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Denise Lehane makes a presentation to Cork junior captain Helen Walsh.

Function honours Leaside captain

CORK junior captain Helen Walsh was the recipient of a presentation to honour her achievement in leading Cork to All-Ireland victory at Ballinascarty recently.

During the evening many speakers praised Helen for her commitment to the game of camogie.

Indeed Helen's nieces Catriona and Sarah Walsh are both players with the Ballinascarty Under-12 side and are anxious to emulate their aunt and play for Cork.

A player with the Eire Og club, whom she captained to Senior B championship honours in 1997, Helen was presented with a Ryanhart Sculpture by Ballinascarty U-14 player Denise Lehane.

Denise herself was also in the news recently when she travelled to Dublin to be awarded a bravery award from President McAleese.

Chosen

Chosen from hundreds of nominees, Denise's courage and bravery in playing camogie despite overcoming many difficulties after an accident was fittingly rewarded.

Addressing the large gathering, Helen encouraged the young girls to play camogie and assured them that if they set out with a target in mind, anything is possible.

Also present on the night were many of Helen's old friends from her early days with the Ballinascarty club including Richard O'Flynn, Toss Nyhan and Denis O'Driscoll.

The club lapsed for a number of years but was re-organised five years ago under the chairmanship of Margaret Ryan who is the club's current vice chairman.

A presentation was also made to Helen's mother, Mary Walsh by Ashling Ahern, daughter of club secretary, Kay.

Players show no signs of fatigue despite two games in three days



The Inniscarra team who recorded a 6-2 to nil victory over Carrigtwohill at Shanbally.

Carrigaline's title hopes on course

WEATHER failed to dampen the camogie players' enthusiasm on Saturday last.

Carrigaline continued to march forward in the Under 16 B Championship when, playing their second game in three days, they defeated Ballinascarty. Earlier in the week, on Thursday, they recorded a fine win over Kilbrittain. They showed little signs of tiredness and gave a top class display, overcoming a young Ballinascarty side.

In the second Under 16 B championship tie, St Catherine's were too strong for Grenagh when the sides met at Grenagh.

Superb

On Sunday a superb display from Inniscarra saw them book a place in the Junior B Championship final when they scored a 6-2 to nil victory over a youthful Carrigtwohill.

● The Cork Camogie Board will be holding a night at the dogs on Saturday next, November 6, at the Cork Greyhound Track. Tickets can be bought from camogie club secretaries or any County Board officer.

● Munster Colleges Championship draws for the season ahead:

Munster Senior 'A' Championship: Colaiste Mhuire Ennis v St Mary's Charleville; Sacred Heart Clonsilla v Roscrea Community; St Mary's Nenagh v Colaiste Mhuire or St Mary's Charleville; Our Lady's Templemore v Sacred Heart or Roscrea.

Munster Senior 'B' Championship: John the Baptist Hospital v Mayfield Community; St Patrick's Cork v St Aidan's Cork; St Declan's Kilmacthomas



Margaret O'Sullivan, Inniscarra puts pressure on Caroline Harte, Carrigtwohill.

King Cork v St Mary's Macroom; Loreto Youghal v Presentation Ballyphehane; Coachford Community v Borrisokane Community; Mhuire & Ide Newcastle West v St Aloysius Cork.

Munster Junior 'A'

Championship Group One: Colaiste Mhuire Ennis v St Mary's Nenagh; Our Lady's Templemore v St Patrick's Shannon; Roscrea Community v Mhuire & Ide Newcastle West; Our Lady's Templemore or St Pat's Shannon v Scariff Community; Colaiste Mhuire or St Mary's Nenagh v Roscrea or Mhuire & Ide.

Group Two: Sacred Heart Carrignavar v Pres Bandon; Sacred Heart Clon v St Aidan's Cork; Sacred Heart Carrignavar or Pres Bandon v Coachford Community.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

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Munster Colleges Senior League: Coachford 4-8, Macroom 1-2.

Munster Colleges Intermediate League: Coachford 6-6, Doneraile 0-2; Bandon 4-7, Coachford 1-3.

Cork Colleges Senior Championship semi-final: Coachford College 4-2, Kinsale 0-8.

Cork Colleges Senior 'B' Championship: Presentation Ballyphehane 1-5, Christ the King 1-5.

Cork Colleges Intermediate 'B' quarter final: Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal Ballynary 4-8, Coachford 1-3.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7 Junior B Championship: St Catherine's v Carrigaline, St Catherine's, 12.30pm.

Under 18 Championship: Kibbritan v Newcestown, Timoleague, 11.30am; Douglas v Bishopstown, Bishopstown, 12 noon.

Under 16 A Championship: Aghabullogue v Ballinacorney, Aghabullogue, 2.30pm; Glen Rovers v Barryroe, Barryroe, 2.30pm. JA Championship Final: Ballygarvan v Milford, venue to be arranged, 12.30pm.

Magic moments

NUMBER 24: Aoife Murray won minor and junior All-Ireland medals this year.

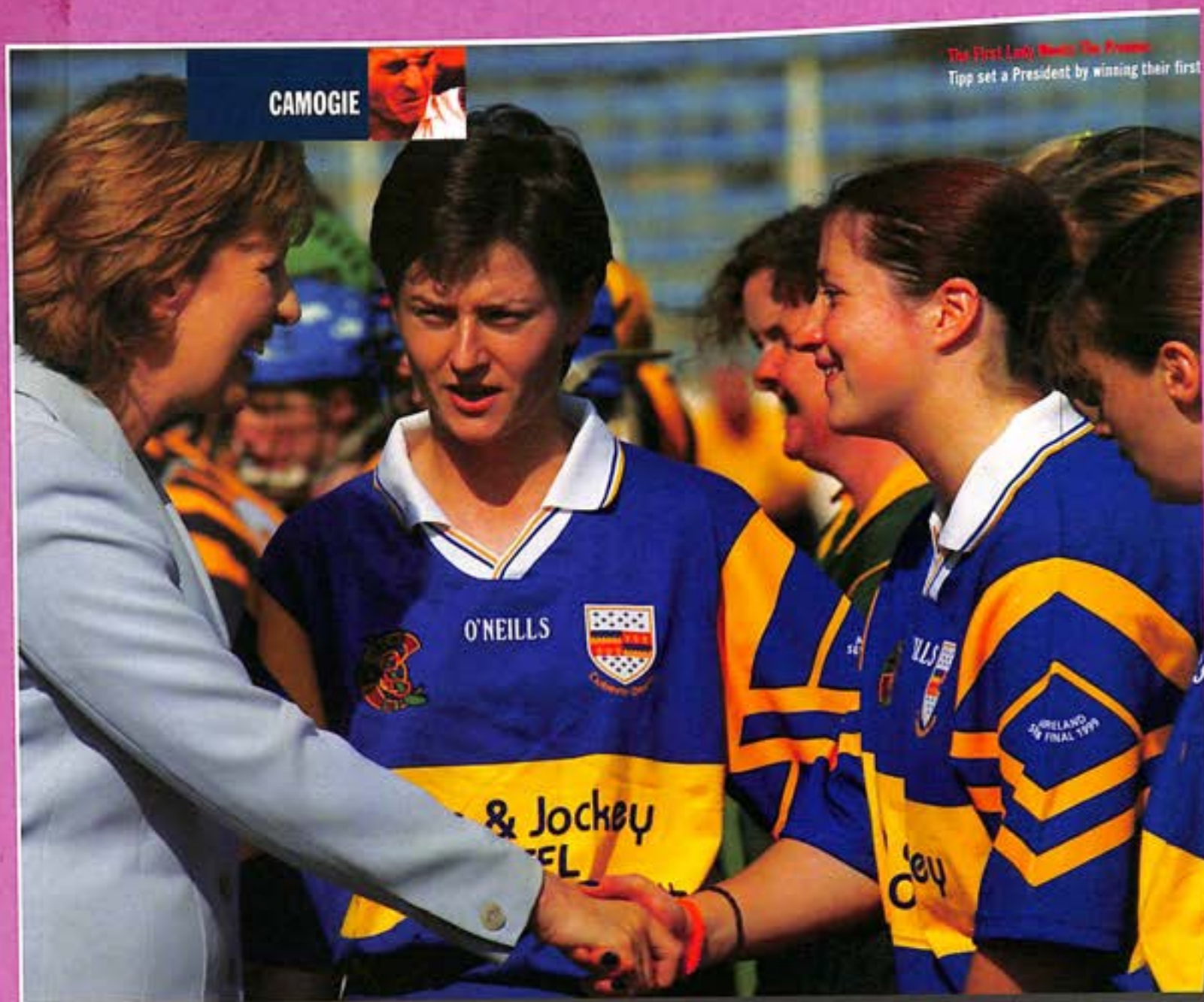
Her brother Kevin also added a senior All-Ireland hurling medal to the family's ever increasing medal collection following Cork's enthralling victory over Kilkenny.



Leinster camogie club champions... the St. Lachtain's camogie team who won the Leinster camogie club championship final by defeating Rathnure by 1-7 to 0-7

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TEARS FOR THE CROWN

IN 1979, MAOL MUIRE TYNAN PLAYED ON THE LOSING TIPPERARY TEAM IN THE ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL. TWENTY YEARS LATER, SHE WATCHED FROM THE STANDS AS HER COUNTY CAPTURED THEIR FIRST EVER TITLE, AND BROUGHT TEARS TO HER EYES.

Once or twice while sitting on the Hogan Stand during the camogie All-Ireland final last September, I got this wild urge to rush onto the pitch, hijack a Tipperary uniform and a hurley, and be part of what WE were meant to do 20 years ago. But it was too late, 20 years too late. Besides, they were able to do it themselves. Could it be two decades since we played with the Tipperary senior camogie team in an All-Ireland final at Croke Park? Could it be that we lost that one glorious chance, by just a couple of points to Antrim? Now, on the second Sunday of September 1999, the bouncing fit children of our friends and acquaintances (terrifying, isn't it?) were the new generation and it was our place to sit and watch them, helplessly, from the Stand as they played the *grandee* county of camogie - Kilkenny. Have kids got no nerves any more? Modern youngsters seem to have this in-built confidence that comes with their

shiny hair, straight teeth and the expectation that they will never be poor. If I recall the 1979 All-Ireland correctly, lots of us were a mass of pained anxiety in the private sanctuary of the dressing-room before the game. The prospect of facing that legendary scream when the team ran onto the sod did nothing to dull our fever. But 20 years on, the young women of Tipperary are SO ice-cool and apparently unperturbed. But still not complacent. Before the game last month, a few of that old 1979 side - my sister Siobhan, Rosie Ryan, Maura Hogan and Ann Gleeson - got together for a pre-match "anniversary" drink in Quinn's pub in Drumcondra. It turned into a rather delayed post-mortem of our own ill-fated efforts as well as a preview of the game we were about to see.

Meanwhile, somewhere else in Dublin, in the Tipperary team hotel, that great veteran of hurling, Donie Nealon - whose daughter Sinead plays at wing back with the county - was giving a piece of solid advice that we could fruitfully have

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applied 20 years ago. He told the team that there were not there to PLAY an All-Ireland; they were there to WIN an All-Ireland. Therein lay the answer to our failure. We were so pleased to be in the final, we lost sight of winning.

But Donie Nealon's words were reflected in every action, every stroke, every ball that today's senior team hurled later that afternoon. This Tipperary team came to Croke Park confidently and without any nonsensical psychological baggage about not being able to beat Kilkenny. They were unfussed by statistics that did not exactly run in their favour. Kilkenny had 12 All-Ireland titles; Tipperary had none. Kilkenny still had a Downey sister on the panel; Tipperary's names threw up memories of great hurling successes but they were relatively unknown in camogie circles.

Most ominously of all, Tipperary had suffered annihilation at the hands of Cork in the League Final - that humiliating curtain-raiser to Tipperary v Kerry in the first round of this year's Munster hurling championship in Thurles. The most ardent loyalists could be forgiven for suffering flash-backs to that dreadful day and for believing that this camogie team was not destined for good things.

But the players left all that behind them in the trash-can of bad memories. As it happened, perhaps that League final experience was a blessing in disguise. For along came Michael Cleary and Colm Bonnar. They brought with them a rigorous, professional physical training programme that tuned the players. Veterans of All-Ireland finals themselves, they had important insider knowledge of the mental approach needed for victory.

Well, nothing marks off the years like All-Irelands in Croke Park. Just like 20 years before, it was a bright, sunny afternoon. There were some significant changes, however. Now, in the first of the two-year pilot project, the teams were 15-a-side, not just a dozen. They played the entire pitch, instead of the mini-version, making the game much freer and more flowing. Croke Park's architecture had undergone a revolution in the two decades and the crowd was bigger, much bigger, than in 1979. Over 15,000 attended this year's final, three times the crowd that watched us. (This, without doubt, is due to the huge increase in the attention that television is paying to the sport - particularly programmes like the slightly zany *Breaking Ball* show on Friday nights). But just being in Croke Park again, hearing the high-decibel shrieks of fervour, made the years peel away. Deirdre Hughes

at full forward, Emer McDonnell in the corner, provoked that same sense of delighted anticipation every time they got the ball for Tipperary. Except on this occasion, they fulfilled the expectation. Deirdre Hughes was better than any of the Kilkenny forwards. Ciara Gaynor's leadership was strong. The personality of Maeve Stokes, their captain, concentrated their minds....

The Long and Winding Road
Disappointment for Kilkenny's Lizzie in the '99 camogie final



Kilkenny's most famous sub, Ann Downey, whose sister Angela has retired from the sport, came on for the last few minutes. Her name was enough in the past to strike fear into the hearts of lesser players. And there were many lesser. Not so now. Tipperary played on, irrespective. If Setanta had arrived on the pitch in a Kilkenny outfit, it would not have caused them to raise an eyebrow.

My aunt Delia used always weep when we won our matches. We used to think that only the elderly cried with happiness. But watching those girls in blue and gold hug each other with such unbridled delight at the end of the last camogie championship final of the 20th Century unleashed a flock of butterflies in the tummy and a flood of tears to the eyes. We must be getting old. ☺

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Eileen hopes to reach another final

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

SEVENTEEN-year-old Granagh-Ballingarry camogie star Eileen O'Brien, is within sight of a remarkable achievement-she is just two steps away from a sixth successive All-Ireland medal.

On this Sunday, the west Limerick club entertain the highly talented Freshford, from Kilkenny, in a senior semi-final that is sure to attract another bumper attendance, and Eileen is hopeful of yet another final appearance.

Said her proud dad, Michael, who has a long association with the Granagh-Ballingarry club, stretching back to 1984:

"This is a big day for us. We are very worried about Freshford, who have six current Kilkenny players in their side. This will be our first competitive meeting and, really, we do not know what to expect."

Granagh-Ballingarry, defending their All-Ireland crown, have several newcomers this time round.

Gone from the panel are Ida Quaid and Laura Leslie, and into their

places have come Joanne Clifford and 15 year-old Aoife Sheehan, the latter one of four sisters in the side. Maureen, Deirdre and Vera are well established.

Said Mick: The girls were certainly impressive in their wins over Bishopstown and Cashel, at provincial level, but one never knows in such situations. Freshford are new to us, and we to them, so it should be an intriguing contest."

In addition to Elaine, there are two other O'Brien family members in the team, Breda, who is goalkeeper, and Bernie, at full-back.

Though Granagh-Ballingarry are laden with success, Mick says it has been easy to keep motivation high. "This is a young team and they are all eager for action. The important aspect is that they enjoy playing camogie. The response to training has been great."

The groundwork, he added, was done at Feile level, a competition they first won in 1991, and again this year.

Eight of the current panel were on that '91 Feile team.

Another plus for them is that Mairead Cagney is again available, and will line out at corner back.

Very much the central figure, of course, has been Eileen O'Brien, who boasts a remarkable play-

ing record. She has been leading scorer in the country over the last number of seasons and, in the words of her dad, has a house full of trophies.

Apart from her feats with her club, she is going for five-in-a-row at colleges level, with St.

Mary's of Charleville.

Sunday is a big day for Ballingarry in that their under-21 hurlers have a date in the county championship final. That game will be played at noon, and the All-Ireland camogie semi-final at 2.

Club

final places up for grabs

PJ Fulham previews this weekends All-Ireland club semi-finals.

On Sunday next the semi-finals of the All-Ireland Club Championship are down for decision. The holders Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick host the Leinster Champions St. Lachtan's, Freshford Kilkenny in Ballingarry at 2pm.

Granagh, four times Munster champions won their first All-Ireland Club Championship title last year when they defeated the then Leinster champions St. Vincents, Dublin by one point in the final 1-9 to 1-8.

Freshford after reaching the Leinster decider last year came through to win their first Leinster Title by defeating Rathnure, Wexford 1-7 to 0-7.

They field many of the Kilkenny senior team that reached the 'Bord na Gaeilge' All-Ireland senior championship final last September in Margaret Hickey, Sinead Costelloe, Mairead Costelloe, Gillian Dillon/Maher, Martina Maher and Mary Ellen Butler.

Granagh/Ballingarry defeated Cashel, Tipperary 0-12 to 0-4 in the Munster decider where Eileen O'Brien notched off 0-10 of the total. They will field many All-Ireland medal holders from the Limerick team that won the All-Ireland Intermediate Championship in 1996.

They will expect a good performance from Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Laura Leslie, Kay Bourke and Jean Cullinane.

Freshford is sure to put up a good display but home venue may give Granagh the edge.

In the other semi-final Davitt's Galway, Connacht Champions for the second time (their first was in 1995) travel to take on fourth time Ulster champions Liatroim/Fontenoys Down. Liatroim won the Ulster crown in 1984, 1995 and 1996 and had a very successful outing at the 'Whirlpool' All-Ireland Sevens in Kilmacud last September when they became the third Ulster club to reach a semi-final of this event in 26 years of participation.

Mairin McAleenan was top scorer with a grand total of seven goals twenty one points in three matches. Mairin will cause major problems for Davitt's defence as will Lisa Quinn, Caitriona McCrickard and Claire McGrath.

In the Ulster Club championship final they defeated Crosserlough, Cavan 2-7 to 3-2. They will be anxious to become the first Down club to reach the All-Ireland final, having failed at the first hurdle to St. Vincent's Dublin last year. They will be hoping to go that step further this year.

Davitt's had a huge win over London Champions Brother Pearsons in a quarter final tie. They have a difficult task on hand but have a very experienced side. Many of their team recorded huge tally's in the quarter final: Brendan Daniels 3-2 and All-Ireland Minor medal holders Alva Kelly scored 2-5 and Lourda Kavanagh 1-5 and together with Olivia Broderick, Lisa Fahy, Joanne Frost and Edel Pierce they may



Liatroim/Fontenoys captain Nuala McGee receives the Ulster trophy from Tom Monahan

well secure victory.

Patricia Rafferty, Dublin has confirmed that she will be a candidate for the Millennium Presidency of the Camogie Association at Congress in March next year, when outgoing President Phyllis Breslin ends her three year stint.

