ballingarry).

## Under-16B All-Ireland Final

### Limerick 1-6 Derry 3-9

All roads led to Dublin on Saturday last as the girls from the Treaty City went to the capital in search of All-Ireland glory.

Losing the toss the girls played against a stiff breeze in the first half. Limerick's full-forward Elaina Mullane opened the scoring with a well taken point. Limerick dominated for the next ten minutes, but failed to raise any flags while Derry's first point was scored by Shannon Kearney. Niamh Ryan and Kristy Carroll added two more scores before half time, but with the aid of the wind Derry started to get on top and but for some great goalkeeping from young Claire Keating the four-point gap at half time would have been a lot bigger.

Again Limerick started the stronger in the second half. Martina McMahon pointed from a 45, leaving only one score between the sides. Even though we were playing with the aid of a strong wind that was to be our last score for 15 minutes. In this time Derry asserted themselves on the game. The Derry girls hassled and harried our girls throughout the second half and their physically stronger panel dominated in all areas.

Four white flags and one green saw a nine-point gap open up with only seven minutes on the clock. The boys emptied the bench bringing on Claire Enright, Aoife Doyle, Lisa Barrett and Joane Dowling. Aoife popped over a point straight after her introduction and goalie Claire Keating started to cause a bit of a stir when she joined the full forward line scoring 1-1. But alas it was too little too late as the dream of an All-Ireland win for these brilliant bunch of girls faded away when player of the game Rachel Mulholland crashed another Derry ball to the Limerick net.



**Limerick's Muireann Creamer pictured in action against Derry's Maeve Quinn during Saturday's All-Ireland Under-16B Camogie final played at Naomh Peregrine in Blakestown, Dublin**  
 Photo by Martina McGilloway

**Panel:** Claire Keating (1-1, Cappamore), Grace Lee (NCW), Katherine White (Ballyagran), Emma Quaid (Croagh-Kilfinny), Katie Hurley (NCW), Lisa Scanlon (Killeedy), Muireann Creamer (Cappamore), Niamh Ryan (O-1, Bruff), Anna Kennedy (Crecora), Katie Brislane (Templeglantine), Niamh Cagney (Ballyagran), Martina McMahon (O-1, Croagh-Kilfinny), Elaina Mullane (O-1, Killeedy), Rebecca Delee (NCW), Kristy Carroll (O-1, Galbally). **Subs:** Fiona Holmes (Cappamore), Emma Coughlan (Ballybrown), Aoife Doyle (O-1, Na Piar-saigh), Bridget O'Reilly (Kilmallock), Julia Kennedy (NCW), Aine O'Donovan (Galbally), Deirdre Cunningham (Killeedy), Lisa Barrett (used - Crecora), Aine Bresnahan (Ballyagran), Tahila Fitzgerald (Galbally), Katie O'Reilly (Killeedy), Aoife Doyle (Na Piar-saigh), Miren O'Grady (Kilmallock), Claire Enright (used - Granagh-Ballingarry), Joanne Dowling (used - NCW).

## Golf Classic

Our 2010 golf classic will be held in Charleville golf club, old course, starting on Thursday, August 12 to Saturday, August 14. Full details are available on: [www.limerickcamogie.com](http://www.limerickcamogie.com)

## Limerick Camogie Hoodies For Sale

Limerick Camogie Hoodies with the Sporting Limerick logo (part of the U16's kit for 2010) are now for sale for a short period of time. The hoodies are available for a limited time only through our website [www.limerickcamogie.com](http://www.limerickcamogie.com) or contact any member of limerick county camogie board if interested. Orders need to be in ASAP.

## Senior League

**Quarter-Finals**  
 Ballyagran 4-10 Knockaderry 2-05  
 Killeedy 4-14 Murroe-Boher 0-02  
 Granagh-Ballingarry 5-13 NCW 1-02  
 Ahane 4-12 Galbally 0-04

**Semi-Finals - Saturday, May 15 @ 7pm**  
 Ballyagran v Ahane  
 Granagh-Ballingarry v Killeedy

## Intermediate League

**Fixtures**  
 Wednesday, May 12  
 Patrickswell v Bruff  
 Na Piar-saigh v Croagh-Kilfinny  
 Tournafulla v Feenagh-Killeedy  
**Results - Sunday, May 9**  
 Croagh-Kilfinny v Feenagh-Killeedy Postponed  
 Na Piar-saigh v Patrickswell Postponed  
 Bruff 3-05 Tournafulla 2-02

## Junior League

**Semi-Finals**  
 Crecora v Ballybrown - Sunday, May 16  
 Feenagh-Killeedy 2-03 Adare 5-13  
**Final - Saturday, June 26**  
 Adare v Crecora or Ballybrown

## Under-14 League

**Results**  
 Kilmallock 4-01 Ballybrown 0-06  
 Templeglantine lost to Na Piar-saigh  
 Ballyagran 2-00 Newcastle West 2-06  
 Monaleen 1-00 Knockaderry 4-05  
 Cappamore 1-02 Patrickswell 1-04  
 Crecora 3-05 Adare 3-08  
 Killeedy 6-03 Bruff 2-01  
 Blackrock 4-00 Galbally 5-00  
**Tuesday, May 11**  
 Ballybrown v Ballyagran  
 Granagh-Ballingarry v Templeglantine  
 Newcastle West v Kilmallock  
 Na Piar-saigh v Croagh-Kilfinny  
 Knockaderry v Crecora  
 Bruff v Cappamore  
 Adare v Monaleen  
 Patrickswell v Killeedy

## Under-12 League

**Results**  
 Monaleen 3-00 Na Piar-saigh 1-00  
 Newcastlewest 4-6 Killeedy 1-00  
**May 13**  
 Killeedy v Templeglantine  
 Granagh-Ballingarry v Croagh Kilfinny  
 Newcastle West v Knockaderry  
 Ballyagran v Galbally  
 Kilmallock a bye  
 Bruff v Blackrock  
 Ballybrown v Murroe Boher  
 Treaty Gales v Patrickswell  
 Crecora v Adare

## Under-16A League 15-A-Side

**Semi-Finals**  
 NCW 8-9 Croagh-Kilfinny 1-02  
 Killeedy beat St. Annes  
**Final - Friday, May 14**  
 7pm Feenagh  
 NCW v Killeedy

## U16 12-A-Side

**Semi-Finals**  
 Cappamore 1-6 Galbally 4-2  
 Ballybrown 1-4 Kilmallock 1-5  
 Granagh-Ballingarry 0-6 Crecora 4-11  
**Finals**  
**Saturday, May 15 @ 6pm in Fedamore**  
 Adare v Galbally  
**Saturday, May 15 @ 6pm in Feenagh**  
 Ballyagran v Ballybrown or Kilmallock  
 Allaughan Gales 6-3 Crecora 3-8  
 Well done to Allaughan Gales who captured the U16C League Final on Monday last in South Liberties.  
 A close game with only four points between the sides in the end.  
 Congrats to both sides on a good competitive and sporting game.

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Sean Geraghty, Camogie Board, runner-up Clara Burke (Turloughmore), first place Clanna Ni Churraolain (Cois Fharraige), 3rd place Shauna Burke (Craughwell), and Frank Duane, Camogie Board, at the Camogie Feile Skills competition in Clarinbridge.