Pat was a candidate last time round but had to give way to her fellow Dubliner. A member of the Naomh Aiolfé Club, she is a very experienced Administrator both at club and county level and has spent the usual three year term as Cathaoirleach of Leinster Council and is currently Vice member of the national Administration Committee.

She is a person with great ideas and if elected is sure to make her mark on the Association. So far no other name has come to the fore. However, it is early days.

Camogie News

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Cork Colleges Senior B championship: Presentation, Ballyphehane, 1-5, Christ the King 1-5.

Cork Colleges Intermediate B quarter final, Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal, Blarney 4-8, Coachford 1-3.

Sunday, Nov 7, Junior B Championship, St. Catherine's v Carrigaline, St. Catherine's 12.30, u-16 B championship, Newcastle v Killeagh 2.30 p.m.

U-16 A championship, Aghbullogue v Courcy Rovers or Ballinhassig 2.30 at Courcy Rovers or Aghbullogue.

Glen Rovers v Barryroe at Barryroe 2.30.

IA championship final, Ballygarvan v Milford, at venue to be arranged.

Three-goal blitz sees Milford master Ballygarvan challenge

Milford 4-7
Ballygarvan 2-4

MILFORD took their first Junior A camogie county championship crown one year after taking the B title when they proved too strong for Ballygarvan at Kilshannig yesterday.

Three goals inside seven minutes laid the foundation for victory, with the sides level 0-4 to 1-1 nine minutes into the contest, Emer Watson edged the winners ahead when she finished sister Marie's

shot past the Ballygarvan keeper. Marie Watson with a pointed free stretched the lead and again it was Emer Watson who turned tormentor with a 14th minute goal. One minute later, Regina Curtin finished to the net with a pile driving shot from 45 yards and Milford were rampant.

To their credit Ballygarvan fought hard, but superb defending from Milford and particularly full back Noelle O'Riordan and Christine O'Gorman kept their side ahead 3-4 to 1-1 at the break.

On the turn over, two points from Sally Ann O'Hallorhan and Deirdre Daly narrowed the deficit. Leading 3-6 to 1-4, again superb defending by Milford continued to keep Ballygarvan at bay.

A Deirdre Hayes goal 16 minutes into the half looked to have the game wrapped up for Milford but a spirited Ballygarvan rally yielded a Deirdre Daly goal following good play from Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly.

Now pressing furiously, Ballygarvan were guilty of shooting six

wides inside the closing eight minutes.

Emer Watson pointed with four minutes on the clock and the title was heading to Milford.

After the game, Cork minor, Christine O'Gorman from Milford was named as player of the match.

Scorers: Milford: E. Watson 2-1, R. Curtin 1-1, D. Hayes 1-0, M. Watson 0-2, R. Curtin, C. O'Gorman, E. Sexton 0-1 each. Ballygarvan: D. Daly 2-0, SA O'Hallorhan 0-2, E. Dillon, C. Kelly 0-1 each. MILFORD: B. Geary, C. Brogan, N. O'Riordan, A. Dillon, C. O'Gorman, L. Long, S. O'Reilly, D. O'Reilly, D. Hayes, E. O'Neil, R. Curtin, M. Watson, E. Watson, S. Lenihan, E. Sexton, subs: C.

O'Regan for S. O'Reilly, E. Savage for C. Brogan. BALLYGARVAN: M. O'Riordan, A. O'Neill, N. Bouse, J. Brown, M. Lane, N. Brady, F. Butler, E. Dillon, N. Hallahan, D. Daly, M. Hallahan, C. Dineen, SA O'Hallorhan, Z. Forest, C. Kelly. Referee: R. Desmond (Bishopscourt).

Carrigaline 2-7
St. Catherine's 2-5

Trailing 1-4 to 1-3 at the interval, an Emma Greene goal midway through second half was the tonic Carrigaline needed to spur them on and book their place in the County Junior B semi-final where they will meet Barryroe on Sunday next.

All-Ireland Club Camogie semi-final: Liatroim Fontenoy's 0-8 Davitts 4-10

Fontenoy's fade after the break

THE fragile state of the confidence of Ulster camogie sides on the All-Ireland stage was perfectly illustrated in Liatroim yesterday against Davitts of Galway.

For the opening 30 minutes Liatroim Fontenoy's carried the game to their opponents and led by 0-5 to 0-4. Then in first half injury-time Olivia Broderick fired over a great point and Mary Tracey shot home from a narrow angle to put her side in at the break 1-5 to 0-5 ahead.

When Tracey latched on to a neat pass from Donna Kelly a few minutes later for Davitts' second goal, the game was well out of the Ulster side's reach.

Davitts looked much the better side during the second half and their good tactical awareness in keeping Mairin McAleenan from gaining possession as she had done before the break.

Liatroim opened the game with an excellent point from McAleenan within 30 seconds, and it settled her side. The defence was playing very well, particularly Anne Morgan, Donna Greenan and Nuala Magee.

Majella Murray and Sinead McGovern gained control at midfield but apart from McAleenan the Davitts defence was coping with the supply up front.

Mairin McAleenan shot four of the first half points, Sinead McGovern picking up a pass from her for the other. Tracey's second goal clinched the game but she managed to handpass another in the three quarter mark for her hat-trick. Donna Kelly had shot Davitt's third green flag two minutes earlier.

Predictably Liatroim responded with a number of forays up front but most finished in wide balls while Olivia Broderick finished

with three points in the last ten minutes.

McAleenan did burst through to force a fine save from Fiona and Lisa Quinn could only fire the rebound inches over the bar.

In the other semi final Freshford of Kilkenny led Granagh/Ballingarry for practically the whole game only to lose out by 1-10 to 1-9 with Eileen O'Brien and Vera Sheehan forcing late scores for the Limerick side.

Liatroim Fontenoy's: J. Brown, B. Gallagher, D. Greenan, A. Morgan, B. Kelly, N. Magee (captain), C. McGovern, M. Murray, S. McGovern (0-1), McCrickard, M. McAleenan (0-5), C. McCrickard (0-1), R. O'Higgins, C. McGovern, L. Quinn (0-1).

Subs: E. O'Higgins for B. Gallagher (48), E. McCrickard for D. Greenan (49).

Davitts: F. Gohery, O. Watson, A. Dolan, F. Pierce, A. Broderick, R. Broderick (captain), E. Pierce, C. Finnegan, A. Kelly, D. Kelly (1-0), O. Broderick (1-6), L. Kavanagh (0-3), B. Daniels, M. Tracy (3-1), J. Frost.

Subs: L. Fahy for J. Frost (38), E. Flynn for O. Watson (56). Referee: Catherine O'Hara (Antrim).

Champions edge home

ALL-IRELAND Senior camogie club champions Granagh-Ballingarry of Limerick got the better of Kilkenny champions St. Lachlans of Freshford by 1-10 to 1-9 in the All-Ireland semi-final at Ballingarry.

The Kilkenny side dominated the opening half and a goal by Martina Maher left them five points clear at the break (1-4 to 0-2).

In the second half, the game developed into a ding-dong battle which the home side just edged. In the other semi-final, Galway champs Davitts booked their passage to the final with a 4-10 to 0-8 win over Down's Liatroim Fontenoy's.

Two Dubs on 'Rest' team to face Tipperary

TWO Dublin players, Germaine Noonan and Irene Kirwan, have been selected on the Rest of Ireland team that will tackle the All-Ireland champions, Tipperary, at O'Connor Park, Nenagh next Sunday (2.0).

Whirlpool are the sponsors of this historic event, which, for the first time, sees a Rest of Ireland squad assembled to play the Bord na Gaicige All-Ireland champions.

Dublin boss, Tom Monaghan, will manage the Rest of Ireland side, while top-class Dublin referee, Aine Derham, will take charge of the fixture.

Prior to the game, the Dublin team of 1988 will play a Rest of Ireland selection in a salute to the millennium.

Meanwhile, the present-day Dubs spent a fruitful weekend in Donegal,

CAMOGIE Niall Scully

where they beat the All-Ireland Junior finalists, Derry, in a challenge game, 4-5 to 1-5.

Goals from Rachel Kelly and Eimear Ring helped the Dubs lead at half time, 2-4 to 1-3, with Irene Kirwan and Veronica Trehy adding second-half goals for the more experienced Dubs.

Elsewhere, Naomh Mearnóg, as expected, completed the Senior "B" Championship double when they secured the League title with a comprehensive show against St. Anne's in Bohernabreena on Sunday, 4-6 to 0-1.

Louise Rooney was in top form, scoring 3-4, against a hard-working Anne's

side, who applauded the Portmarnock girls off the pitch with a guard of honour.

Jennifer Whelan, with a goal, and Paula Carroll, with two points, were the other Mearnóg scorers, while Lynn Daly was on the mark for the Tallaght club.

● On Saturday, Good Counsel meet Naomh Mearnóg in the U-16 Championship final in Silver Park (2.0). Both sides have several players on county teams, so it should be a worthy clash.

● Next Sunday, a Senior "B" Blitz takes place in the Phoenix Park (11.0). Any clubs looking for information are asked to contact Carmel Gray.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY: Sen A League: St. Anne's Park (11.0): Raheny v Thomas Davis, Finglas (2.30): Erin's Isle v Na Fionna.



● HONOURED: Dublin stars Irene Kirwan (left) and Germaine Noonan who have been selected on the Rest of Ireland team.

Camogie girls in Irish squad

FIVE Cork players have been included in the first Rest of Ireland camogie squad that will take on the All-Ireland champions Tipperary at McDonagh Park in Nenagh next Sunday.

Squad

Cora Keohane, Vivienne Harris, Denise Cronin, Fiona O'Driscoll and former All-Ireland-winning captain, Eithne Duggan have all been included in the squad.

The occasion is being officially launched at

By CONOR GEORGE

the GAA Museum in Croke Park tonight when the actual team will be announced for the Nenagh showdown.

REST OF IRELAND SQUAD: Miriam Holland, Gillian Maher, Sinead Miles, Marina Downey, Bridget Mullaly (Kilkenny), Cora Keohane, Eithne Duggan, Vivienne Harris, Denise Cronin, Fiona O'Driscoll (Cork), Pamela Nevin, Olivia Broderick, Veronica Curtin (Galway), Marie Collins, Moira McMahon (Clare), Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan (Limerick), Irene Kirwan, Germaine Noonan (Dublin), Mairin McAleenan, Nuala Magee (Down).

● CAMOGIE ●

NEW ground in the camogie world will be broken on Sunday when a Rest of Ireland selection will take on the All-Ireland champions Tipperary in McDonagh Park in Nenagh Co. Tipperary. The occasion is being formally launched at the GAA Museum in Croke Park tonight when the Irish team will be announced. The selectors for the Rest of Ireland side are Sheila Wallace (Dublin), Bridget Broderick (Galway) and Therese O'Callaghan (Cork) while the team manager is Dublin's Tom Monaghan.

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Jean Cullinane (Granagh/Ballingarry) scores a goal against Freshford in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie semi-final.

Freshford fall to upbeats Ballingarry

IN BALLINGARRY, the home team put an out-of-sorts first-half performance behind them to squeeze past Freshford of Kilkenny and qualify for their third All-Ireland senior club camogie final in four years.

The visiting side set up camp in the Granagh/Ballingarry half of the pitch from the outset and were deserving of their 1-4 to 0-2 interval advantage.

Five points without reply, however, on the re-start renewed life in the Granagh/Ballingarry XV.

A 42nd minute goal of genuine class from Jean Cullinane established the Limerick and Munster kingpins with a two point lead.

Sisters

They duly went on to win the game 1-10 to 1-9. Maureen Sheahan was one of four sisters on duty for Granagh/Ballingarry and she said, "Though we hit the front and stayed there, we weren't allowed relax for a moment by an eager Freshford team."

Elsewhere, Davitt's (Galway) booked their place in the decider with a merited 4-10 to 0-8 success over Liatroim of Down.

With little supply, Davitt's full-forward Mary Treacy gave powerful glimpses of her potential, banging home three cracking goals.

"Unlike other years, Davitt's are a team we know very little about because we have never played them either at com-

By MAL KEAVENEY

petitive or challenge level," Sheahan stated. "However, we are looking forward to defending our crown later this month in Loughrea."



Vera Sheehan (Granagh/Ballingarry) solos away from Freshford's Gillian Dillon Maher.

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Joanne and Orla O'Callaghan, members of the Cork minor team, with the Lord Mayor, Cllr Damian Wallace, at a civic reception in City Hall. Pic: Gerard McCarthy/News-Pic's



Niamh Bowes (minor captain) and Helen Walsh (junior captain), with the Lord Mayor, Cllr Damian Wallace, at the civic reception. Pic: Gerard McCarthy/News-Pic's

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Milford make it a double

JUST 12 months after taking the Junior 'B' title Milford were crowned Junior 'A' county champions and in the process made it a league and championship double for '99.

They completed their double when in an exciting contest at Kilshannig on Sunday last they beat a spirited Ballygarvan side 4-7 to 2-4.

The winners signified their determination inside one minute of the opening half with a Regina Curtin point, this was quickly cancelled out by Cork minor Catriona Kelly for Ballygarvan.

However Milford upped the tempo and were ahead 3-4 to 1-1 at the interval. Ballygarvan had a mountain to climb but from the off they came forward and two points from Sally Ann O'Halloran and Deirdre Daly narrowed the gap.

Sixteen minutes into the half Milford looked to have the title sewn up when Deirdre Hayes shot low to the net but refusing to wilt, Ballygarvan were rewarded with a Deirdre Daly goal following good play from Dillon and Kelly.

However Emer Watson brought matters to a close with a 21st minute point and gave Milford their first Junior 'A' County Championship title.

After the game Milford's Christine O'Gorman was named as player of the game.

MILFORD: B Geary, C Brosnan, N O'Riordan, A Dillon, C O'Gorman, L Long (C), S O'Reilly, D O'Reilly, D Hayes, E O'Friel, R Curtin, M Watson, E Watson, S Linehan, I Sexton. Subs: C O'Regan for S O'Reilly, E Savage for C Brosnan.

BALLYGARVAN: M O'Riordan, A O'Neill, N Bouse, J Browne, M Lane, N Brady, F Butler, E Dillon, N Hallahan, D Daly, M Hallahan, S A O'Halloran, Z Forrest, C Kelly.

Referee: Rose Desmond, Bishopstown.

In the Junior 'B' Championship quarter-final, Carrigaline came from behind to record a 2-7 to 2-5 victory over St Catherine's.

Under 16 A Championship: Aghabullogue 6-5, Ballinhassig 0-0.

Under 16 B Championship: Killeagh v Newcestown, Newcestown 2pm.

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U-18 Championship: Ballygarvan v Newtownshandrum, Ballygarvan 12.30 (Ballinhassig), Glen Rovers v Bishopstown, Glen Rovers 2.30 (Douglas), Castlelyons v Inniscarra, Castlelyons 12.30 (Watergrasshill), Fr. O'Neills v Milford, Fr. O'Neills 2.30 (Killeagh).

Under 16B Championship: St. Catherine's v Youghal, Youghal 2.30 (Fr. O'Neills).

Junior B Championship semi final: Carrigaline v Barryroe 12 noon venue to be arranged.

Cork to play Kilkenny team who knocked them out of semi



The Carrigtwohill team which lost 6-2 to 0-0 to Inniscarra in the Cork County Junior B semi final at Shanbally.

Rebels up for revenge as they draw the Cats

WITH the season only drawing to a close, thoughts are already looking to next season and championship draws.

Last weekend the championship line up for 2000 was made and ironically Cork seniors have been pitted against Kilkenny who were the team who knocked out Cork with the last puck of the ball in the semi-final this year.

It's a unique pairing and one which will surely spur the Cork girls into action in the months ahead as they plot the downfall of the Kilkenny girls.

All-Ireland champions Tipperary have been drawn to meet Down whom they comprehensively defeated at the semi-final stage on their way to taking the title. All in all an interesting season lies ahead.

Tipperary

On Sunday next a team selected from the Rest of Ireland take on All-Ireland Senior Champions Tipperary in Nenagh at 2pm.

The event will be sponsored by Whirlpool with the Rest of Ireland side made up of players from Dublin, Kilkenny, Clare, Cork, Down, Galway, Wexford and Limerick.

As this is a special event, special rules have been passed for the event. Un-

MAGIC MOMENTS

25 BROTHER and sister Mary and Seanie O'Leary from Youghal both have three All-Ireland senior medals.

They made it a double in 1978 with Cork taking the hurling title and Camogie title that year.

limited substitutions will be allowed during the course of the game provided they are made from the half way line. As in inter-county games the match will be of 60 minutes' duration. The Rest of Ireland panel of 22 is as follows: Germain Noonan, Irene Kirwan, Dublin, Miriam Holland, Gillian Dillon-Maher, Sinead Mil-

lea, Brigid Mullally, Marian Downey, Kilkenny, Monica McMahon, Marie Collins, Clare, Cora Keohane, Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan, Vivienne Harris, Fiaon O'Driscoll, Cork, Mairin McAleenan, Nuala Magee, Down, Pamela Nevin, Olivia Broderick, Veronica Curtin, Galway, Kate Kelly, Wexford, Vera Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Limerick.



Niamh Bowes and Helen Walsh with Lord Mayor Cllr Damien Wallace.

Mayor honours winners

CORK'S Junior and Minor All-Ireland winning teams were given a civic reception by Lord Mayor Damien Wallace at the City Hall.

The Lord Mayor praised both teams for bringing two All-Ireland camogie titles back to Cork.

The large attendance included county board officers led by chairperson Sheila Golden.

Also in attendance was Bishop John Buckley and representatives from the army and naval services as well as city councillors. He also congratulated

the under-18 team for their achievement in winning the Munster title and complimented the senior side on taking the Munster and National League honours.

The Mayor went on to pay tribute to the players of both sides.

LORD MAYOR AT RECEPTION



Pictured at a reception hosted by the Lord Mayor at City Hall for the Cork Minor and Junior Camogie teams were Pat Murray, trainer junior team with Helen Walsh from Bandon, captain junior team with Cllr. Damien Wallace, Lord Mayor of Cork.

(Pics: John Sheehan Photography.)



Seen at a Lord Mayor's reception at City Hall for the Cork Minor and Junior Camogie teams were first cousins Clodagh Crowley, Ovens and Collette Desmond, Newcestown, both members of the junior team.

Triumphant Cork camogie sides hosted by Mayor

A civic reception in honour of Cork's All-Ireland winning junior and minor camogie teams was hosted by Lord Mayor Cllr. Damien Wallace at the City Hall last week.

In attendance were the players and mentors on both sides, officers of the county camogie board, Bishop of Cork, Most Rev. Dr John Buckley and Mr Willie Cronin and Mr Liam Harte, representing the teams sponsors, ACC Bank.

In his address, the Lord Mayor said it gave him great pleasure on behalf of the people of Cork to pay tribute to all who contributed to the rebel county's tremendous achievements on the camogie front this year.

"From a GAA point of view, 1999 was one of the best years we have ever enjoyed in Cork. The ladies embarked on the glory trail early in September which was to be followed by our hurlers, and while the foot-

ballers didn't win the All-Ireland final, there is no disputing that they brought great honour to the county as well.

"The one constant over the past few years in a sporting context in Cork, continued the Lord Mayor, is the fact that we have been guaranteed to win at least one All-Ireland in camogie.

"In a county where All-Ireland glory is so important, the one thing that kept us going when the hurlers and footballers weren't doing so well was the success achieved by our various camogie teams.

"I want to congratulate you on giving us so much to celebrate during the lean times in other codes," said the Lord Mayor, who went on to make the point that with success comes a certain amount of responsibility.

"As All-Ireland medal winners, you are obviously stars in your own clubs, and, in this regard, you will find that the younger members will be look-

ing up to you.

EXAMPLE

"So it's very important that you should lead by example, not just on the field of play but in every other aspect of life as well.

"At the end of the day, you will be the role models for the children in your areas, and I have every confidence in you to bear that responsibility well.

"You have already brought great honour to your clubs, to your families and to your friends, and, most importantly of all, to the city and county of Cork, and we are all very proud of you for that," he concluded.

Special presentations were made by the Lord Mayor to junior captain Helen Walsh of Eire Og, minor captain Niamh Bowles of Newtownshandrum, to the respective team coaches, John Cronin and Pat Murray and to camogie board chairperson, Sheila Golden.



Two enthusiastic fans cheering on their team U.C.C. were these girls from Ovens in Mid Cork, Yvonne O'Leary and Carol O'Callaghan.

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Milford girls in double success

Milford4-7
Ballygarvan2-4

Just twelve months after taking the junior B title, Milford were crowned junior A county champions and in the process made it a league and championship double. On Sunday last, they proved too good for a spirited Ballygarvan side.

A Regina Curtin point inside one minute of the game opened the Milford account. This was quickly cancelled out by Cork minor Catriona Kelly for Ballygarvan.

Five minutes into the game, Ballygarvan took the lead when an Emer Dillon attempt at goal was finished to the net by Sally O'Halloran. Inside four minutes, Regina Curtin and Marie Watson had the sides level with two points.

Milford took the lead nine minutes into the contest when they hit three goals inside seven minutes, the first from Emer Watson, who finished sister Marie's shot past the Ballygarvan 'keeper; the second came five minutes later, again from Watson and when Regina Curtin shot a pile driving shot from thirty-five yards out to the back of the net, Milford were

coasting.

Ballygarvan threw everything into the last ten minutes of the half but a resolute Milford defence, superbly marshalled by Christine O'Gorman and Cathy Brosnan, held firm.

IN FRONT

With Milford ahead 3-4 to 1-1 at the interval, Ballygarvan had a mountain to climb, but they came forward and two points from Sally Ann O'Halloran and Deirdre Daly narrowed the gap. O'Gorman and Sexton kept Milford ahead with two points, but Ballygarvan, now playing with more determination, were rewarded with an Emer Dillon point.

Sixteen minutes into the half, Milford looked to have the title sewn up when Deirdre Hayes shot low to the net but refusing to wilt, Ballygarvan were rewarded with a Deirdre Daly goal following good play from Dillon and Kelly.

Ballygarvan came forward, but sloppy shooting saw them record eight wides inside the closing nine minutes. Emer Watson, with a twenty-first minute point, brought proceedings to a close and gave Milford their first junior A county championship title.

After the game, Milford's Christine O'Gorman was named as Player of the Game.

Camogie team gain victory

Dripsey

INNISCARRA junior camogie team has qualified for the county B championship final with an overpowering victory over Carrigtwohill. On the road to this final, Inniscarra were superior to every opposition they met in the championship, including such sides as Aghabullogue in the quarter-final and Kilbrittain.

The semi-final against Carrigtwohill was played at Shanbally on an excellent pitch which defied the ravages of the weather. Playing with a strong wind in the first half, Inniscarra had two quick points after the throw-in from Breda O'Regan and Catherine O'Leary, followed by a great shot from Breda O'Regan that went bullet-like to the net, and set the scene for Inniscarra dominance.

Thus the first half closed at Inniscarra 1-2 no points for Carrigtwohill. The East Cork girls, apparently young and comparatively inexperienced, tried gallantly to improve their overall performance in the second half, but to no avail.

Inniscarra were masters in every department of the pitch. Carrigtwohill's defence seemed powerless to stem attacks mounted by the Inniscarra girls, and goals came from Breda O'Regan, Eavan Forbes, Treasa McCarthy, Evelyn Moynihan and Catherine O'Leary that made the final score Inniscarra, 6-2; Carrigtwohill no score.

Inniscarra team: Emma O'Keeffe, Rose McCarthy, Sheila O'Leary, Geraldine Murphy, Ann O'Sullivan, Ger Keohane, Geraldine O'Mahony, Evelyn Moynihan, Treasa McCarthy, Catherine O'Leary, Breda O'Regan, Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan.

A sub, Eavan Forbes, was one of the scorers. Other subs, M Hegarty, C Hogan, M Lynch, E O'Sullivan, C McSweeney, L O'Connor, L Hannon, C Ryan, L Cronin, A Buckley, S Cronin.

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Senior

club finalist known

PJ Fulham reports on the two All-Ireland club semi-finals played last weekend.

All-Ireland senior club champions Granagh/Ballingarry got the better of Kilkenny champions St. Lachtain's by 1-10 to 1-9 in their All-Ireland senior club championship semi-final played at Ballingarry on Sunday last.

Freshford were much the better side in the opening half. A goal by Martina Maher left them five points in front at the break, 1-4 to 0-2.

The champions raised their game in the second half. A goal by Jean Cullinane and points by Mary O'Connor and Vera Sheehan gave them the lead. Minutes later Catherine McCormack put the sides level. It was now a ding dong battle. Eileen O'Brien was in great scoring form and punished the visitors with her accurate free taking, while her side held on to a one point victory.

Scorers: Granagh: Eileen O'Brien 0-6, Jean Cullinane 1-0, Vera Sheehan 0-2, Catherine Leslie and Mary O'Connor 0-1 each.

Freshford: Martina Maher 1-4, Imelda Kennedy 0-2, Mary Ryan, Esther Kenny and Catherine McCormack 0-1 each. Referee - John Morrissey, Tipperary

Davitts booked their ticket to the All-Ireland Senior Club Championship final with a comprehensive win over Liatroim/Fontenoy's by 4-10 to 0-8 in their semi-final

encounter played at Liatroim.

The first half was evenly enough contested Mary Treacy had the first goal of the game in injury time in the first half to give Davitt's a 1-5 to 0-5 lead at the break.

In the second half Liatroim found it hard to curtail the scoring power of Olivia Broderick and Mary Treacy.

Treacy added two further goals on the tenth and fourteenth minute while Doreen Kelly had the winners fourth goal.

Liatroim tried hard but could not lift their game to their usual standard with Mairin McAleenan prominent as usual.

Scorers: Davitt's - Mary Treacy 3-1, Olivia Broderick 0-6, Doreen Kelly 1-0, Lourda Kavanagh 0-3.

Liatroim - Mairin McAleenan 0-5, Sinead McGovern, Caitriona McCrickard and Lisa Quinn 0-1 each.

Referee - Catherine O'Hara, Antrim

On Sunday next a special event in the camogie calendar takes place at Nenagh, Tipperary at 2pm when All-Ireland senior champions Tipperary play the Rest of Ireland, which will be made up of a selection of players from the senior counties Dublin, Kilkenny, Wexford, Clare, Limerick, Cork, Galway and Down.

At the time of writing the team has not been named.

The main sponsor will be 'Whirlpool Home Appliances' and the proceeds from the match will go to charity.



Noelle Kennedy and Tipperary will face a rest of Ireland team in Nenagh this Sunday

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Granagh-Ballingarry win in classic tie

Granagh/Ballingarry1-10
Freshford1-9

SIXTY minutes plus of incredible camogie at Ballingarry last Sunday, ended with the locals claiming an All Ireland senior cub final spot for the second consecutive year, as well as taking the penultimate step in their back-to-back All Ireland effort.

The huge crowd at the west Limerick venue will always remember this absolute thriller between St. Lachtain's from Freshford and Granagh/Ballingarry.

For sheer skill - not stop action - honest and sporting endeavour and beautiful scoring efforts, the girls representing Limerick and Kilkenny served up a never to be forgotten game. It was a game which certainly proved love and dedication to camogie is far more important than organised planning, which is so much part of under age hurling in Limerick just now. True, the match at Ballingarry was not hurling, but the difference between the codes is so little, that one marvels at the deeds of last Sunday's winners and indeed the losers. The game had everything associated with top quality hurling.

Freshford dominated the opening half. Leading 1-4 to 0-2 at the break was poor reward for their efforts. Nobody would have complained if they led by ten points at this stage, so much did they outplay the home side.

Imelda Kennedy opened the scoring in the first minute - then added another to put Freshford 0-2 ahead. Eileen O'Brien had the opening score for Granagh/Ballingarry in the fifth minute, but it was the Kilkenny girls who took a grip on proceedings.

At the end of the first quarter it was 0-3 to 0-1, a poor reflection on the Freshford dominance. Then came the goal to put a proper look on the scoreboard - Martina Maher, with her back to a crowded Granagh/Ballingarry goalmouth, stroked the ball between her feet to the net. Imelda Kennedy followed with a point and on the stroke of the half hour, Mary O'Connor flashed over Granagh/Ballingarry's second point.

The fresh breeze which blew across the field towards Knockferna, partly aided Granagh/Ballingarry in the second half. This had nothing to do with their five unanswered points inside the first ten minutes of the second half which lev-

elled the scoring. It was courage exemplified. Kathryn Leslie, Eileen O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Jean Cullinane and Eileen O'Brien again who raised white flags to send the home supporters wild on the terraces.

What had been an outstanding contest to this stage, erupted into a super final 20 minutes plus. Imelda Kelly had Freshford back in the lead by a point to break the Granagh/Ballingarry stranglehold, but Jean Cullinane struck for a goal in the 12th minute of the half to put the locals in front for the first time, 1-7 to 1-5.

Imelda Kennedy, Martina Maher and Cathriona Cormac struck three great Freshford points to put the visitors back in front. A dubious free was made the best possible use of by sharpshooter, Eileen O'Brien, to tie up matters once more with seven minutes left. The highly excited attendance continued to be treated with magical fare and the supporters of the black and whites were jumping for joy when Mary O'Con-

nor from play sent over a point. Eileen O'Brien added another from a free to put two points between the teams.

Freshford refused to yield. Imelda Kelly sent over in the 60th minute and in the three minutes added on for stoppages the Granagh/Ballingarry defence came in for anxious moments. The final whistle was sweet music to the winners and utter devastation for the losers. Freshford's might effort failed by a single puck of the ball - they deserved a second bite of the cherry, but it was not to be.

While team efforts was the hallmark of Granagh/Ballingarry's performance, the individual displays of Breda O'Brien, Kay Burke, Bernadette Chawke, Mary O'Connor and Eileen Sheehan deserve special mention. When Freshford look back on the match, they will not be blaming Imelda Kennedy, Sinead Costello, Martina Maher and Helen McGrath for such a narrow defeat.

Scorers - E. O'Brien 0-5, J. Cullinane 1-1, M. O'Connor 0-2, V. Sheehan and K. Leslie 0-1 each for Granagh/Ballingarry. I. Kennedy 0-6, M. Maher 1-1, M. Ryan and C. Cormack 0-1 each.

Granagh/Ballingarry - Breda O'Brien, Patsy McKenna Flynn, Bernie O'Brien, Mairead Cagney, Kay Burke, Bernie Chawke, Maureen Sheehan, Vera Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Aolfe Sheehan, Kathryn Leslie, Joanne Clifford.

Freshford - Helen McGrath, Eimear Connery, Paula Dowling, Mairead Costello, Mary Ellen Butler, Sinead Costello, Emma Fitzpatrick, Margaret Kavanagh, Esther Kennedy, Cora Dowling, Mary Ryan, Imelda Kennedy, Fiona Connery, Jillian Dillon Maher. Subs: Marie O'Connor for Cora Dowling, Cathriona Cormack for Emma Fitzpatrick.

Referee, John Morrissey, Tipperary.



Kay Burke, who captained Granagh-Ballingarry to victory.

Hectic times at many levels for players

CAMOGIE

JOY was unconfined out Knockferna way on Sunday last at about 3.30 when referee John Morrissey brought a thrilling All-Ireland semi-final to a close.

Granagh/Ballingarry were 1-10 to 1-9 winners over outstanding Kilkenny and Leinster champions St. Lachtain's, Freshford.

Newcastlewest qualified for the county under 16A championship final with a 2-1 to 0-4 win over Ballyagran in the replay at Bally on Saturday last. It was a very exciting game. Despite missing chances Bally led at half time. The second half was scoreless until the Magpies pointed at 29 minutes and goal at 32. Bally levelled at 40 but Caislean Nua were not to be denied and forged ahead with a second goal at 47. The final minutes were hectic as two fiercely committed teams battled for the coveted final place. In the end the Magpies held on, desperate defence unrelenting in the face of determined Ballyagran attacks. Newcastlewest meet Granagh/Ballingarry in the final on Sunday December 12.

Newcastlewest: Dyan Carroll, Fiona Fahy, Jennifer Mortell, Nicole Nix, Ide Nic Dhomhnaill, Elizabeth Kelly, Sarah O'Sullivan, Meadhbh de Nais 0-1, Ide McEnery, Sarah O'Connell, Pamela Fitzgerald, Sorcha Nic Dhomhnaill, Aolfe Kennedy, Charlotte Hogan, Karen Whelan 2-0, Subs: Tina Sheehan, Ashley Redmond.

Ballyagran: Sarah O'Mahony, Jennifer Gilbert, Jacqueline O'Connor, Marie Sheehan, Carmel Donnellan, Laura O'Brien, Janice White, Sinead Roche, Una Geary, Brenda McElligott, Alison White, Aisling Madigan, Sinead McAuliffe, Joanne Quinn, Caroline McMahon, Ide McElligott, Maria Treacy, Jenny Carey, Mary O'Mahony.

Eight weeks or so ago the bonfires blazed out in Castleconnell as Ahane applauded their camogie teams win in the county under 14B championship. On Sunday last it was bonfire time again as the proud parish serenaded the U/16 camogie team for their win in the county B championship final.

The win was unexpected. Na Piarasigh were older and more experienced. They fielded many of the team that did well in U/14 in 1997. They won emphatically in the preliminaries. Matters seemed to be going Na Piarasigh's way on Sunday at Patrickswell also when Margaret Leahy, their experienced inter county under 18 converted two frees to give them a 0-2 to 0-0 half time lead! In the second half, however, Ahane with quality input from Maire Fleury, Claire Mulcahy, Aolfe Kennedy and Anna Hourigan gained control and launched a number of attacks, finally getting on the scoreboard with a Maire Fleury goal, from a free, in the 35th minute. Claire Mulcahy added a second in the 29th minute while Maire Fleury made the title safe with a point from a 45 in the 51st minute.

Ahane were deserving winners.

Ahane: Denise Kelleher, Emer Jones, Marie Ryan, Marie Hayes, Aolfe Kennedy, Ellis Mackey, Claire Mulcahy 1-0, Maire Fleury 1-1, Louise Byrnes, Anna Hourigan, Mary Collins, Mary O'Connor, Aine Fleury, Rachel Minihan, Mairead, Laura O'Connor, Catherine O'Keefe, Sarah Crotty, Lorraine Mackey, Slobhan O'Reilly, Fiona O'Dea, Jennifer Hickey, Grace Doherty.

Na Piarasigh: Jean Harty, Sarah Keane, Clara Canty, Mary Cadigan, Kate Foskin, Aolfe Kennedy, Grainne Quilligan, Deirdre Hayes (capt) Karen Downey, Amy Fleming, Gemma Healy, Aolfe Kearney, Margaret Leahy 0-2, Norma Canty, Margaret Enright, Clara Moloney, Karen McMa-

hon, Laura O'Dowd, Samantha Penny, Aisling O'Loughlin, Joanne O'Connor, Nicola Ronan.

Many of the above players will be in attendance at S.M.I. gym on Sunday November 21 when John O'Connor and the county U/16 selectors put the 16's through their paces. Many of the team which beat Tipperary in the semi-final (and lost to Cork in the final) are again eligible. There are four training sessions before Christmas and the final panel will be known by December 12. So those who are interested in challenging for places on the under 16 team of the new millennium should report to M.I.C.E. (Mary D) on November 21.

A win over Killeedy in the final preliminary round in the under 18A league championship will guarantee Newcastlewest a place in the last four. However a defeat for the Magpies will probably result in Killeedy and Bruff. The game against Killeedy is in N.C.W. on Sunday November 14. Killeedy are firm favourites with Aine O'Connell, Deirdre Fitzpatrick, Clare Fitzpatrick, Marie Keating leading their challenge. If Sinead Bunyan is available N.C.W. stand a good chance.

Granagh/Ballingarry and Ballyagran are already in the semis, with Granagh/Ballingarry favourites to win the title for the 14th time since 1983.

The various primary schools championships are in full swing. Limerick's adopted school St. Mary's, Charleville (Eileen O'Brien, Aolfe Sheehan, Kathy Leslie, Laura O'Brien, Alison White) meet Scoil Mhuire, Ennis in the first round of the Munster A championship in Ennis on Wednesday next. If Charleville win, they play arch rivals Nenagh Mercy in Newtownshandrum on Saturday November 20. Also in action this week are Bruff F.C.J. and Scoil Pol Kilfinane. They meet in

the Munster intermediate championship on Wednesday next. To date Bruff have won a low scorer (1-3 to 1-0) against St. Mary's Charleville, while Scoil Pol have lost to Rathkeale Community College.

The above are two of the various camogie championships in existence in Munster. There is also a Munster senior league. This contains some A schools e.g. St. Mary Mercy, Nenagh who hammered S.M.I. Newcastlewest. This week S.M.I. are at home to Tulla in round two. In fact it is a busy term camogie wise for the S.M.I. Their seniors are into round two of the Munster B championship, their juniors are in the junior having lost to Roscrea in round one. John the Baptist C.S. are also playing in the Munster B championship.

The county senior and junior players will go into training shortly. The national leagues begin in February. This year the seniors and juniors play in tandem. Participating teams are in three groups of four. The group winners qualify for the semi-finals, the three runners-up are into the quarter finals. Limerick are grouped with Antrim, Clare and Dublin, all of whom are beatable (Antrim beat Limerick in the 1999 intermediate championship).

On Sunday next there should be an abundance of quality camogie in Nenagh when All-Ireland champions Tipperary take on the rest of Ireland. Honoured with selection on the rest team are Granagh/Ballingarry and Limerick stars Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien. The game is at 2pm.

Finally those with an interest in the development of camogie in Limerick will ensure that they are in attendance at the Dunraven Arms at Adare on Tuesday November 30 when the County Camogie Board A.G.M. takes place.

Coachford win close tussle

Coachford.....1-8
Carrigaline.....1-6

The quarter-final of the Cork Colleges Intermediate camogie championship was played at a windswept Coachford pitch with the home team defeating competition favourites, Carrigaline Community College, in a close tussle.