## Derry U16s Claim Top Prize - All Ireland Champions!

By admin, on May 9th, 2010



### All-Ireland Under16 B Final

#### Derry 3-09 vs Limerick 1-06

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Bradley saved well, pushing the shot beyond the in rushing Rebecca Delee Limerick continued to pressurize the Derry defence but they stood firm, Megan Kerr and Maeve Quinn clearing their lines.

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"They totally deserve their achievement today; they gave everything they had in the second-half. They are a fantastic bunch of girls who gel well as a team and work for each other. They worked hard in training all year and the enthusiasm and passion for the game really shines through, we're so proud of them," said Derry managers Michelle Friel and Caroline Wilson.



Derry captain Aoife Ni Chaiside acknowledged that her side had to work hard to ensure they came away with the win, saying: "Limerick gave us a good tough game; they put it up to us from start to finish and pushed us all the way. Thankfully all those tough training sessions paid off., our mangers Michelle (Friel), Caroline (Wilson) have been fantastic all season. I have to thank all the girls for the effort they put in, they're a great bunch of girls and it's an honour to be the captain of this team. I'd like to thank H & A for the new kit; their sponsorship really means a lot to Derry camogie."

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# All Ireland U16A Final Match Report

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Galway 2-11  
Tipperary 2-7

GALWAY survived a spirited late fightback from Tipperary to claim their second consecutive All-Ireland U16 A camogie title at Tullamore yesterday afternoon. Leading by 0-7 to 0-3 at half-time, thanks largely to the sharpshooting from placed balls of Rebecca Hennelly, Galway got a further boost when both Maria Brehony and Alish O'Reilly found the net in the first 10 minutes of the second period. With player of the game Maria Cooney, daughter of Joe, imperious at centre-back, Galway looked to be coasting to victory as goalkeeper Catriona Daly made some fine saves to keep Tipp out, including from an Aoife Ryan penalty on 51. The lead could even have been increased further but for a good save from Tipp goalkeeper Orla McEniry from Sara Skehill, but, leading 2-9 to 0-7 with five minutes of normal time left, Galway seemed safe. Tara Kennedy gave the Premier County some hope though when she fired home the rebound after Daly had saved from Sarah Fryday, and though Orlaith McGrath pointed for Galway, the lead was cut to just three points when Teresa Ryan's shot was deflected to the net. Another Hennelly free settled Galway however, and they held on to record a four-point win.

Scorers - Galway: R Hennelly 0-6 (0-4f, 0-1 45), A O'Reilly 1-1, M Brehony 1-0, A Kenny, O McGrath 0-2 each. Tipperary: T Ryan, T Kennedy 1-0 each, C McGrath (0-2 45), A Loughane 0-2 each, A Eviston, A Ryan (0-1f), M Graham 0-1 each. GALWAY: C Daly; S Keehan, S Cormican, M Dunleavy; L Farrell, M Cooney, A Dervan; C McGrath, R Hennelly; A O'Reilly, R Monaghan, A Kenny; S Skehill, M Brehony, O McGrath. Sub: A Dolan for Skehill (49). TIPPERARY: O McEniry; J Bourke, C Maher, L McLoughlin; R Kennedy, C Quirke, M Walsh; T Ryan, A Eviston; C McGrath, S Fryday, T Kennedy; A Ryan, A Loughane, M Graham. Sub: C Ryan for Graham (56), M Ryan for Eviston (57, injured). Referee: M O'Kelly (Cork).

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# All Ireland U16C Final Match Report

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Carlow 4-08 vs 1-03 Meath

A great first-half performance proved decisive as Carlow claimed the All-Ireland 'C' title in St Patergines on Saturday.

The girls from the Barrowside started well putting the Meath defence under early pressure and soon had their reward when Maria Carroll slotted over. Centre-half forward Clara Quirke pulled the strings to great effect as she got on the score-sheet with a goal and two points. Despite the efforts of Lauren McCann, Clara O'Donoghue and Eilan Burke, Lorraine Bible and Eleanor Treacy extended the Carlow lead before Lisa Carroll sent over a free after Adrienne McCann was fouled, this would prove to be Meath's only score of the half. Despite some great attacking play Meath could not convert their chances, Kate Nolan and Shauna Barcoe snuffing out any danger, full-back Katie O'Shane was called into action to great effect as she caught Lauren Patterson's goal bound effort. The Carlow support play was paying off as Eleanor Treacy raised the green flag twice to give her side a 3-07 to 0-01 lead at the interval, it could have been a greater deficit but for Eilan Duignan in Meath goals who looked good under the high ball.

Meath came out determined to take the game to Carlow and soon found themselves on the scoreboard, Lauren Patterson raising the white flag, this was quickly followed by Adrienne McCann's fine point. Going in search of a goal Meath sent full-back Eilan Burke to the edge of the square a move which paid off as she found the back of the net, claiming a high ball she turned to blast past keeper Niamh Curran. Carlow broke forward and when Shauna Daly was fouled outside the '21 Shauna Barcoe made no mistake coolly slotting between the posts. Eleanor Treacy scored the last of the Carlow goals after some great interlinking play between substitute Casey Tobin and Clara Quirke.

Carlow manager Jack Barcoe hoped that his side's achievement would help raise the profile of the game within the county.

"This victory means everything to Carlow, we've been the bottom of the ladder for sometime now and we knew we needed to win something major to change that. Hopefully this will help the profile of the game in the county and make it easier for us in terms of sponsorship and things," said Carlow manager Jack Barcoe.

Barcoe believed that it was the closeness of the team that inspired victory: "This team has been together for four years, they've won two Leinster Championships back to back, there's six or seven girls who were on the Borris Vocational School's side which competed in the College's Final and we only have five clubs to pick from, so they know each other really well. "The girls played very well, we got off to a good start and that proved decisive. The first couple of scores settled the girls, the score-line doesn't reflect what a tough game it really was," added Barcoe.

Carlow Scorers: Eleanor Treacy 3-01, Clara Quirke 1-02, Shauna Barcoe 0-02 (frees), Maria Carroll, Rebecca O'Dwyer, Lorraine Bible 0-01 (each)

Meath Scorers: Eilan Burke 1-0, Lauren Patterson, Adrienne McCann 0-01 (each), Lisa Carroll 0-01 (free)



The Kenyon Bar Nenagh sponsored training tops for the Tipperary Senior Camogie team and pictured here presenting the gear to the senior captain Jill Horan is Dermot Kinane of the Kenyon Bar. Also in photo is Jerry Cahill, Carmel Harkin (selectors) and Eoin Brislane (manager). Photo: Rose Mannion.

# Official launch of Féile 2010

## Programme nearly complete

SEAMUS O'Sullivan and his programme committee are busy putting the final touches to the Féile programme, which will be more than 110 pages long. An appeal has been issued to the few remaining Clare clubs who have not sent in their information yet to do so as soon as possible.

## Fixtures being finalised

THE fixtures are due to be finalised this week. There are 128 hurling matches, 96 camogie matches and 174 handball matches and it has been a mammoth task to finalise the schedule.

Every club in hurling and camogie will have a home match on the Friday afternoon (first match either 1.30pm or 2pm depending on location).

The remaining group games will take place in one venue per section on Saturday morning beginning at 10am.

## Parade

ALL Féile participants will take part in the Féile parade through the streets of Ennis on Friday evening. All teams must be assembled in Cusack Park by 6.30pm that evening.