Although conditions were not conducive to good camogie, Ciara Murphy from Coachford was in top form and scored 1-3 for the Muskerry side. Her stickwork, balance and tenacity were of intercounty standard and really proved to be the difference between the sides.

The game started with a flourish when Murphy scored a point after two minutes. Carrigaline responded immediately with Muireann Conlon scoring a point and Trisha O'Sullivan adding another. It was apparent from the start that both teams were similarly matched and when Michelle O'Regan converted a thirty for Coachford after Amy Morgan had saved an effort from Margaret McCarthy, Carrigaline's Muireann Conlon scored her second point to put the Carrigaline school ahead again. Katie Roche, June Fitzgibbon and Trisha Lehane had the measure of the Carrigaline forwards, but Catriona Crowley was having difficulty curtailing Muireann Conlon at centre-forward.

Maria Twomey from Coachford and Trisha O'Sullivan exchanged points before the irrepressible Ciara Murphy scored a fine goal after good

approach play from Siobhán O'Leary and Norma Madden. The next score typified the nature of the game with Muireann Conlon giving Claire Hogan no chance to put Carrigaline ahead by the narrowest of margins at half time.

Coachford coach Ollie Troy made some shrewd positional changes when moving Trish Lehane to marshal Conlon, captain Cathriona Crowley to full-forward and Mairead Ennaguesse to midfield (sister of senior captain Anne). Crowley immediately made an impact by scoring a point but yet again Carrigaline regained the lead through Niamh Murphy who scored another to put two between the sides.

Coachford bolstered their tiring defence by introducing Ann Byrne and Christine Hogan and began to take the initiative with ten minutes remaining. Maria Twomey scored a point and Murphy, after a fine solo run, equalised from an acute angle. Three minutes from full time, Catriona Crowley converted a thirty after extended pressure from the Coachford forwards and, with O'Leary and O'Regan dominating matters at centre-field, Crowley played a captain's role and secured victory with another point to leave the final score Coachford 1-8, Carrigaline 1-6.

THE TEAMS

Coachford: C. Hogan, K. Roche, J. Fitzgibbon, T. Lehane, C. Crowley (0-2), S. O'Leary, M. O'Regan 0-1, N. Madden, M. Twomey (0-2), C. Murphy (1-3), M. Ennaguesse, M. McCarthy, and subs, A. Byrne, C. Hogan, E. Foley, E. O'Keeffe and K. O'Sullivan.

Carrigaline: A. Morgan, L. O'Driscoll, V. Doherty, C. O'Keeffe, J. O'Keeffe, N. Murphy (0-2), J. Kiernan, A. Collins, M. Conlon (1-2), N. Corcoran, T. O'Sullivan, S. O'Halloran and sub, J. O'Keeffe.

CAMOGIE/Challenge

Champions fall

ALL-IRELAND camogie champions Tipperary were emphatically defeated by a skilful Rest of Ireland side at McDonagh Park, Nenagh, yesterday.

Tipperary lined out with 13 of the history-making side which captured Tipperary's first All-Ireland camogie title, while many inter-county stars lined out for the Rest of Ireland.

And, despite stern resistance, Tipperary never looked to be in control of the game, which was peppered with excellent snippets of action.

Approaching half-time Tipperary found themselves 1-6 to 2-5 in arrears, despite some fine displays from Deirdre Hughes, Emer McDonnell and Ciara Gaynor.

Following the interval, the Rest

REST OF IRELAND..... 4-12
TIPPERARY..... 2-8

of Ireland team capitalised upon mistakes in the Tipperary defence to impose their dominance on the game. With 15 minutes remaining, the Rest of Ireland forged into an unassailable lead thanks to fine displays from Sinead Millea and Fiona O'Driscoll to run out easy winners.

REST OF IRELAND: M. Holland (Kilkenny), D. Cronin (Cork), E. Duggan (Cork), P. Nevin (Galway), O. Broderick (Galway), G. Maher (Kilkenny, capt), M. Collins (Clare), M. McMahon (Clare) 0-2, S. Millea (Kilkenny) 0-3, M. Downey (Kilkenny), V. Harris, M. McAleenan (Down) 1-0, F. O'Driscoll (Cork) 2-2, V. Sheehan (Limerick), I. Kirwan 0-1. **Sub:** V. Curtis 0-2, E. O'Brien 0-2, B. Mullaney 1-0. **TIPPERARY:** J. Delaney, S. Kelly, U. O'Dwyer, C. Madden, M. Stokes, C. Gaynor, S. Nealon, E. Hayden, A. McDermott, N. Kennedy (0-5, two frees, two 45s), T. Brophy, C. Hennessy, E. McDonnell (1-2), D. Hughes (1-0), P. Fogarty (0-1).



Foireann Uile-Éireann

- Miriam Ni Aoláin, Cill Chainnigh
Miriam Holland
- Denise Ni Chroimin, Corcaigh
Denise Cronin
- Eithne Ni Dhuagáin, Corcaigh
Eithne Duggan
- Pamela Nic Cnáimhin, An Ghaillimh
Pamela Nevin
- Oilbhe Ni Bhruadair, An Ghaillimh
Olivia Broderick
- Gillian Ui Mheachair, Cill Chainnigh
Gillian Maher, **Captain**
- Maire Ni Choileáin, An Clár
Marie Collins
- Maire Nic Mhatlúna, An Clár
Maire McMahon
- Sinead Ni Mhaolaidh, Cill Chainnigh
Sinead Millea
- Marina Ni Dhunáigh, Cill Chainnigh
Marina Downey
- Béibhinn Ni Earchai, Corcaigh
Vivienne Harris
- Irene Ni Chiarabháin, Áth Cliath
Irene Kirwan
- Máirín Nic Giolla Fhinnéin, An Dún
Máirín Nic Giolla Fhinnéin
- Fiona Ni Dhrisceoil, Corcaigh
Fiona O'Driscoll
- Vera Ni Shiocháin, Luimneach
Vera Sheehan
- Córa Ni Cheaocáin, Corcaigh
Córa Keohane
- Germaine Ni Nuanáin, Áth Cliath
Germaine Noonan
- Nuala Mhic Aoidh, An Dún
Nuala Magee
- Veronica Nic Cuirtin, An Ghaillimh
Veronica Curtin
- Eibhlín Ni Bhriain, Luimneach
Eileen O'Brien
- Brid Ni Mhaolaidh, Cill Chainnigh
Brigid Mullaly

Tiobraid Árann



- Jovita Ni Dhubhshláine, Cashel
Jovita Delaney
- Siobhán Ni Cheallaigh, Toomevara
Suzanne Kelly
- Una Ni Dhuibhir, Cashel
Una O'Dwyer
- Clár Ni Mhadáin, Portroe
Claire Madden
- Méadhbh de Stóc, Cashel
Méadhbh Stokes, **Captain**
- Ciara Nig Fhionnbhairr, Kilruane/
Ciara Gaynor McDonagh
- Sinead Ni Nialláin, Burgess
Sinead Nealon
- Emile Ni Eideáin, Cashel
Emily Hayden
- Aingeal Nic Diarmada, Knochavilla/
Angela McDermott Kickhams
- Noelle Ni Chinnéide, Toomevara
Noelle Kennedy
- Treasa Ni Bhróithe, Burgess
Therese Brophy
- Léan Ni Chadhlá, Drom and Inch
Helen Kiely
- Eimhear Ni Dhomhnaill, Burgess
Emer McDonnell
- Deirdre Nic Aodha, Toomevara
Deirdre Hughes
- Niamh Ni Earcáin, Drom and Inch
Niamh Harkin
- Laoise Ni Riain, Holycross
Louise Ryan
- Caitriona Nic Aonghusa, Drom and Inch
Caitriona Hennessy
- Filimíne Ni Fhógartaigh, Cashel
Philomena Fogarty
- Sheena Nic Íomhair, Burgess
Shenna Howard
- Máire Ni Earcáin, Drom and Inch
Maria Harkin
- Léan Chaimpion, Cashel
Helen Campion
- Nóra Ni Dhuáin, Toomevara
Nora Dwane
- Gráinne Ni Sheancháin, Toomevara
Gráinne Shanahan



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CO. CAMOGIE

Rest of Ireland finish strongest

Rest of Ireland 4-12; Tipperary 2-8

The 'Whirlpool' rest of Ireland senior camogie team lived up to their sponsors name on Sunday last in McDonagh Park, Nenagh when they faced All-Ireland senior camogie champions Tipperary in a new competition to the camogie scene.

It is the first time that an All-Ireland team has been selected to play the All-Ireland championships and all in aid of charity.

The All-Ireland champions started well and looked confident and in control. They had an Eimear McDonnell point to their credit early in the game, followed shortly by a low ball to the back of the opposition net, again by Eimear. However, it wasn't all Tipp's game as the rest of Ireland side were picking off points at the other end, pulling down Tipp's lead.

Both sides were serving up some great play with points coming from Philly Fogarty, Noelle Kennedy, Eimear McDonnell, Irene Kirwan, Sinead Millea, Moira McMahon and a goal from Miriam McAleenan. The Tipp back line were under constant attack and some great defending skills were to the fore. Centre back Ciara Gaynor was having the game of her life, blocking down, attacking and preventing, but with such pressure and force, something had to give and it was Miriam McAleenan's free that caught the Tipp net. A free that yielded in a low ball been sent in and looked as if it could have been cleared from the danger zone. At half time the score read Rest of Ireland 2-5, Tipperary 1-6.

It was Kilkenny's Sinead Millea who opened the second half with a point and from there on the rest of Ireland team ran a whirlwind around the Tipp defence, with the play dominating the Tipp end of the pitch. The All-Ireland champions could not get the better, no matter how hard they fought back, of a more organised looking team that found each other quicker and spread the play around more.

The Tipp side managed two more Noelle Kennedy points coming from 45's, while just minutes from full time, Deirdre Hughes broke through heavy marking, momentarily lost possession as she slipped but going down, she managed to get her foot to the ball and kicked it to the corner of the opposition net. It was a brave effort and typical Hughes style. Two more points came from the opposition before the whistle left the full time score at Rest of Ireland, 4-12; Tipperary 2-8.

It was a spirited game throughout and a pleasure to

watch the 'Cream of Camogie' in the Country at this very point in time. A star studded line out coming together for this historic occasion and on Tipperary soil too.

Picking a player of the match was indeed a difficult decision and in the end it was Clare's Marie Collins who received the crystal for her super outstanding individual performance.

A special rule in relation to this competition is that an unlimited number of substitutes can be made and both sides took full advantage of this rule, making several changes throughout, giving girls a opportunity to play in such a competition.

Tipperary however did not line out as per programme fielding Caitriona Hennessy and Philomena Fogarty in place of Helen Kiely and Niamh Harkin respectively.

Scores came from: Fiona O'Driscoll, Cork (2-2); Moira McMahon, Clare (0-2); Irene Kirwan, Dublin (0-1); Sinead Millea, Kilkenny (0-3, 2x45's); Miriam McAleenan, Down (1-0); Veronica Curtin, Galway (0-2); Eileen O'Brien, Limerick (0-2); Bridget Mulally, Kilkenny (1-0).

Tipperary scores came from Emer McDonnell, Burgess (1-2); Philly Fogarty, Cashel (0-1); Noelle Kennedy, Toomevara (0-5, 2x45's, 2 frees); Deirdre Hughes, Toomevara (1-0).

Referee: Aine Derham, Dublin.

Congratulations to Deirdre Hughes who has been selected as the Eirec Player of the year 1999. Well done Deirdre.

ANOTHER GAME FOR CHARITY

The girls are out again next Sunday the 21st at 2.30 p.m. in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny against their All-Ireland opponents Kilkenny in a game that is been organised for charity.

Forthcoming Fixtures: The U/14 League blitz will take place this coming Saturday the 20th in various venue's in the County. For full details, contact your club secretary as details are not available at time of going to print.

Results: U/16 B final: Templemore 4-5, Silvermines 2-4; U/12 A League final: Silvermines 2-1, Gaels 1-0. U/12 B League final: Portroe 3-2, Moneygall nil.

SILVERMINES:

U/12: On Saturday last our u/12's had their county semi-final in the blitz in which they played Drom/Inch. It was a ten minute aside game and for the whole twenty minutes our girls fought hard in every position.

At half-time our girls were one point up after M. Devany got a very good point from a dif-

ficult position. The second half was just as good with M. Devany scoring another two points and J. Nolan scoring a goal leaving the final score 1-3, 0-0 in favour of our girls.

Shortly afterwards we were to play the Gaels in the final. This game was fifteen long as was just as exciting with J. Nolan scoring a point in the first half, leaving the half-time score 0-1, 1-0 in favour of the Gaels girls. The second half was fought with great determination by all sides with the 'Mines girls coming out best when the substitute N. Fahey scored an excellent goal sealing the victory for the 'Mines girls.

The panel was: N. Hannon, M. McDonnell, J. Chadwick, J. O'Brien, R. Kennedy, A. Sheehy (C.), C. Devany, G. Ryan, H. Ryan, C. Kelly, C. Kennedy, D. O'Brien, C. Corkery, N. Fahey, F. Kennedy.

They would like to thank Jack and the two Mary's for all the hard work they did with the girls through the year; the referee; their supporters and Gaels, Drom/Inch for two very good and sporting matches.

U/16: On Sunday our u/16's took on Templemore in their County Final. It was a tough match for both sides with everyone fighting hard. Our girls were very unlucky not to win as it was a very exciting match and both sides deserved to win for the performance they had. The full time score was 5-4 to 3-3 in favour of Templemore.

The panel was: J. Nolan, C. Ryan, C. Ryan, N. Keogh, M. Keogh, S. O'Doherty, E. Dunlea, A. Forde (1-2), S. Kennedy, M. Coughlan (1-0), M. O'Donoghue (0-1), G. Gleeson, T. Timmons, M. Devany, E. Ryan (1-0), H. Ryan, A. Ryan, O. McDonagh (C.).

They would like to thank Liam, Jack and Noreen for all the work they put in during the year; the referee; Templemore for an excellent game and all their loyal supporters.

U/14: Our u/14's have their blitz next Saturday. We wish them the best of luck and hope that they will be successful. Players will be notified of fixtures as they are not yet out.

BURGESS:

Congrats: Pride of place goes this week to our Junior hurlers, who won the County Final last Saturday. This was a very hard earned victory as both teams were very evenly matched. The game was of the highest standard and both players and mentors are to be congratulated. Hard luck to a very gallant J.K. Brackens.

Visitors: We had Ballinteer, Dublin, to our club on Sunday and we played a challenge game with them. It was a very closely contested game and our girls put up a very good performance.

Blitz: We play in the U/14 Blitz on next Saturday in Kilcoleman, starting at 11.30 a.m. The following players are to be in attendance.

Norma Hanrahan (Capt), Michelle Griffin, Mary Ryan, Aoife Naughton, Claire Maxwell, Ann Marie Rohan,

Patricia Hogan, Lisa Howard, Sarah Hayes, Emer O'Connell, Ann Marie O'Brien, Sinead Quinlan, Aoife Ryan, Claire Kearns, Ruth Barry, Mary Cremin, Tracey Seymour, Elaine King, Denise Darcy, Marian Hogan, Stephanie Madden, Deirdre Cavanagh, all to be in field at 11 a.m.

College Game: The very best of luck to our girls who play for St. Mary's against Charleville next Saturday in the Senior Colleges Munster Championships. We are due a win here and are capable of doing so.

Training: This Friday night at 8 p.m. for the U/18 panel and on Sunday at 11 a.m.

There will be no training for U/12 and beginners this Saturday due to the U/14 blitz; however all are invited to the blitz competition.

PORTROE:

Congratulations to our U/12 girls who beat Moneygall in the County B League final on Saturday last in Drom camogie pitch.

All the girls played extremely well against very good opposition. The final score was 3-2 to 0-0 with goals from Sabrina White, Aine Kennedy and 1-2 from Corina Lawlor. This was a very good result and is a reflection of all the hard work and training the girls have put in during the year.

The panel was: S. Ryan, D. Shouldice, R. Shouldice, E. O'Brien, D. O'Sullivan, M. Gleeson, T. McLoughlin, C. Lawlor (Capt), S. White, A. Kennedy, J. Cottrell, O. Dillon. Subs: T. Shouldice, J. Domah, L. Hickey, S. Kennedy, O. Sheedy, L. McLoughlin.

U/18: We play Borna in Portroe at 12.30 on Sunday 21st. All support will be greatly appreciated. Training will be held Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

MONEYGALL:

U-12 league: On Saturday 6th our u-12 team travelled to Drom to play in the league which was played as a blitz and they faced both Burgess and St. Cronan's, Roscrea. This is a really young team, and they had to pull out all the stops to win these games and win they did.

Panel: Niamh Whyte, Fiona Kennedy, Michelle Kirwan, Sinead Kirwan, Sarah Doherty, Lisa Marie Spillane, Marie Bergin, Annette Maher, Kreista Lynn O'Brien, Ellen Donnelly, Niamh Greene, Laura Newe, Aileen Moten, Mary Ryan, Lisa Larkin, Amy Ryan.

On Saturday last they travelled to the county camogie pitch in the Ragg to take on Portroe in the final of the league. This game was very keenly contested, but we were up against a much bigger and stronger team who managed to score 1-1 to our no score.

Well done girls, it was a great achievement to have done so well at this late stage of the year.

Panel: Niamh White, Fiona Kennedy, Michelle Kirwan, Sinead Kirwan, Sarah Doherty, Lisa Marie Spillane, Marie Bergin, Annette Maher, Kreista Lynn O'Brien, Ellen Donnelly, Niamh Greene, Laura Newe, Aileen Moten, Aisling Newe, Mary Ryan, Sinead Greene, Donna Ryan.

Carrigaline Notes

shot from a very acute angle. Barryroe did manage to cause some trouble in the Carrig backline but the defence was tight and cleared their lines well. This left the two sides going in at half-time on a score of Carrigaline 1-1 to Barryroe's 0-0. The second half was much of the same story with Barryroe dominating the first ten minutes. However, like Carrigaline in the first half, they couldn't put their chances away, though this was due much to the steely determination of the Carrig backs who were going to let nothing past. Carrig began to take their chances better in the second half. Emma Greene increased Carrigaline's lead with a goal half way through which she shortly followed with a pulsating free which went straight to the back of the Barryroe net. Avril Cooney added a point to her one already when she put a free over the bar from a long distance out. Barryroe then took over again for the last five minutes of the game but all they could manage was a point from a 'forty-five'. It was by no means a great game of camogie but this didn't matter to Carrigaline as they sailed on through to the final of the competition on Sunday, November 28, against Inniscarra. To even have a chance of beating Inniscarra, Carrigaline will have to raise their game a hundred per cent for this big occasion and there is no doubt that they will, for as they showed against St. Catherine's last week, if they put their heart and soul into it they can win any game they want to. The match finished up on a score of Carrigaline 3-2, Barryroe 0-1. So Carrigaline are now on for the double in their junior campaign this year with both the championship and league finals coming up. However the under 16s are up for it too when they meet St. Catherine's away in the semi-final of the championship on Sunday next, November 21. Team: Rose Harrington, Caitriona O'Mahony, Siobhan Cooney, Avril Cooney, Marie Scully, Jennifer Fogarty, Joanne O'Keeffe, Jaqui O'Keeffe, Maura Brogan, Niamh Murphy, Grace Harrington, Denise O'Connell, Muireann Conlon, Clodagh Fitzgerald and Emma Greene.