The parade will be addressed in Cusack Park by Christy Cooney at 7.15pm and will commence at 7.30pm.

## Officers' meeting

THERE will be an important meeting for all club Féile officers in the Temple Gate Hotel on Thursday, June 3 at 8pm. Present on the night will be the national Féile chairman Jerome Conway and secretary, Patrick Doherty.

The meeting will outline the importance of the Féile officers on the weekend itself in terms of ensuring that teams are allocated proper dressing rooms, venues are suitably presented and that results are submitted correctly and timely to the Féile headquarters during the weekend.

It is important that all Féile officers attend this meeting.

ALL roads lead to the West County Hotel, Ennis on Thursday for the official launch of Féile na nGael 2010.

Commentator Marty Morrissey and Clare GAA public relations officer Syl O'Connor will present the programme.

The GAA president Christy Cooney will be in attendance, along with the presidents of the camogie and handball associations, Joan O'Flynn and Tony Hannon, as well as a number of inter-county stars.

All clubs are invited and encouraged to attend and bring along as many youngsters as possible dressed up in their club colours with flags and whatever else they think might be suitable.

The event will begin at 6pm, when there will be an opportunity for all present to get their photos taken with a host of stars that will be present on the night. The launch will officially begin at 7pm.

## School visits

SCHOOL visits are taking place this week and for each of the five days there will be at least three groups on the road visiting as many schools in the county as possible.

Seventy schools have been scheduled for visitations. The schools committee is headed up by Seán O'Neill of the Holy Family School in Ennis.

The Féile committee has asked clubs to pass on the days and times that any schools in their area are being visited to as many club members as possible to ensure that there are large crowds there each day.



# Derry's U18s Through to Ulster Final

Sunday saw Derry's U18s managed by Gerald McElrean and James Mellon take on a defeat Down at Greenlough by a large margin in the end.

A great display of team-play from the girls that proved too tough for Down who fought back throughout. But it was to be Derry's day the confidence and teamwork paid the dividends and saw Derry finish 8-15 to 1-0.

Derry Scorers: Karen Kieft 3-7, Danielle McCrystal, Leanne McCrystal, Christina Darragh, Elizabeth Corbet and Eilis Ni Chaiside 1-1 each, Mary Kelly, Grainne McNicholl and Sarah McAllister 0-1 each.

Down Scorer: Ursula Toner 1-0



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# Gael Linn brings



Erin McElhinney Na Píarsaigh won the Cork Féile na nGael skills competition.

## Erin to fly Cork flag at skills event

NA PÍARSAIGH'S Erin McElhinney will represent Cork at the National Féile na nGael Skills competition in Clare, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Erin from Grenagh is the daughter of Derry natives Nora and Mick. She has one brother Quinn who plays with Bishopstown.

Erin is a pupil in Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig with whom she won a junior A colleges medal this year.

She is the holder of two Sciath na Scol medals with Gaelscoil Uí Riada. She also won Seandún U11 honours with Na Píarsaigh in 2008 and was a member of the primary school development squad in 2009.

She has also lined out with the Cork Colleges U14 panel. Currently a member of her club's U14 and U16 panels Erin has been playing camogie since the age of eight and her club mentors are delighted with her achievement.

Catherine Martin expressed delight: "Erin is totally committed to camogie and it's a wonderful achievement for her to take the Cork title. Since a young age she has shown huge potential and we are all delighted for her."

Well done also to Lorna Murphy from Fr O'Neill's and Kate Greene, Ballincollig, who finished second and third respectively.



Rose Malone receives a presentation from the President of the Camogie Association Joan O'Flynn to mark her retirement as Central Council delegate.

## Rose gets the plaudits

TRAVELLING to Cork under the pretext of going through the format for the proposed rules changes, president of the camogie association Joan O'Flynn sprung a surprise on one of Cork's most senior officials when she made a presentation to Rose Malone at Monday's county board meeting in Páirc Uí Chaoimh, writes MARY NEWMAN.

The presentation was made on behalf of the association to mark Rose's retirement from central council, a position she stepped down from at congress. Rose represented Munster on central council for a number of years and in the words of the Uachtarán she was a much valued member of central council.

"Rose has given great service to central council, her knowledge and expertise in all aspects of the rules and the general organisation of our game was second to none and we felt her contribution should not go unrecognised." In accepting the presentation Malone said she spent many enjoyable years both on Munster and Central Council and indeed on the Cork County Board and she thanked everybody for their support and dedication through the years "I remember many years ago coming to the board as a delegate for my club Éire Óg and the board were looking for a secretary. Nora Newman from Glen Rovers is the one that encouraged

me to stand for the position and I suppose nobody else would go forward so I did the job" "I always enjoyed my involvement, but there comes a time to step down and I think I have made the right decision. I am very proud to be from Éire Óg and Mid Cork and also very proud to be a Cork woman. "We are a proud county and our tradition is important to us and I have no doubt but come September we will be top of the pile once again. "At the moment people are doubting Cork but I have every faith that the spirit and determination we always show will continue to be shown by our teams and I wish Cork well in their bid for three-in-a-row."



## THE GAEL Linn Inter-provincial finals take place this weekend in Trim, Meath.

I always enjoyed the Gael Linn and always found it a privilege to be asked to represent Munster.

Granted, when times were good with the Glen and Cork, it wasn't always possible to make the weekend but when I could, I did.

The most enjoyable part of it was playing with players that were normally the enemy. Another great aspect was that they were games you could enjoy; there was no sick feeling in your stomach, no pressure and generally a good craic. There were some great battles too, particularly with Leinster, when Kilkenny were on top.

One good friend I made during those times was Tipperary's Deirdre Hughes.

I hadn't spoken with Deirdre for a long time, hadn't met her at any games and wondered what she was up to so I picked up the phone. The same strong Tipperary accent came down the line 'Well howya woman' and I laughed as a million memories came flooding back.

Deirdre retired from inter-county camogie in 2005 at 32. She won her fifth All-Ireland in 2004 and was going to call it a day but when Toomevara won the county title and nominated Deirdre to represent them as captain of the county team, she couldn't turn down the honour. Cork defeated Tipperary in the final.

Deirdre was plagued with a back problem throughout her career, spondylolisthesis which was aggravated by the constant training. She gave Toom another six

LONG-STANDING Éire Óg camogie official Rose Malone received a huge surprise at last Monday night's county board meeting in Páirc Uí Chaoimh when she was the recipient of a presentation made to her on behalf of the Camogie Association. President of the association Joan O'Flynn had travelling to Cork to address delegates under the pretext of going through a questions and answers session regarding the format for proposed rules changes. The presentation marked Rose's re-

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## Central council honours Rose Malone

### Results from the weekend

#### GAEL LINN INTERPROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

##### SEMI-FINALS

Leinster 4-7, (U Leacy 3-0, A Dalton 1-0, K Kelly 0-2, D Gaule 0-2 (0-1), M Quilty 0-2, S Kehoe 0-1)

Ulster 1-4, (K Mc Auley 1-0, M Mc Goldrick, K Kell, M Hanigan, M Boyle 0-1 each)

Munster 9-17, (J O'Leary, N Flanagan 2-1 each, D Murphy 2-0, A Lyng 1-4, A Geary 1-2, P Jackman 1-0, G O'Connor 0-4, J Horan 0-2, F Lafferty, N Mulcahy, M Walsh 0-1 each)

Connacht 0-12, (A Connolly 0-6 (0-4), T Maher 0-2, N Kilkenny, B Hanney, C Murray, T Rutledge 0-1 each)

##### FINAL:

Leinster 3-17, (U Leacy, E Dermody, M Quilty 1-1 each, K Kelly 0-6 (0-3), K Power 0-6, D Gaule, A Watkins 0-1 each)

Munster 1-14, (A Lyng 1-3, G O'Connor 0-4, J O'Leary, J Horan 0-2 each, O Cotter, M Walsh, F Lafferty 0-1 each)

#### LEINSTER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

##### AET

Kildare 4-11

Laois 2-16

#### Dublin Féile na nGael Finals:

##### Div 1

Lucan Sarsfields 2-4, (L Morrissey 2-0, O Beagan 0-3 (0-2), 0-1'45), A Conroy 0-1)

Ballyboden St Endas 1-2, (A O'Leary 1-0, K Murphy 0-1, D Mullaney 0-1)

##### Div 2

Whitehall Colmcille 0-3, (S Harle 0-3 (0-1))

St Brigids 0-1, (N Mc Kenna 0-1)

##### Div 3

Castleknock 6-3, (B Quinn 2-1, L Mullins 1-2 (0-1), C Murray, G Duffy, L O'Brien 1-0 each)

St Oliver Plunketts /ER 0-0



# back memories



Tipperary's Deirdre Hughes and Cork's Eithne Duggan battle for possession during the 2000 All-Ireland camogie final.

months after retiring from inter-county but eventually had enough.

Tipperary were always on the border in the middle/late 90s but could never make the breakthrough. They got it when Cork threw away an All-Ireland semi-final against Kilkenny in 1999. Tipp defeated Galway in their semi and Kilkenny by a point in the final.

And so began a period of dominance for three years.

Recalling those memories Deirdre responds:

"I had a ball! I absolutely ate, drank and slept camogie... but loved every minute. We lost a lot more than we won initially, but in fairness those All-Irelands were some bonus.

"It was great to see the development of the game, the training, the way it got so professional and organised,

as well as going to 15-a-side. I was really spoilt 12-a-side as it was made for a full-forward... but there was more team work and tactics introduced with the 15-a-side."

Camogie became 15-a-side in 1999 and I believe, tactically, Tipp got the hang of it quicker than Cork.

Tipp have taken a step back in recent years. What's Deirdre's outlook on that, particularly considering Cashel are so strong?

"It's hard to call. It's a mixture. I suppose the three main things we would all say exist in either a good team or bad team set-up would be management, county board and players, so I guess you need the three. Club wins never tend to reflect county teams. I think with Tipp also, five of us retired together and that was a hard blow.

"We were lucky with management I would say. We were always handy enough but the boys (Michael Cleary and then Raymie Ryan) just added that extra dimension. They were so professional and had so much respect."

Does she miss the game?

"I did in the beginning, especially when the summer comes and the ground gets hard and the championship starts but now not so much as you realise you can do other things."

Deirdre swims five mornings a week, plays golf and cycles. Plus she says, 'it's great to go on holidays'.

The Glen had some tremendous battles with Toomevara. One game particularly stands out when the mother of all battles took place in Toom's backyard and they ran us to three points. We were lucky to

come away with that one. Toomevara eventually got revenge in the Glen Field in 95 and it's a victory Deirdre recalls only too well.

"It was better than winning an all Ireland. I think we blew the horns through every town and village on the way home and it was only the first round of the Munster championship."

I've got great memories of many meetings between the two clubs and later against Tipp. Deirdre was always there. The youngest player honoured on the Team of the Century in 2004 she was everything a full-forward should be.

It's only when you retire that you appreciate the innings you had, the friends you made and the memories that are etched forever.

Now what did Deirdre say about a reunion?

## Excellent turnout for Cork U15 trial

THE FIRST of two trials for the Cork County Camogie Board U15 Schools of Excellence was held on Saturday last in Castle Road with over 90 players in attendance.

From start to finish the organisation of the event was impressive as players arrived to register, they were allocated numbers and teams.

They were then divided into groups who were put through their paces under the watchful eyes of former inter-county players who assessed the progress and capabilities of each participant.

Cork have entered two teams into the Munster Council blitz on July 17 and are putting together a panel of approximately 40 players for development towards this event.

On Saturday last, 24 players were selected from the first trial and the balance will now come from the second trial which has been fixed for tomorrow, Sunday, May 16.

This will again be held in Castle Road and after this the full development panel will be announced.

## Erin is Feile na nGael winner



Feile na nGael skills winners Erin McElhinney, 1st, Lorna Murphy, 2nd, and Kate Greene, 3rd, with last year's All Ireland winning Cork camogie captain Amanda O'Regan.

NA Piarsaigh's Erin Mc Elhinney took the Cork Feile na nGael skills camogie title and will be Cork's representative at the National Feile Na nGael Skills competition in Clare after she held off stiff opposition to take the Cork crown recently.

Erin is a pupil in Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig, with whom she won a junior A college's medal this year.

A very skilful player, she is the holder of two Sciath na Scoil medals with Gaelscoil Ui Riada.

She also won Seandun Under 11 honours with Na Piarsaigh in 2008 and was a member of the primary school development squad in 2009.

Erin is the daughter of Derry natives Nora and Mick she has one brother, Quinn, who plays with his hurling and

football with the Bishopstown GAA club.

In a tight contest Lorna Murphy from Fr O'Neills and Kate Greene Ballincollig also turned in superb displays taking second and third places respectively.

Well done to Erin who will proudly carry the Cork colours to Clare in June.

## County board holds trials for under-15 development squad

CORK County Camogie Board held two trials in setting up their under-15 Schools of Excellence. More than ninety players attended over two days, and the organisation of the event was impressive: as players arrived to register, they were allocated numbers and teams.

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cil blitz, on July 17, and are putting together a panel of 40 players for development towards this event. On the first day, 24 players were chosen and the balance will be selected from the second trial, which took place on Sunday last. The two squads will be announced in the coming week, with a programme of coaching sessions also to be announced. These sessions will take place under the watchful eyes of former inter-county players, who have pledged their support to the initiative, and we will have a full list of the 40 for next week's edition.



# Camogie president seeks long term Féile benefit

Peter O'Connell

**CAMOGIE** Association president Joan O'Flynn believes that the benefit to Clare of hosting Féile will be manifold and not just on the camogie, hurling or handball front.

The Kildare-based Cork woman, who is in her second year as national president, maintains that Clare will receive a significant economic boost next month, when up to 5,000 visitors come to the county for Féile weekend (June 18 to 20).

"You've over 3,000 children participating in the parade and hundreds of families and supporters coming to visit Clare for a couple of days. So it's a big shot in the arm for the local services sector in particular. It's important to say that as well because sometimes the economic contribution of sport gets a little bit overlooked," O'Flynn told *The Clare Champion* this week.

Economics aside the Féile focus will be on what happens between the white lines. This week Joan O'Flynn was part of a combined GAA and camogie troupe that visited 70 Clare primary schools to market the arrival of Féile in the county.

A civil servant in the social inclusion division of the Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs, Joan O'Flynn is hugely appreciative of the contribution primary school

teachers make to the development of camogie.