CAMOGIE CLUB

Last Sunday our junior team travelled to Newcestown to play Barryroe in the semi-final of the 1999 junior 'B' championship. This was the first time this team has reached this stage in this competition. Conditions were good with dry weather and a gentle breeze blowing across the field, however the ground was very sticky which resulted in a lot of fumbling around the field of play and this in turn led to many squandered chances. Carrigaline opened the brighter side and piled the pressure on the Barryroe defence, so much so that the Carrig half-backline trio were actually playing in the mid-field area and beyond. Carrig opened the scoring with a free from Avril Cooney. For the remainder of the first half the Carrig forwards continued to pile on the pressure but just couldn't find their range with their shooting. A lot of chances went begging before Clodagh Fitzgerald eventually found the net with a blistering

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Milford Junior A County Champions - Back Row L/R: Elaine O'Riordan, Emer Watson, Aileen Healy, Elaine Savage, Julie Hickey, Deirdre Reilly, Sinead Reilly, Noelle O'Riordan, Regina Curtin, Elizabeth Lenihan, Selina O'Regan, Aoife Dillon and Sharon Lenihan. Front Row L/R: Patricia O'Riordan, Kathy Brosnan, Maria Watson, Christine O'Gorman, Lelia Long (captain), Bridget Geary, Imelda Sexton, Deirdre Hayes, Eimear O'Friel. Missing from photo is Siobhan Lenihan and Lisa Healy.

Templemore Camogie—

Under 16s win county title

IN the county under 16 final in the Ragg on Sunday last Templemore staged a late rally to defeat a determined Silvermines team on the score of 5-4 to 3-3.

Played in ideal conditions Claire Grogan opened the scoring with a point after one minute. However, two minutes later Silvermines received a great boost with a goal. The next ten minutes were evenly contested, with both defences on top, making scores difficult to come by. Claire Grogan reduced the deficit with a pointed free after thirteen minutes and in the eighteenth minute Templemore got the break they badly needed when a long delivery from Noelle Bergin dropped under the bar into the net with Claire Grogan bearing in on goal to pounce on any goalkeeping error.

Silvermines added two pointed frees to a Claire Grogan point to leave Templemore ahead at the interval by the minimum 1-3 to 1-2.

It was still anybody's

game and the strong and determined Silvermines team were not going to go down without a gallant fight. Noelle Bergin edged Templemore further ahead with a point after four minutes but there followed an eighteen minute spell before Templemore registered their next score.

Silvermines kept plugging away and their efforts were duly rewarded when they score a goal in the twelfth minute to lead by 2-2 to 1-14. Sensing victory, Silvermines pushed forward and an excellent point from an acute angle put them two ahead after 19 minutes.

Templemore looked to be in trouble but as happened on so many occasions before, Claire Grogan came to their rescue. Within two minutes she turned the game decisively in Templemore's favour with two excellent goals that would do justice to any hurler.

Noelle Bergin added two late goals to open up a 5-4 to 2-2 lead.

Just before the final whistle Silvermines added a goal

to leave Templemore winners by a seven points margin.

Team: Sinead Bourke, Tara Johnston, Ashling Brennan, Fiona Purcell, Patricia Ryan, Brid Jones, Patricia Jones, Jean Timmons, Catherine Ryan, Sarah Ryan, Clare Grogan (2-3, 0-1 free), Sinead Scully, Aileen Brennan, Noelle Bergin (3-1), Siobhan Brennan.

Subs.: Marguerite Bourke, Siobhan Kiely, Brid Keely, Elaine Burke.

FIXTURES

Under 14 A county league, Templemore v. Silvermines in the Ragg at 1.30 on Saturday next.

Under 14 A county league, Templemore v. Knockavilla in the Ragg at 12. One team to come out of above three for final at 1.30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee meeting in Eddie Joe's on Tuesday night next, November 23rd at 8.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend.



Fileas Ní Bhreasláin

Focal ón Uachtarán

Is mór ar fad again é fáilte a chur romhaibh uilig go dtí an cluiche seo idir Thiobraid Árann, buaiteoirí Chraobhchomórtas na Sinsear, agus Foireann Uile-Éireann. Tréasláim arís le Thiobraid Árann agus déanaim comhghairdeas leis na himreoirí uilig a roghnaíodh ar Fhoireann Uile-Éireann. Táim cinnte de go mbeidh an-chluiche go deo ann idir na sár-imreoirí seo.

This is a special occasion in many respects. It is the first time that an All-Ireland team has been selected to play the All-Ireland Champions. Tiobraid Árann won the Bord na Gaeilge All-Ireland Championship for the first time ever in 1999 and Whirlpool, long associated with the Crócaigh Chill Mochuda All-Ireland seven a-sides, is sponsoring one of our national events for the first time.

Chun cur leis an scéal, M.M.L., medal manufacturer for Cumann Camógaiochta na nGael, is sponsoring the medals for the match while O'Neill's Sports Company has designed the uniform for Foireann Uile-Éireann. Táimid go mór faoi chomaoín acu uilig agus ag Frank Murphy, Hermes P.R. Consultants, a bhíonn ag obair de shíor ar ár son.

In welcoming the players, I am delighted to have the opportunity to thank them for the many wonderful displays which they have given during the year, for their sportsmanship and commitment, and for the entertainment and excitement which they have provided for us. Gabhaim buíochas leis na Réiteoirí agus leis na hoifigigh a chuir go mór le himeachtaí na bliana. Gura fada buan iad uilig. Gabhaim buíochas chomh maith le muintir Chumann Lúthchleas Gael anseo in Aonach Urmhúthán a chuir an pháirc ar fáil dóinn don chluiche seo inniu.

Go mbaine sibh uilig spórt agus cool as imeachtaí an lae.

Fileas Ní Bhreasláin, Uachtarán.

Craobhchomórtas na Sinsear, 1999

faoi urraíocht ag
Bord na Gaeilge

An Chéad Bhabhta

Corcaigh 7-24
Loch Garman 0-12

An Dún 3-14
Ath Cliath 3-09

Cill Chainnigh 2-08
An Ghaillimh 1-08

Tiobraid Árann 1-18
An Clár 1-06

Corcaigh 5-18
Luimneach 0-02

Na Cluichí Leathcheannais

Tiobraid Árann 6-22

An Dún 1-03

Cill Chainnigh 2-12

Corcaigh 1-13

An Cluiche Ceannais

Tiobraid Árann
0-12

Cill Chainnigh
1-08



Jillian Ní Dhiolúin, Cill Chainnigh
Foireann Uile-Éireann



Méandhbh de Scóir
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Carrig safely through to final

Carrigaline 3-2
Barryroe 0-1

CARRIGALINE advanced to the Junior 'B' Championship final when they recorded a 3-2 to 0-1 win over Barryroe at Newcestown on Sunday last.

Dominating the exchanges in the opening quarter, Carrigaline opened the scoring with a point from Avril Cooney after ten minutes of play.

Fifteen minutes into the half a cross from Muireann Conlon found Clodagh Fitzgerald on the edge of the square and she made no mistake to give Carrigaline a 1-1 advantage.

Superb goal-keeping from Rose Harrington kept Barryroe at bay.

Barryroe threw everything into the second half but again a tremendous display from Harrington kept them at bay.

Dictate

Carrigaline switched Niamh Murphy to centre field and she proceeded to dictate matters.

An Emma Green goal 15 minutes into the second half stretched the Carrigaline lead, and continuing to press they were rewarded with a further goal again from Green with four minutes on the clock a Barryroe point from Deirdre Walsh was answered by Avril Cooney to put Carrigaline safely through to meet Inniscarra in the final on Sunday, November 28.

Coachford beat Carrigaline Community College 1-8 to 1-6 in the quarter final of the Cork Colleges Intermediate Championship which was played at Coachford in what was a close and hard fought encounter.

They go through to a semi-final with either Mayfield or Presentation Mitchelstown.

Christ The King beat Presentation Ballyphehane 2-10 to 1-5 in a replayed quarter final.

Despite a determined effort, the Ballyphehane girls failed to hold off the challenge of a strong Christ The King side who fielded Cork minors Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly in their line-out.

A marvellous individual display from 13-year-old Denise Twomey who contributed all of her side's scores, put St Catherine's through to a semi-final meeting with Carrigaline in the Under 16 'B' Championship quarter-final.

With her side leading 2-1 to 0-2 at half time, Twomey continued to dictate matters in the second half, adding 1-1 to her side's total to put them through.

A top class display from Newcestown saw them book a final place when they hosted Killeagh on Saturday in the semi-final of the Under 16 'B' championship where they ran out 4-9 to 1-0 winners.



Vera Sheehan of Granagh/Ballingarry clashes with Freshford's Sinead Costelloe in the All-Ireland Senior semi-final.

Champs defend crown

ALL-IRELAND club champions Granagh/Ballingarry of Limerick will defend their title on Sunday week in the county village of Tynagh.

The champions face a tough test in the west against home representatives Davitts and the Limerick team's coach Mike Chawke has warned his side's fans not to be over confident.

"There is a feeling throughout Limerick that we are unbeatable," admitted Chawke.

"Nothing could be further from the truth in such a tough environment as club camogie."

Granagh/Ballingarry beat Freshford in the semi-final.

Stage is set for a titanic colleges semi-final showdown

St. Mary's aiming to close in on fifth title

THE big game on the colleges front this weekend is the meeting of Munster and All-Ireland champions St Mary's Charleville and St Mary's Nenagh in the Munster Post Primary Senior Championship semi-final.

Holders Charleville enter the game with an awesome record, having won the last four Munster titles and are going for a record four All-Ireland titles in a row, a feat previously achieved by only St Raphael's, Loughrea, who took eight titles in a row from '85 to '92.

Saturday will see St Mary's field a new-look side following the departure of no fewer than five of last year's team.

There's also a big doubt surrounds the availability of injured Cork All-Ireland winning captain Niamh Bowles.

However they still boast a formidable line-up, including the exciting Grenagh/Ballingarry and Limerick star Eileen O'Brien, Cork minor Aine Kelleher, Christine O'Gorman and Marie Watson, Grenagh/Ballingarry's Catherine Lesley and Alison White.

Nenagh, for their part,

Magic moments

26 - Brian Cody captained Kilkenny to All-Ireland glory in 1982. His wife Elsie Walsh won an All-Ireland senior camogie medal with Wexford in 1975 and is now actively involved in coaching at national level.

have been knocking at the door for several years.

They field a strong side, built around the experience of Tipperary seniors Emer McDonnell and Sheenagh Howard.

Craft

And Deirdre McDonnell, who led the county intermediate side to provincial glory earlier in the year, Anna Woods and Denise Ryan certainly have the know how and craft to topple the champions.

● In the U-18 championship, a tremendous display from Milford, with the Watson sisters and Christine O'Gorman in fine form, saw them record a 6-10 to 1-1



Mary Watson lines out for St Mary's Charleville on Saturday.

victory over Fr O'Neills.

An Eilish Horgan goal in the opening half gave Glen Rovers a 1-2 to 0-1 half time lead over Bishopstown in a closer encounter at the Glen Field.

Bishopstown staged a determined rally and a Bred Sheehan goal them cut the deficit with seven minutes on the clock, but Glen, with points from Horgan and Niamh Goulding, held on to win 1-4 to 1-2.

Leading at half time, 3-5

to 1-6, the Rest of Ireland selection ran out convincing winners over All-Ireland senior champions Tipperary when the sides met in a challenge at Nenagh last Sunday.

With Tipperary's Emer McDonnell contributing 1-3 of her sides total in the opening half, the champion looked to be in control.

But the switch of Cork's Viv Harris to mark McDonnell worked well and she curbed the Tipp ace.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS
Exhibition Match, Nenagh: Rest of Ireland 4-12 Tipperary 2-8.

Cork Junior B Championship semi final: Carrigaline 3-2, Barryroe 0-1.

U16 'B' Championship semi final: Newcestown 4-9; Killeagh 1-0.

U16 'B' Championship quarter final: St Catherine's 3-2, Youghal 0-4.

U18 Championship: Glen Rovers 1-4, Bishopstown 1-2; Milford 6-10, Fr O'Neills 1-1.

Cork Colleges Senior B Championship quarter final: Christ King 2-10, Presentation, Ballyphehane 1-5.

FIXTURES

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20
Munster Post Primary Senior semi final: St Mary's Charleville v St Mary's Nenagh, at Cork venue, 2pm.

Under 16 'A' Championship: Aghabullogue v Cloughduv, Cloughduv, 12 noon.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21
Under 18 Championship: St Finbar's v Newcestown, St Finbar's, 12 noon, ref Bishopstown; Courcy Rovers v Inniscarra, Inniscarra, 11am.

Under 16 'A' Championship: Barryroe v Glen Rovers, Barryroe, 2.30pm.

Under 16 'B' Championship semi final: Carrigaline v St Catherine's, St Catherine's, 2.30pm, Ref Betty Joyce.

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John The Baptist School, Hospital camogie team, who defeated Rathkeale Community College in the Senior Schools Camogie Championship.

Charleville outplayed by Nenagh

St Mary's, Nenagh
St Mary's, Charleville

3-8
1-4

MUNSTER and All Ireland senior post primary champions, St Mary's Charleville surrendered their title at Newtownshandrum on Saturday when they had no answer to a powerful St Mary's Nenagh side in the Munster semi-final. The challengers led by one goal at half time, thanks to a 25th minute strike from Denise Ryan after an evenly contested opening half which had seen the scores level 1-3 apiece before Ryan finished to the net following good play by the Nenagh forwards.

Boosted by their half time lead, Nenagh stretched their advantage with a pointed Sheena Howard free one minute into the second-half. Eileen O'Brien replied from a placed ball for Charleville but this was to be their only score of the second-half. Five minutes later Tipperary senior inter-county star Emer McDonnell hand-passed to the net after her superb 30-yard solo run and the die was cast for Charleville.

With their ace player Eileen O'Brien well marshalled by Anna Woods and Nenagh captain Mary Rose Ryan, Charleville found scores hard to come by. And it was Nenagh, continuing to dominate, who bought proceedings to a close with a Denise Ryan point with two minutes remaining.

They now meet last season's All Ireland Senior B winners, Clonakilty.

Scorers: Nenagh: Sheena Howard 1-4 (2 frees); Emer McDonnell 1-3; Denise Ryan 1-1; Charleville: Eileen O'Brien 0-4 (2 frees, 1 from 30), Edwina Boyce 1-0. **NENAGH:** A. Kiffene, S. McCarthy, MR Ryan (captain), S. Howard, D. Slattery, A. Mulcahy, N. Hogan, A. Woods, D. McDonnell, E. McDonnell, C. McCarthy, D. Ryan. Sub: A. Forde for N. Hogan. **CHARLEVILLE:** A. Sheehan, N. O'Riordan, C. O'Gorman, L. O'Brien, A. Kelleher, D. Hayes, C. Leslie, A. White, E. O'Brien (captain), E. O'Friel, M. Watson, E. Boyce. Subs: N. Bowles for D. Hayes, L. Lohan for D. Boyce.

Referee: B. Joyce (Kilkeogh)

Charleville have the edge

TODAY'S clash of Munster and All-Ireland Senior "A" Post Primary champions St Mary's, Charleville, and their namesakes St Mary's, Nenagh, brings together two of the strongest faces in college camogie, who will battle for a place in the Munster Final.

Holders of four All-Ireland senior titles in a row, the Charleville side are aiming to emulate St Raphael's, Loughrea, who took an unprecedented eight titles in a row from 1985 to 1992. However in order to achieve their aim the Charleville girls know they have a huge task ahead.

Having lost the services of five of last year's All-Ireland winning side they have had to mould in some of their younger panel members to their starting line-out this season. In saying this, however, the girls are all seasoned campaigners and have enormous experience at club and intercounty level.

The side can still call on Eileen O'Brien of Grenagh-Ballingarry and Limerick fame who enjoyed a wonderful season last year, taking Colleges and Club All-Ireland championship medals and also being voted The Examiner Camogie Player of the Year.

Cork minors Christine O'Gorman, Marie Watson and Aine Kelleher are joined by Laura Leslie and Alison White but the side may have to field without the services of Cork minor All-Ireland winning captain Niamh Bowles who is nursing an injury and unlikely to play.

Nenagh make no secret of their ambitions this season. The inclusion of nine leaving cert students gives an indication of the team's strength.

Tipperary seniors Emer McDonnell and Sheila Howard spearhead a side that includes Tipperary's intermediate captain Deirdre

McDonnell, Denis Ryan and Anna Woods.

With the sides having been rivals all the way up over several years of Colleges competition, Charleville have always had the edge. The loss of Caoimhe Harrington, Cara Manton, Caroline Giltinan, Jordana Dolan and Sarah Reidy may be just too big a hurdle to surmount.

With Tipperary's senior team already All-Ireland senior champions Nenagh are determined to take the Munster title and go on to add an All-Ireland to their honours list. It's a tough one to call with the nod just about going to the Charleville girls.

Dubs ready for Wexford test

DUBLIN welcome Wexford to Pairc Uí Mhurchu next Sunday for the much-awaited Leinster Senior final (2.30).

Tom Monaghan's Dubs spent a fruitful weekend away in Donegal last week where they overcame the Ulster champions and the National Junior League winners, Derry.

The morale in the Dublin camp is at a high level, and the squad are showing razor-sharp fitness, thanks to early morning sessions in the Phoenix Park.

Dublin overcame Offaly with ease in the semi-final, but Wexford will represent more formidable opposition, having defeated Kilkenny.

Dublin squad: L. McGuinness, L. Ryan, A. Ní Thoshaill, O. Branton, G. Noonan (cpt), A. McCloskey, I. Kirwan, S. Byrne, R. Lyons, J. Donnelly, G. McCloskey, L. O'Hara, E. Brannigan, V. Trehy, S. Ní Cealláir, E. Ring, M. Coleman, R. Kelly, E. Mulcahy, C. Boyle, F. Hughes, F. Ní Chéirín, S. Crotchie.

CAMOGIE Niall Scully

Last Sunday, two Dubs, Germaine Noonan and Irene Kirwan, helped the Whirlpool Rest of Ireland selection to a 4-12 to 2-8 victory over the All-Ireland champions, Tipperary, in a historic occasion in Nenagh.

● On Saturday, Good Counsel retained the U-16 Championship by overcoming Naomh Mearnóg, 5-1 to no score at Silver Park.

Karen Blood's early goal settled Counsel, who dominated the tie, leading by four goals at the interval. **Scorers:** A. O'Driscoll 2-1, K. Blood 2-0, L. Byrne 1-0.