"In all the classrooms the colour was brilliant. All the kids were wearing the club jersey or the Clare jersey and some kids were wearing other counties jerseys as well. But the dominant colours were the Clare and the club colours," she said.

"Lots of kids had done artwork and lots of performance. You'd be very motivated and very energised by the commitment of the teachers to maintaining the culture and making it stronger. That includes the games but also the music and the language, which we heard plenty of as well. It wouldn't be Clare without lots of Irish music and we heard lots of that," O'Flynn added.

Camogie players Deirdre Murphy and Fiona Lafferty accompanied the camogie president as did hurlers Cormac O'Donovan and Colin Lynch.

"It's important for kids to see female Gaelic players and to understand that Clare won a camogie All-Ireland in 2007. The camogie players have won All-Ireland medals in exactly the same way as the U-21 hurlers did last year. From

a camogie point of view it's a great opportunity to profile the young stars in Clare," she said, noting that there are 26 camogie clubs in the county.

While participating teams would love to win a Féile title, O'Flynn feels that the long-term gains for camogie and hurling are huge.

"There is no point in saying there isn't a competitiveness to Féile. There is. But more broadly the ethos is one of fun, participation and friendship as well. I think that's the whole benefit of visiting teams coming to your county. You start to establish new friendships with players and clubs from different counties. Those friendships continue long after Féile," she said.

"It really energises a club to be either competing to qualify for Féile and then equally if you are hosting it to put the best side of your club out for the weekend. It tends to bring in a lot of parents as well who may have had a peripheral involvement before. It brings them into the club because there's loads of jobs to be done when Féile comes to visit," O'Flynn pointed out.

She acknowledged though that Féile could be the last seen of some players if their interest dwindles.

"Sometimes there's maybe a slight risk that it can become the climax of an under-age players' career. It's a step along the

journey really in terms of a players development is what I would say. Part of the legacy of it should be that kids maintain their enthusiasm for the game."

On a broader note part of the Camogie Association's 2010-2015 development plan, entitled *Our Game, Our Passion*, is to help the sport to develop internationally.

Having lived and worked in London for a decade, Joan O'Flynn is very keen to advance this element of the organisations strategic plan.

"I spent ten years in London so I'd be quite keen about supporting the development of camogie overseas. The geography of trying to develop the game in a place like London or New York is very difficult," she said.

Whether it is in Clare, across Ireland or overseas, O'Flynn wants to significantly increase playing numbers. There are 800,000 girls under 20 in Ireland in 2010 and 391,000 aged five to 15.

Only a fraction of them play competitive sport however, and a fraction of that figure play camogie.

"One of the things that drives me is the fact that women are underrepresented in sport. Thousands of girls tog out for camogie every weekend. But that's only a fraction of the number of young people who play sport. There's far more boys togging out," she noted.

Next month more than 1,000 girls will hurl their hearts out for the weekend in Clare. If Joan O'Flynn's vision comes to fruition Féile will represent the start and not the highlight of their camogie careers.

**Camogie Association president, Joan O'Flynn**

Photograph by Declan Monaghan



# Coláiste Choilm camogie bags award

**TO MARK** what was an exceptional year for camogie in Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig the school were named winners of the March Award of the Southside Cork International Airport Hotel and Gerald McCarthy's trophy and Gifts.

With current Cork senior player Jennifer O'Leary from Barryroe and former Cork player Hilda O'Mahony (Kenneally) Newcestown at the helm, the girls blazed a trail of success which saw them take the Senior B All-Ireland and Munster B titles.

On their way to the final they had to withstand some stiff challenges but overcame Malrow, Thurles, Dromcollogher and Mount Belrow of Galway before the ultimate test from Borris of Carlow in an action-packed final.

Trailing by two points at the interval they had to pull out all the stops to secure victory but this they did by turning in a superb second half performance which saw them seven points ahead at the full time whistle.

The side was captained by goalkeeper Aisling Sheehan who plays her club camogie with the Ballincollig club and was joined by several of her club mates on the panel but it was by no means a one club show as in total five clubs were represented. Eire Og, Ballincollig, Ballinora, Inniscarra, and St Finbarr's all sup-



**By MARY NEWMAN**  
Schools camogie

plying players to the victorious panel.

Camogie began in Coláiste Choilm approximately eight years ago, when under the guidance of former Cork senior player Fiona O'Driscoll (who was then teaching in the school) they started the camogie initiative in

Coláiste Choilm. A lot of success has come to the school in the intervening years. In 2006 the first All-Ireland title was won when the Senior C title returned to Ballincollig. The following year 2007 the schools Junior C team took All-Ireland honours and many of this side were the foundations for this season success in the Senior B All-Ireland final. 2010 has also seen the schools Junior A team take the

county title and the first years are waiting to participate in the county final before the term comes to an end.

The inspiration for success comes from their backroom teams which include Hilda Kenneally, Jenny O'Leary, and Ciara Twomey who is the first year's coach the teams receive huge support from principle Pat Kinsella, who is hugely involved in all the school activities.

Members of the Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig camogie team, winners of the All-Ireland Senior B Championship, at the Cork International Airport Hotel as winners of the Southside and District Sports Award for March. Included are Cllr Derry Canty, Mayor Cork County, Cllr John Buttimer, deputising for the Lord Mayor, Kay Dunne, president Cork County Camogie Board, Hilda Kenneally and Jennifer O'Leary (coaches), Sean O'Sullivan (event organiser) and Aisleen Sheehan (captain).

Picture: Mike English



# O'Flynn full of praise for Féile efforts

PRESIDENT of the Camogie Association, Joan O'Flynn was amongst the attendance at launch of Féile Na nGael 2010 which took place in the West County Hotel, Ennis, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Ard stiúrthóir, Sinead O'Connor was also in attendance as was Christy Cooney, president of the GAA. Joan paid tribute to the huge work being done to ensure Féile continues to be the success it is: "After 40 years a growing, Féile na nGael is well established as the top sports event for camogie players, hurlers and handballers."

"It's a festival in every sense of the word. It's about fun, enjoyment, participation, sportsmanship, neighbourliness and community. "Camogie has a historic and proud tradition stretching back one hundred and six years and being part of Féile Na nGael plays an important role in continuing that tradition from generation to generation. It gives young players, their parents, families and clubs the opportunity to enjoy camogie on a national stage."

Cork will be represented by Courcey Rovers at the Féile in Clare while Erin McElhinney from the Na Píarsaigh will represent Cork in the Féile Skills.

Féile Na nGael gets under way on Friday June 18 with the finals taking place on Sunday June 20.

## Trials whittle U15 squad down to 43

THE second weekend of trials to select the panels for the Cork U15 development squad took place on Sunday last in Castle Road, writes MARY NEWMAN.

Over the two weekends, more than 100 players attended the trials and as they were put through their paces they were observed by former inter-county players who whittled it down to 43 players which have been selected. In total 25 clubs will be represented on the two development squads as Cork have entered two teams in the Munster development blitz which will take place on July 17. Over the coming weekend the clubs and players that have been selected will be notified and both panels will be formally announced so keep an eye to next weekend's camogie pages where we will publish both panels.

## Search is on for long puck queen

ENTRANTS are invited for the Cork Long Puck competition from players over 16 years of age. The Munster competition will take place on June 30 and Cork will hold a competition in the coming weeks to find the county's representative. Anybody interested in taking part is asked to get their names in for the next meeting of the county board which takes place on Monday next.



Marion McCarthy, chairperson Cork County Camogie Board, presents the Division one Cork Féile na nGael cup to the victorious Courcey Rovers' captain, Aisling O'Reilly, after they defeated Inniscarra in the final at Ballinlough. Picture: Damien Quirk

# Chasing pack are closing on Rebels

WHILE inter-provincial results in no way reflect the strength of individual counties, I couldn't help wondering after I heard the result last weekend between Leinster and Munster if it was a reflection on a slight swing of the pendulum.

Cork are still the strongest county. They have to be, having won four All-Irelands in five years, yet the gap between them and the rest is narrowing.

They will still be in the All-Ireland semi-final come August 14. Cork, Tipp and Clare represented the bulk of Munster and combined they aren't a match for a Leinster dominated by Wexford and Kilkenny.

The concern is Cork's lack of underage success in recent years, having last won an All-Ireland Minor title in 2003 when the grade was U16.

Now with an All-Ireland championship continuing at U16 and the minor championship sitting at U18 it is keeping strong U16 counties together for another two years and that is great for the game, and particularly lucrative for Kilkenny at present, having won four U16 titles in-a-row between 2005 and 2008.

The minor grade became U18 in 2006 and Kilkenny have won all four titles to date.



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But Cork are addressing the issue and with the Cork Colleges U14 competition, aided by the recent 'School of Excellence' for 15 year-olds, are working towards the national development strategy and the future of Cork camogie.

With just three weeks left to championship throw-in with an away game to Tipperary (wouldn't it have been great if the Cork v Tipp Camogie game could have been played as a curtain-raiser to the hurling on May 30th?) Cork have their heads down and are working hard behind the scenes.

They are lacking in numbers, however, for good quality matches between them with players either up the country with work or college, Leaving Cert exams looming and injuries.

There are a number of girls sitting their Leaving Cert exams in June, namely Katrina and Pamela Mackey and Julia White.

With senior inter-county camogie panels becoming younger than ever almost every county now has secondary school students in their squads.

I can't understand the reasoning

behind commencing this year's championship on June 12 with the Leaving Cert exams starting in and around the same time.

The Mackeys and Julia are unavailable for Cork's opening game and may well be unavailable for their second outing on June 19, at home to Kilkenny.

I can't comprehend either the reasoning behind forcing teams to play six championship matches in seven weeks.

Look at the amount of national league games the Cork hurlers had and they welcomed them with open arms.

That is the time to bombard teams with matches, not during championship.

Cork got just two league games back in March before advancing to a league semi-final where they were defeated by Wexford in early April.

It seemed they had only started playing when they stopped again.

Nothing then for two months until all counties are thrown into an abyss of games.

Cork's bench is somewhat depleted this year after the loss of Breige Corkery, Sarah Hayes, Una O'Donoghue and Emer Farrell.

A spat of injuries in any game will leave them in a difficult situation.

However, with four teams advancing from the seven participants, the battle will realistically only be

between five.

Clare and Dublin won't make the semi-finals. If I was to pick the other county not to make it, it would have to be Tipperary.

Despite defeating Cork in the Munster semi-final and giving them a good run in the league, come championship time Tipp haven't the strength in depth to win the All-Ireland.

They have made significant improvement under the guidance of Eoin Brislane and show a greater enthusiasm of late, but I don't think it's enough.

The loss of Una O'Dwyer and Emer McDonnell was a big blow to a county already struggling for a strong starting 15.

Tipp may take a game or two during the round-robin series and may force a play-off situation, but my money is on Cork, Kilkenny, Wexford and Galway to make it through.

And then the fun begins. Joanne O'Callaghan received a hairline fracture of the elbow and has been out for a few weeks.

It was initially thought the injury was even worse and Joanne should be back in action shortly.

Lynda O'Connell has also returned after a knee injury kept her sidelined for two months.

Training is going well and under Jim McCarthy and Cork's fitness won't be found wanting.

**Camogie**  
LEINSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP  
Semi-finals: Kilkenny 4-25, Offaly 0-10; Wexford 3-20, Dublin 0-7.  
ULSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL  
Derry 3-4, Antrim 0-10

**CAMOGIE**  
Cork Colleges First year A Final: Coláiste Chóilín 5-12 St Mary's Charleville 4-2; First Year B Final: Coachford College 3-6 St Mary's Malinbeg 2-0.

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## Camogie Round-up



Cork senior camogie players, Aoife Murray, Rena Buckley, Gemma O'Connor, Orla Cotter, Jenny Duffy and Rachel Maloney carry out a question-and-answer session at the All-Stars camogie camp organised by the Cork Senior Camogie Supporters Club. Picture: Damien Quirke

## Cork U15 development squads are beginning to take shape

IT'S ALL systems go for the Cork U15 development squads as the selectors announced the names of the 42 players chosen from the recent trials held over two weekends.

In total over 100 players aged 15 attended and were put through vigorous sessions of drills and exercises under the watchful eyes of former inter-county players and mentors who assessed every player before coming together to make the final decision on the panels that were chosen.

With the announcement of the panel each player has been given a detailed programme which they will now participate in under the guidance of former senior inter-county players Miriam Deasy, Liz O'Neill, Nora Ahern and former manager to the Cork division two team Aidan Crowley.

The panel will prepare for the Munster Development blitz day which will take place in on July 17 in Cahir.

Margaret Hyde from Fr O'Neill's has been appointed co-coordinator for the panel.

Last year for the first time Cork as a county began organising development squads when they successfully participated in the Coillte Development programme at U14 level and following this, the county board set about establishing development squads.

At last year's convention, Fiona O'Driscoll presented a detailed proposal of how the county could progress with organising development squads, the idea was to get it up and running this year at U15 level while next season its proposed to organise an U13 A squad.

A committee was then put in place to put the proposal into action and Fiona O'Driscoll, Mick O'Regan and Miriam Deasy in liaison with county chairperson Marion McCarthy and juvenile chairman Tracy Sheehan got to work organising the trials, a huge amount of work was put in to get everything organised and now their plan is about to be put into operation.

The squad will meet today for the first session in Castle Road at 11am and they will continue as follows, Tuesday June 8, 15, 22 and 29 and July 6 and 13. The panels are as follows: Jessica Hennigan (Ballincollig), Chloe Mahon (Ballinhassig), Katie O'Donovan (Ballygarvan), Siomha Ni Dheasunaigh (Bishopstown), Grace Marum (Blackrock), Shauna Ring (Brian Dillon's), Emma Madigan (Buttevant), Amy Maye (Carrigaline), Anna O'Keefe (do), Rachel Sheehan (Carrigtwohill), Becky Hennigan (Cloughduv), Aoife Keating (Cloughduv), Aoife O'Sullivan (Courcey Rovers), Aoife Downey Ellen Martin, Emma Kavanagh, Erin Lynch Joy Leo, Muiread Mulrooney (all Douglas), Maeve Corkery (Eire Og), Kate McCarthy (Enniskeane), Jennifer Hosford (Glen Rovers), Lauren Callanan (do), Erin Looney, Laura O'Carroll, Niamh Burns (all Inniscarra), Lisa Maloney (Kilbrittan), Megan O'Donovan (do), Ali-Rose Sisk, Jessica Swayne, Laura Tracey, Nora Walsh (all Killing), Bronagh Ganley (Mallow), Leona Hanlon (do), Amy Lee (Na Pairsaigh), Amy Ryan, Ciara Copse, Lorna Hooper (all Newtownshandrum), Meabh Cahalane (St Finbarr's), Erin Harrington (Tracton), Mary McGuinness (do), Susan O'Leary (Valley Rovers), Shannon Bulman-Joyce (Youghal).