● Naomh Pádraig did a lap of honour in Palmerstown last Saturday as they clinched the U-13 Division 2 League following their three-goal victory over Na Fianna.

"It's wonderful for the girls, states mentor Marce O'Toole. "They have been with us since the start, and it's nice to say that now we are in the top standard."

● Ballyboden St. Enda's secured the U-14 League on Saturday when they overcame Naomh Fionnbarra, adding the award to the Championship crown and the All-Ireland Division 2 Féile na nGael prize.

● St. Vincent's U-11s also completed a hat-trick of honours when they captured the League title. Vins already have won the Championship and Bridie Kelly Tournament.

RESULTS: Sen A: Erin's Isle 2-3; Na Fianna 1-3. Inter C: Shige Kilmaud Crokes 0-2; Clanna Gael 0-1. U16 C: Ship final: Good Counsel 5-1; Naomh Mearnóg 0-0. U14 League: Ballyboden St. Enda's 8-1; Naomh Fionnbarra 1-0. U13 League: Naomh Pádraig 3-0; Na Fianna 0-0. U12 League: Na Fianna 3-0; St. Jude's 1-0. Ballyboden St. Enda's 2-1; Naomh Bred 1-0. U11 League: Ballyboden St. Enda's 3-1; St. John's 3-0.

MEADHBH STOKES-FREANEY

from Kilsheelan is the Captain of the Tipperary Senior Camogie Team. She commenced her Camogie career with a club in Carrick-on-Suir and subsequently played with St. Mary's Clonmel, and now plays with the Cashel club. She won her first All-Ireland medal with the Tipperary



Meadhbh Stokes-Freaney

Junior team in 1992 when they defeated Galway in the final. In 1997 she was back in an All-Ireland final, this time with the Tipperary Intermediate team. She captained the Cashel club to victory at senior level in 1998 and was also captain of the Tipperary senior team who were beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final that same year. As captain again this year she brought them all the way to the All-Ireland final against Kilkenny in Croke Park on September 5th.

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ULSTER SENIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP **DERRY ARE SENIOR** **CHAMPIONS FOR FOURTH TIME**

FINAL • OCTOBER 17th AT BALLINASCREEN • REF: GRACE DARCY, TYRONE • DERRY 2-9 DOWN 0-6



The Down Team which lost the Ulster Final.

FINAL

Derry Team: Aileen Crilly, Claire Doherty, Gráinne Maguire, Siobhán Convery, Kathy McDonnell, Paula McKenna, Claire Scullin, Róisín McCloskey, Anna O'Loughlin, Shauna McCaul, Aileen Tohill, Martina Mulholland, Claire McNicholl, Mary O'Kane (capt), Aileen O'Kane

SUBS: None

Derry Scorers: Martina Mulholland 2-4, Claire McNicholl 0-3, Shauna McCaul 0-2

Down Team: Ciara McCarthy, Deirdre Savage, Donna Greenan (capt), Claire McGovern, Siobhán Savage, Paula Green, Brenda Gallagher, Jennifer Braniff, Joan Henderson, Máirín McAleenan, Majella Murray, Colleen Hynds, Cathy Mulholland, Angeline Fearon

SUBS: Kathy Fegan for A Fearon, Ciara McGovern for C Mulholland

Down Scorers: Máirín McAleenan 0-4, Jennifer Braniff 0-1, Kate Fegan 0-1.



Left - Mary O'Kane receiving the Cup and above - Mary is hailed by her team mates.

SEMI-FINALS

OCTOBER 3rd AT LIATROOM

DOWN 1-9

ARMAGH 0-5

Down Scorers: Máirín McAleenan 0-6, Bridgeen Coulter 1-0, Joan Henderson 0-1, Valerie Hynds 0-1, Cathy Mulholland 0-1.

Armagh Scorers: Mary Black 0-4, Olive McKeown 0-1.

OCTOBER 10th AT DUNLOY

DERRY 3-12

ANTRIM 1-9

Derry Scorers: Mary O'Kane 2-2, Paula McAtamney 1-4, Martina Mulholland 0-4, Shauna McCaul 0-2.

Antrim Scorers: Anne McKee 0-4, Christine Doherty 1-0, Jane Adams 0-3, Elaine Dowds 0-1, Ciara McGinley 0-1.

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DOWN CAMOGIE TEAM SUPPORT **BREAST CANCER RESEARCH**



The Down Senior Camogie team backed Imperial Cancer Research Fund's fund-raising campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness Month which took place in October. The girls promoted the charity's fund raising drive by organising an information evening for team members and their families. They also helped by posing for photographs outside the Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle.

Down player Máirín McAleenan said, "We are delighted to support such a worthy cause and hope we can encourage other women to do their bit for Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in Northern Ireland. A recent study by Imperial Cancer highlighted the importance of educating women about the possible symptoms and the importance of providing clear information that avoids creating confusion. If the disease is detected early the chances of cure are very good.

The charity spends £7 million on its research programme each year. For further information on advice on how to raise funds please contact Imperial Cancer's Fundraising Office on 028 90 224003.

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Conlon gives a class display

CARRIGALINE qualified for the U-16B championship final with a good win over St. Catherine's at Conna last weekend.

In an evenly contested first quarter Muireann Conlon had the winners on the scoreboard with a tenth minute point.

The turning point in the opening half came from Muireann Conlon who goaled in the sixteenth minute, a second Carrigaline goal from Ashling O'Connor gave her side a 2-4 to 0-2 half time lead.

Points inside the opening three minutes of the second half cut the Carrigaline lead but again they responded through Murphy with two points.

A superb save from Carrigaline keeper Ann Kiely gave her side a reprieve and they rallied to run out winners and qualify for a final meeting with Newcestown on Sunday December 3.

In colleges camogie Christ the King had a good 4-8 to 3-1 victory Newcastlewest when the visitors travelled to Douglas last week in the quarter final of the Munster Colleges Senior B championship.

Once again the Cork minor pairing of Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly plus a solid display at centre-back from Amanda O'Regan saw the Cork side safely through.

Dissappointment

On Monday last St. Mary's Charleville, junior side put the senior side's disappointment behind them with a solid display over Presentation Bandon to go safely through to the next round in the Munster Colleges Junior Championship.

Amongst those to impress were goalscorers Imelda Sexton and Emer Watson.

St. Mary's Nenagh 3-8
St. Mary's Charleville 1-4
Munster and All-Ireland Senior A champions St. Mary's Charleville had to give way to a stronger and determined Nenagh side at Newtownshandrum on Saturday last in the Munster semi-final.

Sheenagh Howard opened the scoring in the fifth minute with a pointed free for the eventual winners.

Eileen O'Brien replied instantly and the scene was set for a tight opening 30 minutes. A well taken goal from Howard 12 minutes into the half gave the challengers the lead but fighting back, Charleville took the lead with an Edwina Boyce goal ten minutes later.

Turning over Nenagh came forward from the throw in with a pointed free. Eileen O'Brien replied for the Charleville girls but this was to be their last score of the game as Nenagh took over.

County Junior B final has all the ingredients necessary for cracker



Cloughduv's Catriona Crowley vies for possession with Aghabullogue's Ciara Murphy in the Cork County U-16 Camogie Championship. Picture: Des Barry.

Carrigaline hope to come of age

SUNDAY'S Junior B county final promises to be a cracker between Carrigaline and Inniscarra.

Carrigaline, who have contested the Junior B league on two occasions, have yet to taste success at adult level since the club was reformed.

They have, however, enjoyed huge success at underage level and have also qualified for the U-16B county championship final against Newcestown.

They recorded a good semi-final victory over Barryroe.

Talent

They are a young side who have tremendous talent in Cork minor Niamh Murphy, 15-year-old Muireann Conlon and the experienced Marie Scully, who previously lined out with St. Finbarr's.

Inniscarra are also a strong side who had a good win over Carrigtwohill in the semis.

Evelyn Moynihan, Catherine O'Leary and Catriona Hogan are all exceptionally good players and a huge asset to the Inniscarra outfit.

On form one has to tip the Mid Cork side to take the title but do not discount a Carrigaline surprise.

Limerick side Grenagh-Ballingarry and Davitt's of Galway

Magic moments

27. **TOMAS and Ann Ryan** (nee McAuliffe) hold the unique record of winning All-Ireland senior medals with Cork in the same month and year - 1970.

Their daughter, Tracy, won a junior All-Ireland medal with the Cork camogie team in 1996.

meet in Tynagh, Co. Galway, on Sunday in the All-Ireland club final.

The holders Grenagh-Ballingarry recorded a tremendous opening round victory over Cork side, Bishopstown, who led by seven points with eight minutes remaining, en route to beating Cashel in the Munster final.

The All-Ireland semi-final saw a determined Freshfords put it up to the champions who responded to the challenge in style.

With Davitt's hungry to emulate Mullagh, Pearces, Oranmore and Athenry, who have all taken the crown to Galway, Sunday's



Midfield action from the Cork County U-16 Camogie Championship clash between Aghabullogue and Cloughduv.

game promises to be a thriller.

Mary O'Connor, who hails from Killeagh, Co. Cork, will be in action for Granagh/Ballingarry on Sunday.

Mary, who works as a GAA development officer in the Limerick Institute of Technology, is a member of the Cork senior team.

Experienced

Mary, who also plays football with Cork, is an outstanding player with considerable skill, unlimited stamina and a never-say-die attitude.

There are three sets of sisters

on the team namely the Sheehans, Treacys and O'Briens.

Granagh/Ballingarry have lost five players from last year's panel, but have brought in Aoife Sheehan and 14-year-old Joanne Clifford. The progress of Sheehan and Clifford underlines the club's impressive underage structure.

If Mary O'Connor and the likes of Vera Sheehan and her three sisters (Maureen, Deirdre and Aoife), Kay Burke, O'Briens, Mairead Cagney, Bernie Chawke have anything to do with the outcome the Cup should be coming back to Limerick for the second year in a row.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS

Munster Post Primary semi final: St. Mary's Nenagh 3-8, St. Mary's Charleville 1-4.

U16 B County Championship semi final: Carrigaline 2-7, St. Catherine's 0-5.

U16 A Championship: Aghabullogue 0-3, Cloughduv 0-3.

Munster Colleges Senior B Championship quarter final: Christ the King 4-8, Newcastle West 3-1.

Munster Colleges Junior Championship: St. Mary's Charleville 2-11, Presentation Bandon 3-4.

FIXTURES

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28
Junior B County final: Inniscarra v Carrigaline at Cloughduv, 12 noon.

U-18 Championship: St. Finbarr's v Newcestown at St. Finbarr's, 11am; Valley Rovers v Glen Rovers at Valley Rovers, 11.30am; St. Catherine's v Barryroe at St. Catherine's, 1pm; Aghabullogue v Ballygarvan at Aghabullogue, 11.30am.

All Ireland Club Championship final: Grenagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) v Davitt's (Galway) at Tynagh, Galway, 2.30pm.

Carrigaline girls in final

Carrigaline advanced to the junior 'B' championship final when they recorded a 3-2 to 0-1 win over Barryroe at Newcestown.

Dominating the exchanges in the opening quarter, Carrigaline opened the scoring with a point from Avril Cooney after ten minutes of play. Fifteen minutes into the half a cross from Muireann Conlon found

Clodagh Fitzgerald on the edge of the square and she made no mistake to give Carrigaline a 1-1 advantage. Superb goal-keeping from Rose Harrington kept Barryroe at bay.

Barryroe threw everything into the second half but again a tremendous display from Harrington kept them at bay. Carrigaline switched Niamh Murphy to centre field and she pro-

ceeded to dictate matters.

An Emma Green goal fifteen minutes into the second half stretched the Carrigaline lead, and continuing to press they were rewarded with a further goal again from Greene with four minutes on the clock a Barryroe point from J. Walsh was answered by Avril Cooney to put Carrigaline safely through to meet Inniscarra in the final

Ballyagran reach under 18 camogie final

THE under 18's of Ballyagran and Killeedy fought out a brilliant A championship semi-final.

Ballyagran had the best of starts racing into a 1-2 to 0-0 lead. It was short lived. Inspired by Marie Keating and Deirdre Fitzpatrick, Killeedy fought back to lead 2-4 to 1-4 at half time. The second half was very exciting. Killeedy were 2-7 to 2-5 ahead as the game entered its final three minutes. Killeedy held out for a deserved win.

All Ireland champions in '95, '96, '97 and '98 St. Mary's, Charleville, Alma Mater to many of Limerick's top camogie players, made their exit from the '99 senior A championship at Newtownshandrum, when they lost to St. Mary's, Nenagh, 1-4 to 3-8, in the Munster semi-final. Nenagh were ahead 2-3 to 1-3 at the interval.

S.M.I. Newcastlewest made their exit from the Munster senior B championship, when they lost 3-1 to 4-7, to Christ the King, Cork in the quarter final (having defeated St. Al's Cork 3-8 to 2-6 in Round One). John the Baptist, Hospital, also exited at the co-final stage going down 3-6 to 5-5 to St. Declan's, Kilmacthomas, having survived Mayfield 5-7 to 0-3 in round one. Obviously both schools are not too far off the pace. S.M.I. are also in the Munster senior league. They were seriously out of their depth against Nenagh (favourites for the All-Ireland A championship) and lost heavily. On Monday, November 22 the N.C.W. school will try conclusions with St. Joseph's, Tulla, at the S.M.I. grounds at 1pm.

Many of the Limerick schools are taking part in the Munster Intermediate league and John the Baptist, Hospital, coached by Limerick's All-Ireland

winning captain of 95 and 96, Helen Clifford McCarthy, are unbeaten after three rounds, a draw against F.C.J. Laurel Hill (1-1 to 0-4) being followed up by wins over Scoil Pol, Kilfinane (4-6 to 2-2) and Mercy, Rathkeale (4-0 to 2-5).

The pressure of games has delayed the start of the Limerick Post Primary schools championship, but it's on the move now and on Friday last John the Baptist, Hospital had a first round win (3-5 to 0-2) over N.C.W. Voc/Gael Colaisiste, at Newcastlewest, G.A.A. Grounds.

The under-15 coaching course at M.I.C.E. (Mary I) is under way. It commenced on Sunday last at 12 noon. Preparation for the under-16 championships of 2000 A.D. and skills improvement in general are the raison d'être of the course, which continues on Saturday next. Commitment, interest, consistency and enthusiasm are what coach John O'Connor and his assistants Margaret Harty, Kathleen Coffey, Madge Fleury and Carmel Murphy are looking for. These are excellent players in the 14-15 age group all over the county (Aoife Sheehan, Claire Mulcahy, Joanne Clifford, Michelle Herbert, Grace McNamara, Avril Lane, Anna Hourigan, Sharon Magner, Jennifer Neville, Janice White, Sinead McAuliffe to name but a few) and if the commitment is forthcoming from the top 25, Limerick could put it up to Cork and Tipperary. It is the intention of the mentors to finalise their panel before the end of the year.

Finance is high on the Co. Board's agenda at present and the officers and members are actively canvassing potential sponsors in the run-up to the County Board convention on Tuesday November 30. They are hopeful of a positive response. The A.G.M. which begins at 7.30pm takes place at the Dunraven Arms Hotel.

Centre. The winners are as follows; figure dancing; Ahane - Niamh Foley, Joanne Hourigan, Fiona Hartigan, Tracey Hartigan, Siobhan O'Reilly, Fiona Connolly, Jennifer Hourigan, Mary O'Connor.

Solo singing; Ahane - Aoife Kennedy. Instrumental music; South Liberties - Susan & Esther Godfrey. Novelty Act; Killeedy/Dromkeen; Shane O'Dea, Michelle Murphy, Aidan Murphy, Kieran Ryan, Diarmuid O'Dea. Question time; South Liberties; Shane, Rory & David O'Neill. Recitation; Pallasgreen - Aine Sinead Ni Riain. Ballad group; Pallasgreen, Eoin Ryan, Margaret Kennedy, Una Ryan, Marie O'Dwyer, Anna Jane Ryan.

Set dancing; Capamore; John Walsh, James O'Connor, Jason Hynan, Paul Hynan, Bridget Dunne, Laura McCarthy, Marella Shanahan, Kate O'Dwyer.



Liatroim Fontenoys full-forward Roisin O'Higgins tangles with her Davitts marker during Sunday's All-Ireland Camogie Club semi-final.



Liatroim Fontenoys Mairin McAleenan goes on a run as two Davitts players close in during Sunday's All-Ireland club semi-final match.



The Liatroim Fontenoys side which lost out to Davitts (Galway) in the All-Ireland Camogie Club semi-final.

Carrigaline on a high

CARRIGALINE provide Inniscarra's opposition tomorrow at Cloughduv when the sides bring down the curtain on the Cork Junior 'B' Championship.

With the U-16 'B' team already through to the county final Carrigaline camogie club is on a high.

Having had tremendous underage success the club hopes that the big breakthrough it about to be made.

Inter-county minor Niamh Murphy, Muir-eann Conlon and Avril Cooney have hurled tremendously throughout the campaign to date.

But a similar display will be needed tomorrow to defeat an Inniscarra side who have the strength in depth.

An established club, Inniscarra have won junior 'A' titles in the 70s and 90s but have

never taken a Junior 'B' championship title.

Having enjoyed tremendous underage success with an U-16 Championship win in 1992 and 1993, the club took the Cork Feile title in 1998.

The side is a mixture of youth and experience which fields no fewer than five sets of sisters.

Having defeated Delany's, Aghabullogue, Kilbrittain and Carrigtwohill on their way to tomorrow's encounter Inniscarra know that just one final push is needed to take their first title.

Trainer Joe McCarthy and Terry McMahon will be hoping that Evelyn Moynihan, Margaret O'Sullivan and Grainne Murphy will give the vital experience needed to the younger members of the side to see them take the title.

Fontenoys GO DOWN FIGHTING

All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship

Semi-final report by Paul Welsh

LIA'TROIM FONTENOYS... 0-8 DAVITTS (GALWAY)... 4-10

LIA'TROIM'S dream of an All-Ireland Club Championship final appearance ended at Fontenoy Park on Sunday, when Galway and Connaught Champions Davitts proved too strong.

However, for most of the first half, it was the Down Champions who dictated play. Fontenoys were quick off the mark with a point from Mairin McAleenan after only 30 seconds and this seemed to settle the side.

game to Davitts but when Tracey netted her and Davitt's second goal a few minutes after the restart, the Fontenoys were always facing an uphill struggle.

REFUSED

Two further goals, including a third for Tracey and one from Donna Kelly, midway through the half, ended the Fontenoy challenge.

Liatroim refused to give up though but despite a number of chances they were unable to get the scores that mattered.

Liatroim scorers - Sinead McGovern 0-1, Mairin McAleenan 0-5, Caitriona McCrickard 0-1, Lisa Quinn 0-1.

FIRED OVER

Approaching injury time in the first half, however, with Liatroim leading 0-5 to 0-4 and controlling the middle of the park, Olivia Broderick fired over a point to level the scores. This was immediately followed by a Mary Tracey goal and Liatroim now found themselves trailing 1-5 to 0-5 at the interval.