# E-voting Special Congress sees revision of the rules

A SPECIAL CONGRESS was held on May 22 to formally adopt a draft revision of the Camogie Association's rules.

E-voting was used for the first time to vote on the Constitution.

The experiment was a great success with nearly 98% of recommendations passed.

"Rules governing suspensions were referred to Ard Chomhairle after a 50:50 split.

"Some of the motions will come into effect on June 22 (one month after Congress), while others will be effective from 2011."

Some of the changes include:

- Amending the name from Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael to Cumann Camógaíochta or the Camogie Association (from June 2010).

- Agreement to liaise and co-operate with other Gaelic Games bodies (from June 2010).

- Adopting age bands for under age Camogie including that players must be over 15 for adult club Camogie and over 16 for inter-county adult competition (from 2011).

- Adopting child centred, small sided games that focus on skills development for all U12 games activities (from 2011).

- Proposals to introduce (in 2011) match bans as suspensions instead of time bans resulted in a



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50:50 vote and Central Council will now consider this further.

Forty-five proposals were considered and 43 passed with strong consensus.

There are many other rules.

I haven't read the rule book yet, but I'm aware of many and there are some which will directly affect the player and club namely:

- The compulsory use of facial helmets from January next for all players at all levels.

Despite the fact that I never wore a helmet as I found them too claustrophobic, I think this is 100% right.

I wish such a rule was in force when I was playing — it would have saved me a fortune on dental care.

Helmets today aren't as much of an encumbrance as they used to be.

They are light, immobile and don't impair your vision.

- U12 competitions will be scrapped with a new 'Go Games' strategy.

All counties will ensure that games at U12 level and younger will be organised on the basis of a 'Go Games' model which sees

teams devised on an 11-a-side basis with all participants involved in a full game.

It is based on the idea that it will help to attract young girls to the sport and a message of how participation is valued ahead of competitiveness at this particular age category.

It is felt that it will also contribute to further enhancing the skill level of camogie in the long term as children will have the opportunity to concentrate on this aspect of the game at a formative stage.

What will affect clubs greatly is that no 14 or 15 year-old is allowed to play adult club competition meaning they must be 16 years of age before doing so.

This will cause huge problems for many clubs particularly in rural areas, but I have to agree with the decision.

Physically, it's not right for a 14 or 15 year-old girl to be lining out against an adult in their middle to late 20s.

It's not right in hurling or football either. I would actually like to see this rule expanded upon.

Too many times I have seen good underage players called upon to play at a level three and four years their senior.

And it's not just happening in camogie. My own nephew at the age of 10 was on his club's U14 hurling and football panel.

At the age of 12 he was on the U16 panels.

His parents disagreed with it and only gave in because of pressure and the fact that he was playing in goal and felt he may not come to as much harm than if he was playing outfield.

What do you do when your child is begging you to play?

However, playing at U12, U14 and U16 in both hurling and football had the poor lad exhausted most nights of the week.

Yet, he idolises the game and wouldn't dream of missing a training session or a match.

Girls are the same. Any handy camogie player is called upon to play at whatever grade they can.

I believe the limit should extend to two years above their own age group only i.e. a 12 year-old can also play U14, but can't play U16 and a 14 year-old can play their own grade plus U16 but it stops there.

I totally understand clubs annoyance at this, but these are children, not machines.

Off the playing field I also wouldn't be particularly happy with a 12 or 14 year-old sitting in the same dressing room as a 16 or 18 year-old, whether it's male or female.

The talk is different and I'll leave it at that.

I've no doubt there will be many debates in the weeks ahead.



# All-Star camp is a major hit with kids

**GLORIOUS** sunshine greeted the participants at the Cork camogie All-Star camp hosted by St Finbarr's last weekend.

It was a fundraising venture organised by the Cork Camogie Supporters Club and was a huge success. Coaches at the camp were all members of the Cork senior camogie panel, who, over the two days they gave freely of their time coaching and passing on tips to almost 70 young aspiring camogie stars from clubs through the city and county.

All participants enjoyed the event enormously and the feedback was one of huge enjoyment as the players were put through their paces by players who have brought huge honours to the county.

The camp got underway at 10am but earlier in the morning, on the first day of the camp, the Cork senior began training themselves at 8am in order to be available for the start of what was a hugely successful weekends coaching.

An early visitor to the camp was deputy Lord Mayor Councillor John Buttimer, who had huge praise for the camp organisers and for the Cork players and the young aspiring stars.

During the day players were put through their paces and the attention to detail was incredible with all young participants eager and willing to do their best under the watchful eyes of their heroes.

A surprise visitor to the camp on Saturday morning was GAA president Christy Cooney. Christy has always been a huge supporter of camogie and he gave of his free time willingly to come out and lend support to the venture.



Cork senior hurling manager Denis Walsh signs the jersey of Laura White from Youghal, during the All-Stars camogie camp organised by the Cork Senior Camogie Supporters Club at St Finbarr's. Picture: Damien Quirk

By MARY NEWMAN

All-star camogie camp

The young participants availed of the opportunity to get photographs taken with the president who posed with players from all the clubs including his own club Youghal and indeed many of the

youngsters were not shy and were eager to put some questions to him which he was only too willing to reply to. They now hope to organise another event to help alleviate the cost of some of the extras which they help provide for the inter county teams.

Many of the committee members

Don't miss our All-Star camp picture special in next Tuesday's Evening Echo

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## Camogie champs Colaiste Choilm pick up monthly award

CELEBRATIONS recently in Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig, as they were named winners of the March Award for the Southside sponsored by the Cork International Airport Hotel/ Gerald McCarthy's Trophy and Gifts. The honour came in recognition of the school winning the Senior B All Ireland and Munster B titles during what has been a great season.

Under the guidance of Cork senior player Jennifer O'Leary from

Barryroe and former Cork player Hilda O'Mahony (Kenneally) Newcestown, they overcame Malloy, Thurles, Dromcollogher and Mount Bellow, Galway, before defeating Borris of Carlow in an all Ireland final where they came from behind at half time to record a seven points winning margin.

Five clubs in total were represented on the teams which were captained by goalkeeper Aisleen Sheehan. The clubs were Eire Og,

Ballincollig, Ballinora, Inniscarra, and St Finbarrs.

Eight year ago former Cork Senior player Fiona O'Driscoll, who was then teaching in the school, started the pupils playing camogie. In 2006 the first all Ireland title was won when the Senior C title found a home in Colaiste Choilm. The following year 2007 the school's junior C team took All Ireland honours and many of this side were the foundations for this season's success

in the Senior B All Ireland final.

2010 has also seen the schools Junior A team take the county title and the first years are waiting to participate in the county final.

Hilda Kenneally, Jenny O'Leary, and Ciara Twomey, who is the first year's coach has the support of school principal Pat Kinsella and this is very important in their promotion of the game. As the school year now draws to an end Colaiste Choilm can look back with satisfaction.

## Poc fada

ENTRANTS are invited from camogie players for the Cork Long Puck competition, players over 16 years of age are invited to participate in the Cork event. The winner will represent the county at the Munster competition will take place on June 30. Cork will hold a competition in the coming weeks and anybody interested in a taking part is asked to get their names to any county board officer or to contact their own club secretary to forward their entry.

## Decision time for U15 development squads

AFTER two weekends of trials, the selectors of the Cork under 15 development squads have begun the process of narrowing it down to 43 players after casting their eyes over 100 players who attended the trials in Castle Road. The last session was held on Sunday last and as the players were put through their paces they were observed by former

inter-county players who began the task of selecting two panels who will represent the county at the Munster development blitz which will take place on July 17, and in preparation for this the panels will go through a six week development and coaching programme. Twenty-five clubs will be represented on the two developments squads.

## Camogie represented at feile launch

PRESIDENT of the Camogie Association Joan O'Flynn was amongst the attendance at the launch of Feile Na nGael 2010 which took place in the West County Hotel, Ennis on Thursday last.

Ard Stiúrthóir Sínead O'Connor also attended as did Christy Cooney, president of the GAA. A tribute to the

sure Feile continues to be the success it is. She joined representatives of the Clare Camogie Board under the leadership of their chairman Orla Considine who are hosting the event as the GAA biggest festival of Gaelic Games for under 14 players was launched. Feile Na nGael gets underway on Friday June 18 in Clare with the finals taking place on Sunday June 20.



Camogie star Gemma O'Connor signs autographs during the All-Stars Camogie Camp organised by the Cork Senior Camogie Supporters Club at St Finbarrs Hurling and Football club over the weekend. Picture: Damien Quirk



## President's Blog May 2010

Glorious sunshine all last week. Twenty primary schools visited in Co. Clare. County and club jerseys everywhere. Loads of artwork, songs, dance and music. Huge commitment by the teachers and local clubs. What am I on about? Féile of course! The annual promotional visits to schools in the host county were a huge success. 75 schools visited in total. Local Camogie stars included Deirdre Murphy, Fiona Lafferty and Kate Lynch. The O'Duffy Cup was on the circuit as well compliments of Cork players Mary O'Connor and Jenny Duffy. Our Ard Stiúrthóir Sinead O'Connor, Caroline Murray Regional Development Officer, Catherine Neary Camogie representative on the National Féile Committee and Mary Hogan, Clare County Secretary all joined us as well.

Earlier in the month I also saw the positive impact of Féile when I watched the Division 3 Dublin Féile semi finals hosted for the first time by Cuala Camogie. The red and white South sides were also participating in Féile for the first time. Great to see Iar Ard Stiúrthóir Sheila Wallace active on the sideline along with another Cuala stalwart Máire Ní Scolai.

## New Mum and Me Coaching Programme

While down in the Mid-West, I also took the opportunity to see first hand some of the action from the new Mum and Me Programme. This was designed by Eddie O'Sullivan Limerick Institute of Technology GAA Office with support from Camogie Development Officer Deirdre Murphy and piloted in Eddie's home club Blackrock in Limerick.

The Programme supports mothers to help out with underage coaching and introduces them to the basic skills of the game. Mothers are taught the key coaching points of 7 basic skills of camogie and how to practice these with their daughter. Great innovation that I'm sure will certainly interest clubs all over the country.

## New Rule Book

I know the rule book may not be everybody's bedtime reading but it is our Constitution and it guides and directs the Association.

Congress is a gathering of county, Provincial, Overseas and educational bodies overseeing Camogie. We held a Special Congress on 22nd May to consider a new Constitution.

We used E-voting for the first time to vote on the Constitution. The experiment was a great success with nearly 98% of recommendations passed. Rules governing suspensions were referred to Ard Chomhairle after a 50:50 split. Some of the motions will come into effect on 22nd June (one month after Congress) while others will be effective from 2011. Some of the changes include:

- Amending our name from Cumann Camógaíochta na nGael to Cumann Camógaíochta or the Camogie Association (from June 2010)
- Agreeing to liaise and co-operate with other Gaelic Games bodies (from June 2010)
- Adopting age bands for under age Camogie including that players must be over 15 for adult club Camogie and over 16 for inter county adult competition (from 2011)
- Adopting child centred, small sided games that focus on skills development for all under 12 games activities (from 2011).

Proposals to introduce (in 2011) match bans as suspensions instead of time bans resulted in a 50:50 vote and Central Council will now consider this further.

It was a very successful day - 45 proposals considered and 43 passed with strong consensus. More details on the rules will be on the website shortly.

People enquire about how to amend the playing rules. These are considered every three years with 2012 Annual Congress the next opportunity.

Talk to you before then!

Siobhán Ní Fhloinn

Joan O'Flynn

Uachtarán

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Pictured at Portobello GAA Club presentation to Liz Howard were l-r, Aine Power, Portobello Camogie Secretary, Jacqui Hurley, RTE Sports Commentator and Portobello Senior Camogie player, Liz Howard, President of the Camogie Association, and Evanne Ni Chuilinn, RTE Sports Commentator and Portobello Senior Camogie Player. Rathmines Inn, Dublin.

## New transfer rulings to impact on all the clubs

By MARY NEWMAN

Rules changes

A LOT of changes will come into effect in the coming months with the Special Congress which was held recently bringing in rules which will impact on all members of the association.

Last week we focused on Go Games and this week we look at a major rule change which will evoke much discussion at local level, governing transfers, something which is always huge on the agenda at convention every year as more and more players seek to move around. The change now sees a rule introduced designating the club with which a player first legally participates in club competition as a player's home club. This will be taken into consideration if a player wishes to change clubs and transfer.

Under the old system, if a club granted and signed a transfer, a player was free to move clubs to her new club. Now a new committee must be set up by all county boards which will legislate for transfers, hearing and disciplinary issues and in all instances if they feel a transfer should not be granted it will be refused. The main changes with players applying for transfers will be as follows:

- A player wishing to transfer must complete the relevant transfer form and must now specify her reasons for the transfer request. She must then give the transfer form to her club secretary thereby putting the club on notice of her intention to apply to the county board for permission to transfer.

- If sanctioned by the club, the form is then passed to the transfer hearing and disciplinary committee who will still have the final say on whether the transfer is sanctioned or rejected.

- If rejected, the player must be given the reasons why.

- Transfer requests may be rejected on one of the following grounds:

If a player or a player's family are not resident within the area of the club to which she wishes to transfer to.

Where a county board has reasonable evidence that a player has been approached by the club she wishes to transfer to.

Where the relevant transfer hearing and disciplinary committee has adjudged that the receiving club has sufficient playing members.

Where they adjudge that her current club would be negatively affected by the transfer.

Where they adjudge it would not be in the best interest of camogie.

- On receipt of the transfer request from a player the club executive committee must consider the application within seven days and must either agree to the transfer in which case the secretary signs it and submits it to the county board.

- If the clubs do not sign the form it's returned to the player within five days giving the players the reasons for the non-signing. The player may then submit the transfer to the county board secretary.

- In all instances, a player who transfer is not granted still has the option of staying two calendar years on the side line after which time they are free to register with the club of their choice.

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Camogie board president Kay Dunne with her grand-niece Orla Keane at the hurling and camogie by the Lough.