On the restart, Liatroim again took the

Home side chalk up camogie victory

Coachford/

AT Coachford, last week, the quarter-final of the Cork Colleges intermediate camogie championship was contested between the home side, Coachford Community College and Carrigaline Community College. The game was won by Coachford with a two points margin, the final scores having been Coachford 1-8, Carrigaline 1-6.

An early point from Coachford's Clara Murphy set the scene, and it was this player's goal in the first half that proved the pivotal score, which gave her side ultimate victory. Following Clara's opening score, Muireann Conlon of Carrigaline, not only levelled, but her teammate Trish O'Sullivan put her side in front.

Incidentally, it was this player who scored Carrigaline's goal in the first half. The sides were level again in the first half, from Michelle O'Regan's free hit 30 yards out. An assault on the Carrigaline net was competently dealt with by their keeper, Amy Morgan, who cleared Margaret McCarthy's drive. Muireann Conlon levelled for the visitors before an exchange of points between Maria Twomey and Trish O'Sullivan left the sides level again.

But rampant Trish O'Sullivan was on the war path, looking for the scalps of Coachford defence, which resulted in her goal. The resultant cheering was a signal to Carrigaline who, during the remaining period of

this first half scored four points to Coachford 3, leaving Carrigaline a point in front at the break.

A sagacious move by the Coachford mentors switched Catriona Crowley to full forward, where her action contributed largely to shattering Carrigaline's potential scoring power. However, while Catriona was finding her feet in the new position, Niamh Murphys point advanced Carrigaline, before Maria Twomey and Clara Murphy countered with 2 for Coachford. Now one point down facing the finale, Catriona Crowley sent over from a free, and added the last point of the game after a teammate had scored in between, thus giving victory to Coachford. The final scores were Coachford Community College 1-8, Carrigaline Community College 1-6.

Coachford team - C Hogan, K Roche, J Fitzgibbon, T Lehane, C Crowley, S O'Leary, M O'Regan, M Madden, M Twomey, C Murphy, M Ennaguess, M McCarthy. Subs A Byrne, C Horgan, E Foley, E O'Keefe, K O'Sullivan.



Carrigaline Camogie players, Lisa O'Donnell and Laura Kelleher, seen with Joe Deane and the Liam McCarthy Cup in the Carrigaline GAA Complex recently.

Institute bursary awards for 40 students

by Conor George

AFTER its highly-successful inaugural year, the Cork Institute of Technology Sports Bursary Awards were given to 40 students from 16 different clubs at the awards ceremony at the Metropole Hotel, Cork, last night.

The Cork Institute of Technology has been going from strength to strength in the sporting stakes and the Astro Turf area will be officially opened next month, while planning for nine new playing pitches is at an advanced stage.

Among those to receive bursaries last night were current Tipperary senior inter-county player Donacha Fahey; current Cork senior hurlers Pat Mulcahy and Pat Sexton; former minor All-Ireland winner Ronan Curran and current Cork senior football panelist Graham Canty.

Gaelic Football: Graham Canty, Mark O Sé, Tadgh Deasy, Deirdre Nagle, Paula Walsh, Isla McSweeney.

Hurling: Pat Mulcahy, Pat Sexton, William Deasy, Donacha O'Brien, John O'Donovan, Ronan Curran.

Camogie: Eimear O'Sullivan, Orla O'Sullivan.

COLLEGES CAMOGIE

Jubilant scenes as St. Mary's banish Charleville hoodoo

St Mary's Nenagh 3-8 St. Mary's Charleville 1-4

By James Hayden

Scenes of jubilation abounded at Newtownshandrum on Saturday following St. Mary's emphatic victory over arch rivals Charleville in the Munster colleges camogie semi-final. St. Mary's served up a powerful display of determination and skill to overcome the Munster and All-Ireland senior post-primary champions.

St. Mary's, determined throughout, dethroned the champions in exhilarating fashion and were first to register on the scoreboard thanks to a point from Sheena Howard. Sustained pressure from the Nenagh side paid off when minutes later Sheena Howard was again on hand to rattle the net for Nenagh.

However, Charleville managed to claw the way back into the contest and frees from ace camogie star Eileen O'Brien brought them back into contention. Nenagh retaliated and great interchanging play between Emer McDonnell and Sheena Howard ensured that Nenagh kept in touch.

DECISIVE GOAL

As half time approached both teams were locked at 1-3 each. But up stepped Denise Ryan in the 25th minute to seize upon a loose ball and finish brilliantly to the net, leaving a shell shocked Charleville side to trudge off the field in dejection at half-time.

Spirits were high in the Nenagh camp as they sensed that victory may be eventually on the cards after so many years of heartbreak.

SMELL OF VICTORY

Boosted by their half-time lead Nenagh stretched their advantage with a pointed Sheena Howard free one minute into the second half. Eileen O'Brien replied from a placed

ball for Charleville but this was to be their only score of the second half.

Five minutes late Tipperary inter-county star Emer McDonnell burst forward. Her incisive run towards the danger area culminated in a fine goal as she hand-passed with aplomb to the back of the Charleville net.

At this stage Nenagh could smell victory and the game was up for Charleville as the realisation of defeat became evident in their play.

Nenagh piled on the pressure with two further points from Denise Ryan and Sheena Howard to put Nenagh into an unassailable lead. Indeed it was Ryan's point which brought proceedings to a close with two minutes remaining.

The final whistle was greeted with scenes of jubilation as Nenagh finally laid their Charleville hoodoo to rest.

St. Mary's, Nenagh were magnificent on the day. From Amy Kissane in goals, who was confident throughout, to Emer McDonnell and Sheena Howard who spearheaded the attack, all were magnificent.

Captain Mary Rose Ryan was a tower of strength in defence and was ably assisted by Olive Slattery, Siobhan McCarthy and Deirdre McDonnell. At midfield Nenagh dominated with Anna Woods and Niamh Hogan in fine form. Niamh Hogan's replacement Aileen Forde filled

the position eagerly and proved to be a decisive substitution.

In attack Nenagh were potent with Aine Mulcahy and Claire O'Sullivan providing the groundwork for Sheena Howard, Denise Ryan and Emer McDonnell to capitalise upon.

St. Mary's, Nenagh now meet last season's All Ireland B winners, Clonakilty.

Scorers: Nenagh: Sheena Howard 1-4 (0-2 frees), Emer McDonnell 1-3, Denise Ryan 1-1.

Charleville: Eileen O'Brien 0-4, (0-2 frees, 0-1 30'), Edwina Boyce 1-0.

ST. MARY'S NENAGH: Amy Kissane, Olive Slattery, Mary Rose Ryan (captain), Siobhan McCarthy, Deirdre McDonnell, Anna Woods, Niamh Hogan, Aine Mulcahy, Sheena Howard, Denise Ryan, Emer McDonnell, Claire O'Sullivan. Sub: Aileen Forde for Niamh Hogan.

ST. MARY'S CHARLEVILLE: Aoife Sheehan, Noelle O'Riordan, Laura O'Brien, Aine Kelleher, Christine O'Gorman, Kathryn Leslie, Deirdre Hayes, Alison White, Eimear O'Friel, Eileen O'Brien, Marie Watson, Edwina Boyce.

Subs: N. Bowles for D. Hayes, L. Lenihan for D. Boyce.

Referee: Betty Joyce (Killeagh).

Tipperary continue their supremacy

Tipperary 5-10 - Kilkenny 3-7.

by MARION GRAHAM

Not surprisingly Deirdre Hughes was the star of this Tipperary/Kilkenny charity game on Sunday last in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. Six days after receiving her "Eireann Camogie Player of the Year", Hughes was back in action again scoring 2-2 of Tipperary's total 5-10 and was indeed instrumental in their three other goals.

Tipperary travelled with a very understrength side from that which took All-Ireland honours last September, but just praise must go to the four girls who filled the space of the Tipp stars who were unavailable for this worthwhile charity game. Louise Young (Toomevara), Josephine Fennessey (Portroe), Sile Nash and Libby Twoomey (Cashel), Twoomey getting 1-2 to her tally, all stamped their place in the minds of the Tipperary management on Sunday.

In attack with Deirdre Hughes, Noelle Kennedy was fighting hard and was ably assisted by her club mate Louise Young. Helen Kiely's spirit was unquenchable and she never gave up. The attack line was completed by the stalwart Libby Twoomey and Helen Campion. At the centre field Emily Hayden was in command, while Tipperary's skipper Meadhbh Stokes played a captains' part combining leadership qualities with sound and intelligent play. In the backline Ciara Gaynor gave a truly commanding display at centre back and the cunning Sinead Nealon was equally impressive. Philomena Fogarty was in fine form at full back with Marie and Niamh Harkin solid throughout. Sile Nash

completed the backline and unperturbed wearing the blue and gold for the first time. Louise Ryan in goals was excellent throughout the hour and showed her capabilities between the posts.

Kilkenny were first to put their name on the scoreboard with a point from Marina Downey in the 3rd minute. Sinead Millea added a further point in the 8th minute from a foul on Lizzie Lyng. Grace Fennelly blasted the Tipperary net five minutes later and it looked like Kilkenny were out for revenge. However Tipperary had other things on their minds when Deirdre Hughes passed to Helen Campion who made no mistake and set the pace for Tipperary's fourth victory over "The Cats" this year. Three minutes later Hughes was fouled. Noelle Kennedy sent a low ball in, which was connected on by Libby Twoomey and Tipperary were up to two points. Two further points came from Deirdre Hughes and Noelle Kennedy before Kilkenny replied with a point from Sandra Hayes. Tipperary added 2-2 to Kilkenny's 1 point to leave the half time scores 4-4 to 1-4 in favour of Tipperary.

Tipperary was on the attack

immediately with a point from Libby Twoomey. Lizzie Lyng pointed for Kilkenny. Helen Campion was replaced by Josephine Fennessey who set up a number of scores. Ann Downey received a roar of applause from her fans when she was introduced in the Kilkenny attack. Tipperary added a further 1-4, 1-1 coming from Hughes and the points from Noelle Kennedy. Kilkenny clocked up 2-2 to leave Tipperary ahead, when Dickie Murphy blew the final whistle by 5-10 to 3-7.

As the millennium beckons, Tipperary can look back with confidence in abundance to the next century, and what a way to end this century with another victory over our friends from "The Banks of the Suir that flows down from Mooncoin".

Tipperary team: Louise Ryan, Marie Harkin, Philomena Fogarty, Sile Nash, Niamh Harkin, Ciara Gaynor, Sinead Nealon, Emily Hayden, Meadhbh Stokes, Helen Kiely, Noelle Kennedy, Libby Twoomey, Helen Campion, Deirdre Hughes, Louise Young, Josephine Fennessey, Nora Dwan and Mary O'Dwyer.

Referee: Dickie Murphy (Wexford).

Eircell

honour all four All-Ireland winning teams in player of the month awards

Eircell honoured members of all four All-Ireland winning teams for the September and October Player of the Month awards. This was the first time since the Eircell awards were inaugurated in February, 1998 that four players were honoured at the same lunch.

This wasn't the only first at the awards ceremony. Brian Corcoran became the first Cork player to win an Eircell GAA All Star Player of the Month award for the second time. Mark O'Reilly became the first footballer from county Meath to be honoured. Deirdre Hughes gave Tipperary its first Eircell GAA All Star Player of the Month award and Christina Heffernan became the first woman from Mayo, and indeed Connacht, to be honoured with a monthly award.

The awards brought the total number of GAA personalities to be honoured under the Eircell GAA All Star Player of the Month award scheme to 28. This incorporates disciplines from football, hurling, handball, camogie, ladies football, refereeing and management.

Eircell GAA All Star Player of the Month September 1999 Brian Corcoran

Brian Corcoran gave a memorable display in this year's All-Ireland Hurling Final against Kilkenny. He is now regarded as a father figure in Cork hurling, being an inspiring influence on the youngsters of this year's Cork team.

Brian received his first All-Ireland medal in 1991 for a superb display in Cork's win over Mayo in the All-Ireland minor football final. In 1994, he won an All-Ireland medal with Cork's under 21 football team and this year he won his first All-Ireland senior medal.

Brian has won three Munster senior football medals between 1993-1995, two Munster senior hurling medals in

'92 and '99, two National League medals in '93 and '98, a Railway Cup medal in 1995 and an Oireachtas medal in 1998. In 1992 he was named Hurler of the Year and in May 1998 he received his first Eircell Player of the Month award.

Mark O'Reilly

Mark is recognised as one of the most reliable and dependable corner backs in gaelic football. He was still in his teens when he won his first All-Ireland medal in 1996.

This year he put in another remarkable performance in Meath's defeat of Cork to give him his second All-Ireland senior football medal.

Mark also holds two Leinster under 21 medals from 1996 and 1997, as well as a Sigerson cup medal he won with Tralee RTC in 1997, where he played and distinguished himself in the forward line at the Inter-varsity competition.

Eircell GAA All Star Player of the Month October 1999 Deirdre Hughes

Twenty years after Tipperary made their first appearance in an All-Ireland camogie final, they made a historic breakthrough to take the senior title for the first time this year.

In her tenth season of inter county competition, Deirdre gave a superb display in this year's All-Ireland final against Kilkenny. Deirdre has also won medals with Tipperary at junior and intermediate level and also in the junior interprovincial championship.

She plays club camogie with Toomevara and was captain of the senior team, when they won the Tipperary championship for the first time, she also played on the Toomevara side which reached the All-Ireland club championship final in 1995. In addition to her All-Ireland senior medal, Deirdre holds a senior interprovincial championship medal with Munster.

Christina Heffernan

An impeccable display at midfield for Mayo in this year's All-Ireland semi-final win over Meath and the subsequent win in the ladies football final over Waterford. Christina has made a substantial contribution to her county's first win in the ladies football championship.

Christina has been honoured with selection on the ladies All Star team, her second selection in two years. She started her sporting career by winning five All-Ireland medals with Ballinrobe school and an All-Ireland Senior B medal in 1993.

She also won a medal in the interprovincial championship and of course, Connacht and All-Ireland medals. Christina was also named player of the match after Mayo's win in this year's All-Ireland semi-final.



At the Eircell awards ceremony were GAA President, Joe McDonagh; Tipperary's Deirdre Hughes; Cork PRO Jim Forbes (on behalf of Brian Corcoran); Jim Collity, Eircell; Christina Heffernan, Mayo; and Mark O'Reilly, Meath



Granagh-Ballingarry, all set for the All-Ireland senior club camogie final this Sunday.

All-Ireland club title up for grabs

PJ Fulham looks forward to this Sunday's All-Ireland club final.

Next Sunday, the last camogie final of the century is down for decision. The All-Ireland Senior Club Championship final takes place when Granagh/Ballingarry, Limerick throw down the gauntlet to Davitt's, Galway at the latter's venue.

Granagh won the title last year at their third attempt and in this year's semi-final had just one point to spare over Leinster champions Freshford, Kilkenny 1-10 to 1-9.

This will be Davitt's first All-Ireland final. They were Connacht champions in 1995 and were beaten by Toomevara, Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final 4-6 to 3-7. This season they had a massive win over the London champions Brother Pearses and then they travelled to take on the Ulster champions Liatroim/Fontenoy's in the semi-final. They disposed of the Down champions by 4-10 to 0-8 to reach this final.

Both sides will field a host of stars. Davitt's will be expecting a good performance from Galway 1998 captain Olivia Broderick, Lourda Kavanagh, Alva Kelly and Mary Treacy, while Granagh can parade players such as Eileen O'Brien, Breda O'Brien, Vera Sheehan, Deirdre Sheehan, Jean Cullinane, Mary O'Connor and Catherine Leslie. They will face a torrid test of character. However, they will not surrender their title easily.

PLAYER PROFILE EIMEAR BRANNIGAN

DATE OF BIRTH: 11-8-79

CLUB: St Vincent's

COUNTY: Dublin

HONOURS: Three Senior A Club Championships, Four Senior A Club Leagues, Leinster Club Championship 1998, All-Ireland Seven aside 1995, two consecutive Feile medals.

NOTEABLE SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT: Reaching the All-Ireland Club Championship final.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre forward
FAVOURITE GROUNDS: My home ground St. Vincent's
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Louise Lynch and Denise Smith

TOUGHEST OPPONENTS: Mary Regan. I can never score against her and Patricia Clinton

HOBBIES: Gaelic Football

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being beaten in the All-Ireland club championship final

INFLUENCES ON CAREER TO DATE: My family, especially dad and brother Eoghan, Paddy Doyle and Brid Power, Ben Dorney, Brian Lattin and my first trainer Sinead Power.



Dublin's Eimear Brannigan

Eircell GAA All-Stars Player of the Month



The Eircell GAA All-Stars Player of the Month Awards for September and October were presented at a special luncheon in Croke Park recently. Deirdre Hughes, a member of Tipperary's All-Ireland winning camogie team, was one of the recipients. Deirdre (left) is pictured receiving her award from Phyllis Breslin, President of the Camogie Association.

Team spirit to help Granagh

Limerick side looking to retain their title

GRANAGH/Ballingarry of Limerick and Davitts of Galway both show a clean bill of health ahead of next Sunday's All Ireland Club Final in Tynagh, Loughrea.

Granagh/Ballingarry are the defending champions, comfortably winning their first title 12 months ago against Dublin side St Vincents. But changes have been rung since then.

Laura Leslie, Ide Quaid, Marie O'Brien and Caroline O'Connor have all departed the scene, although O'Connor did play this year up to the Munster semi-final against Bishopstown, before moving to Spain. Back in the fold are sisters Mairead Cagney and Joanne O'Brien who were unavailable last season.

Line-up

Also into the starting line-up this season are 14-year-old Joanne Clifford and 15-year-old Aoife Sheehan who play at wing forward and corner forward respectively.

Edwina Boyce, Amy McCarthy and Teresa Mulcaire are included in the panel.

The title holders made the breakthrough in the Munster Championship three years ago, but had to wait until 1998 to lift the ultimate prize in club camogie.

Longest-serving member Ber Chawke certainly defies the critics.

She has commanded

the centre-back position with distinction over the years and still displays her hallmark craft and skill.

Ber husband's Mike is manager/trainer/selector all in one. He has a long association with the Limerick side.

The club champions currently have eight players on the county team, but it is their great club spirit that shines through.

Players will work for each other, and it is little wonder considering the blood relations within the team.

Sisters Vera, Aoife, Maureen and Deirdre Sheehan will most likely be in their starting 15.

So too will Breda, Bernie and Eileen O'Brien, while midfielder Jean Cullinane and full-forward Catherine Leslie are both nieces of Ber Chawke.

Kay Burke captains the side from the half-back line.

Up front, current Cork player Mary O'Connor is a vital cog in their sharp-shooting forward line.

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**



Vera Sheehan, one of four sisters in the Granagh/Ballingarry side.



Eileen O'Brien: Should make the starting line-up for Granagh/Ballingarry next Sunday in the All-Ireland final.

Davitts hope for home rule

By **THERESE O'CALLAGHAN**

DAVITTS make their first appearance in the All-Ireland club final against Granagh/Ballingarry on Sunday and excitement has reached fever pitch at the Galway club.

The club draws from three areas - Tynagh, Tommy Larkins and Abbey-Duniry - and take their name from the founder of the GAA, Michael Davitt.

The Galway club possess an impressive combination of youth and experience. Recently crowned Galway Player of the Year, Olivia Broderick is one of their outstanding players.

She captained her county last season, but her greatest moment came when Galway captured their first All-Ireland senior title with a win over Cork in 1996.

Better known as a defender, she lines out at centre-forward for Davitts.

Her namesake, but no relation, Anne

Broderick, is another who has worn the county colours.

Sister of present hurling star, Kevin, Anne looks likely to fill the right half-back position.

Juniors

Six of next Sunday's line-up were involved in Galway's All-Ireland winning junior team of 1998.

Anne Dolan captained the victorious side, while Lourda Kavanagh was chosen as Beilek Player of the Match.

Rita Broderick, Ailbhe Kelly and Brenda Daniels all played major roles in the maroon and white victory. Fiona Gohery, sub-keeper that day, will be be-

tween the posts against Granagh/Ballingarry.

Edel Pierce and Elizabeth Flynn were members of the Galway minor team that lost so narrowly to Cork in this year's All-Ireland final.

Deirdre Gilchrist was in a similar position after last year's final.

Like their opponents, team spirit is very evident.

Three sets of sisters are dispersed throughout the panel: Fiona and Edel Pierce, Caitriona and Doreen Kelly, Lisa and Mary Fahy.

Trainer Michael Ryan, who plays intermediate hurling with Tynagh, is in his third year in charge. Will it be a case of third time lucky?

Davitts have the bonus of home advantage on what is the biggest day of the club camogie year.

Another Big day for Granagh/Ballingarry

TYNAGH in the county Galway is the destination of camogie enthusiasts from Limerick and in particular from Granagh/Ballingarry on Sunday as a back to back All Ireland senior club title is only one hour away from the wearers of the black and white.

Victory over Davitt's of Galway will ensure them a special place in Limerick sporting history, if they become the first to retain a national camogie title.

Following their magnificent performance against Freshford of Kilkenny in the semi-final, winning by a single point in an unforgettable match, confidence in the West Limerick team must be sky high. But Mike Chawke and Jerry O'Donoghue, the men responsible for the training and motivation of the Granagh/Ballingarry team, had plenty of time since that famous win to erase any other confidence which may have arisen.

A year ago, the national crown was won at packed Ballingarry with teams of twelve aside. The rules have been changed, many claim for the better to 15 aside in a full sized GAA pitch. Granagh/Ballingarry had to call on some of their young stars to build a bigger panel, so far everything has worked to perfection. The response to training all season could not be bettered, teamwork and spirit

knows no bounds and if defeat is the result at Tynagh, it will be for the want of organisation and preparation.

Attempting to retain a crown as valuable as an All Ireland brings a certain amount of pressure. The fear of losing is a major factor, though this will not be a problem for the Limerick champions if one is to judge on the display against the Kilkenny champions. Defeat was staring them in the face at half time, but they rose in style to the challenge after the change of ends. A repeat of this self belief and total confidence in their ability to win will see them past the host team. It should be hastily added, they face another troublesome hurdle, but they can overcome it.

The Freshford girls gave a timely warning to Granagh/Ballingarry after the semi final, that Davitt's will be no pushover. The Kilkenny girls had good knowledge of the strong points of the Galway champions. All agreeing they were a team not to be underestimated.

Teams like Davitt's are unknown quantities down this side of the country. Under estimate them at your peril.

Granagh/Ballingarry have a nice blend of experience and youth. In the domestic and provincial championship, this balance has seen off serious challenges, one can go back to the bid by Bruff to end their reign at county level and Cashel in the Munster final. Of course, these take a back

seat when one looks at the semi final, so impressive did they look, one fears, can they possibly repeat another hour of such skill and courage? A tall order, perhaps, but in Tynagh they may be asked to do it all over again.

Camogie has a much better and understandable appearance since the introduction of the fifteen aside. All four corners of the pitch are being made use of, rather than the centre which was the domain of many of the twelve aside teams. Granagh/Ballingarry have taken to the new system like a duck to water, indeed there seems to be greater teamwork in the new arrangement. For commitment and back-up, its hard to find better than the Limerick girls.

As holders, the Granagh/Ballingarry girls will lineout as favourites. Breda O'Brien, Kay Burke, Vera Sheehan, Bernie Chawke, Mary O'Connor, Eileen O'Brien and Jean Cullinane are some of the girls who make up a team willing to play and perform with pride for their club and county.

This is going to be no pushover for the defending champions.

Teen star steers Granagh to glory

GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY ... 2-4
DAVITTS ... 1-3

REIGNING champions Granagh-Ballingarry of Limerick retained the O'Carroll Cup when they overcame a gallant Davitts side in the All-Ireland senior camogie club championship final at a wet and windy Tynagh yesterday.

Eileen O'Brien, a 17-year-old Leaving Cert student, was Granagh's star as they came from 1-3 to 0-1 behind at half-time to beat the Galway side on their home pitch.

O'Brien scored all but 1-1 of her team's total and she clinched victory with a sizzling goal midway through the second half.

The wing forward opened the scoring for Granagh with a point from a free after three minutes.

STRONG WIND

However, Davitts, assisted by the strong wind, soon began to take control and Lourda Kavanagh brought them level with a pointed free in the ninth minute.

The Davitts defence repelled a series of Granagh-Ballingarry attacks, and they went ahead with two further points from Kavanagh.

And the home side made a vital breakthrough three minutes before half-time when midfielder Catriona Finnegan drove in a long-range shot which dropped over the head of goalie Breda O'Brien to give the home side a 1-3 to 0-1 lead.

ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE FINAL

In the second half it was Granagh's turn to have the wind advantage. However, it was Davitts who piled on the pressure during the first ten minutes, but they squandered some good chances.

And they were made pay for their inaccuracy when Granagh struck for 1-1 within the space of 60 seconds.

In the 40th minute, Aoife Sheehan scored a fine point after a surging run down the right wing. And moments later Sheehan's sister Deirdre collected a pass from Jean Cullinane and scored a goal to leave just a point between the sides.

And four minutes later, O'Brien put Granagh back in the lead when she drove a sizzling shot to the roof of the net.

During the closing stages, Davitts tried everything to get back into the game. However, the champions called on all their experience to hang on, and fittingly O'Brien had the final say, converting a 54th minute free to put her side four points clear.

SCORES — Granagh-Ballingarry: E O'Brien 1-3, D Sheehan 1-0, A Sheehan 0-1, Davitts: C Finnegan 1-0, L Kavanagh 0-3.

GRANAGH — B O'Brien, P McKenna, B O'Brien, M Cagney, K Burke (Capt), B Chawke, M Sheehan, V Sheehan, M O'Connor, J Cullinane, D Sheehan, E O'Brien, A Sheehan, K Leslie, J Clifford.

DAVITTS — F Gogarty, O Watson, A Dolan, F Pierce, A Broderick, R Broderick (Capt), E Pierce, C Finnegan, A Kelly, D Kelly, O Broderick, L Kavanagh, L Fahy, B Daniels, M Treacy, Subs: J Frost for B Daniels, B Daniels for L Kavanagh.

REF — B Phillips (Tipperary).

Ballingarry again club camogie champions

Granagh-Ballingarry 2-4
Davitts 1-3

LIMERICK'S Granagh-Ballingarry retained the All-Ireland Club Camogie Championship title when they defeated Davitts at a cold and wet Tynagh, Co Galway, yesterday.

This was a historic win for the Limerick side as it was the first 15-a-side All-Ireland club camogie final.

Left half-forward Eileen O'Brien was the day's star performer scoring the first point of the match after six minutes.

Galway side Davitts were aided by a strong wind in the first-half.

On nine minutes, they were back on level terms when left half-forward Lourda Kavanagh had a point from all of 50 yards.

Davitts, who had beaten the Ulster champions, Leitrim Fontenoy's (Down), in their semi-final, were on top in this first half.

Davitts notched two points before striking goal close to the end of the half. A long drive from midfielder Catriona Finnegan ended up in the back of the net, leaving the score at Davitts 1-3 to Granagh-Ballingarry 0-1.

Granagh-Ballingarry, who had defeated Bishopstown in the Munster semi-final, had the first point on the re-sumption through right corner-forward Aoife Sheehan on 40 minutes.

Two goals within three minutes from centre half-forward Deirdre Sheehan and left half-forward Eileen O'Brien killed off the challenge for Davitts.

making their first All-Ireland appearance.

This left the score at that point, Granagh-Ballingarry 2-2, Davitts 1-3.

Davitts, who included a 14-year-old in their ranks, Edel Pierce, at left half-back, tried all they could on the day.

With six minutes remaining in the fray, a critical chance came when Mary Treacy, their normally deadly left corner-forward, saw her effort just skim narrowly wide on the wet surface as she lay at the right hand post.

She had scored three at the penultimate stage of this year's competition.

The Limerick ladies, who had defeated Freshford, Kilkenny, in the All-Ireland semi-final, egged on by Mary O'Connor at midfield, a Corkonian, had the final two points of the match between the 55th and 56th minutes to secure victory and take the O'Carroll Cup home to Limerick.

It's Limerick's fourth for the fourth title and Munster's 11th in the competition's 35-year history.

Scorers, Granagh-Ballingarry: E O'Brien 1-3, D Sheehan 1-0, A Sheehan 0-1.

Scorers, Davitts: C Finnegan 1-0, L Kavanagh 0-3.

GRANAGH-BALLINGARRY: Breda O'Brien, P McKenna, Bernie O'Brien, M Cagney, K Burke (capt), B Chawke, M Sheehan, V Sheehan, M O'Connor, J Cullinane, D Sheehan, E O'Brien, A Sheehan, K Leslie, J Clifford. DAVITTS: F Gogarty, O Watson, A Dolan, F Pierce, A Broderick, R Broderick (capt), E Pierce, C Finnegan, A Kelly, D Kelly, O Broderick, L Kavanagh, L Fahy, B Daniels, M Treacy. Subs: J Frost for B Daniels (39mins), B Daniels for L Kavanagh (inj, 55mins). Referee: B Phillips (Tipperary).



Close encounters: Davitts' Anne Dolan and Granagh-Ballingarry's Deirdre Sheehan battle for possession in Tynagh.

Picture: Ray Ryan



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Cill Chainnigh (9)
Loch Garman (6), Áth Cliath (5)

Cúige Mumhan

Corcaigh (5), Luimneach (3)
Tiobraid Árann (2)

Cúige Connacht

An Ghaillimh (5)

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Na Cluichí Leathcheannais

Cumann Daibhéid 4-10
Fontenoy's Liatroma, An Dún 0-08

Greannach/Baile an Gharraí 1-10
Naomh Lachtain, Cill Chainnigh 1-09

Foirne an lae inniu

d'Imir Foireann Uille-Éireann i gcoinne Thiobraid Árann, bualteoirí Chraobhchomórtas na Sinsear, le déanaí. Both of the Clubs involved in the Club Final had players selected on the Reat of Ireland team. Greannach/Baile an Gharraí had Vera Ní Shíocháin and Eibhlín Ní Bhriain on the team, while Cumann Daibhéid had Oilibhe Ní Bhruadair. Foireann Uille-Éireann a bhuaidh an cluiche.

Gaolta

Greannach/Baile an Gharraí has three sets of sisters on the team:

Sheehans: Maureen, Deirdre, Vera, Aoife;
O'Briens: Bernie, Breda, Eileen;
Treacys: Sheila, Mairéad (Cagney),
Joanne (O'Brien).

Not to be outdone, Cumann Daibhéid has its sets of sisters:

Pierces: Fiona, Edel.
Fahys: Lisa, Mary, Ann (Selector)

Belleek



Gabhtar buíochas le

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Rogha Imreora

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Cumann Daibhéid

oráiste agus dubhghorm

1. **Fiona Ní Ghothraidh**
Fiona Gohery
2. **Orlaith Nic Uait**
Orla Watson
3. **Áine Ní Dhúláin**
Anne Dolan
4. **Fiona Nic Phiarais**
Fiona Pierce
5. **Áine Ní Bhruadair**
Anne Broderick
6. **Ríta Ní Bhruadair**
Rita Broderick
Captaen
7. **Edel Nic Phiarais**
Edel Pierce
8. **Caitríona Ní Fhionnagáin**
Caitríona Finnegan
9. **Ailbhe Ní Cheallaigh**
Ailbhe Kelly
10. **Dóirín Ní Cheallaigh**
Doreen Kelly
11. **Oilibhe Ní Bhruadair**
Olivia Broderick
12. **Lourda Chaomhánach**
Lourda Kavanagh
13. **Lisa Ní Fhathaigh**
Lisa Fahy
14. **Breanda Ní Dhónaill**
Brenda Daniels
15. **Máire Ní Threasaigh**
Mary Treacy

Na hJonadaithe

16. **Siobhán an tSeaca**
Joanne Frost
17. **Deirdre Nic Giolla Chríost**
Deirdre Gilchrist
18. **Éilís Nic Fhloinn**
Elizabeth Flynn
19. **Lorraine Ní Dhonghaile**
Lorraine Donnelly
20. **Máire Ní Cheallaigh**
Mary Kelly

Greannach/Baile an Gharraí

dubh agus bán

1. **Bríd Ní Bhriain**
Breda O'Brien
2. **Pádraigín Nic Cionaolth**
Patsy McKenna
3. **Briainín Ní Bhriain**
Bernie O'Brien
4. **Mairéad Ní Chaingne**
Mairéad Cagney
5. **Caitríona de Búrca**
Kay Burke
Captaen
6. **Briainín Uí Chreabháin**
Bernie Chawke
7. **Máirín Ní Shíocháin**
Maureen Sheehan
8. **Vera Ní Shíocháin**
Vera Sheehan
9. **Máire Ní Chonchubhair**
Mary O'Connor
10. **Sinéad Ní Chuileannáin**
Jean Cullinane
11. **Deirdre Ní Shíocháin**
Deirdre Sheehan
12. **Eibhlín Ní Bhriain**
Eileen O'Brien
13. **Aoife Ní Shíocháin**
Aoife Sheehan
14. **Cáit Leaslaoi**
Kathryn Lesley
15. **Siobhán Ní Chlúmháin**
Joanne Clifford

Na hJonadaithe

16. **Éadaoin Ní Bhuaigh**
Edwina Boyce
17. **Síle Ní Threasaigh**
Sheila Treacy
18. **Siobhán Ní Bhriain**
Joanne O'Brien
19. **Amy Nic Cárthaigh**
Amy McCarthy
20. **Treasa Ní Mhaoilchéire**
Teresa Mulcair

Granagh-Ballingarry are champs again

Granagh-Ballingarry2-4
Davitt's, Galway1-3

THE gallantry of the homeside, Davitt's, plus the appalling weather and underfoot conditions at Tynagh in south/east Galway last Sunday, failed to curb magnificent Granagh/Ballingarry, who came from behind to retain the All-Ireland club camogie title.

Before delving into the happenings a word of praise to the Galway people would not go astray. The attendance on close of 2,000 had free access to tea and food in the G.A.A. clubhouse - not confined to one sitting - displaying hospitality and a faith in the best traditions of the county.

Rain and gale force winds lashed Tynagh all Saturday night and at 7am on Sunday the pumps were working to clear the pitch of surface water. Most of the water was cleared in time for the match, but in fairness it should have been called off. A few dry hours before the commencement gave hope of an improvement but when the rains returned in the early minutes of the game, the mud and water turned into a quagmire. The worst possible field conditions and the weather was most unsuitable for camogie, though in fairness both teams never complained - were happy to get on with the task in hand and how they rose against the elements to deliver a stunning hour's fare.

Davitt's drawn from the Duniry/Tynagh area played with the gale to their backs in the first half. Granagh/Ballingarry were first to set up an attack, being rewarded with a fourth minute point from a free by Eileen O'Brien. This spell of superiority ended quickly as Davitt's came back to launch continuous pressure on the Granagh/Ballingarry defence for the next 25 minutes. Lourda Kavanagh made it all square in the ninth minute.

Time and time again the visiting defence fought a rearguard battle in face of dangerous Davitt's raids in which Olivia Broderick, Lourda Kavanagh, Ailbhe Kelly, Caitriona Finnegan, Doreen Kelly and Mary Treacy were within inches of picking off points and coming up to the break, lady luck deprived them of two goals. In one raid the Granagh/Ballingarry goal keeper, Breda O'Brien, was knee deep in mud and water and with the ball held firmly between her knees the eager forwards around her could not find possession and to Breda's relief the referee called for the ball and awarded a throw-in.

The Davitt's pressure was finding the quality play of Bernie Chawke, Bernie O'Brien and Kay Burke in the opposing defence frustrating, though they did go two points clear when Lourda Kavanagh sent over another free in the 26th minute. Suddenly the Granagh/Ballingarry backs conceded a goal, nicely struck by Doreen Kelly to the right of Breda O'Brien and inches inside the far upright. Sheer bad luck denied Davitt's of two more majors



Kay Burke, captain, Granagh-Ballingarry, receives the trophy from Phyllis Breslin, president, camogie association.

during the next three minutes and it was a relieved Granagh/Ballingarry team who retired to the dressing room at half time, down 1-3 to 0-1.

The elements now in favour of Granagh/Ballingarry gave promise of an early take-over. But it was the Galway champions who made all the running after resuming. Rita Broderick at centre back picked up an amount of loose ball to give a liberal supply of ball to her forwards, one more engaged in a battle royal

with Bernie Chawke and company.

For a full ten minutes into the second half the odds on Davitt's taking their first All-Ireland crown increased as they fired everything into attack. Just one point would have been so important during this period, but the amazing energy and courage of the opposing defence never yielded.

Mary O'Connor, the Ballyea girl at mid-field and her partner, Vera Sheehan, both outstanding when helping out in defence

in the first half, were slow getting their footing in the second, but once they began to exert authority around the 40th minute of play, hope returned to the champions and thinking of the fight backs in their previous three outings they set out with resolve to change things.

Eileen O'Brien had a point from a free, the second score of the hour for the champions. Joanne Clifford was doing some beautiful crossing of the ball across the Galway goal mouth and from one of these Deirdre Sheehan was in the right place to bang home a goal. Clifford was in the thick of the action minutes later and won a free, struck accurately by Eileen O'Brien into the net for the lead.

Eileen O'Brien and Aoife Sheehan added two further white flags to make it safe in the closing minutes. Once more the Granagh/Ballingarry backs and mid fielders were asked to lift their game as the locals fought to pull back the deficit. Mary Treacy went so near goaling and Lisa Fahy was checked in time with the net at her mercy.

The final whistle was ecstasy to Granagh/Ballingarry and to gallant Davitt's it was tears and agony. The Limerick girls the last to win an All-Ireland club with a team of 12, became the first to win with 15 as well as bring home the first back-to-back camogie crown to the county.

The Limerick girls danced with delight on the mud at Tynagh and to resounding cheers from their followers, Kay Burke, was presented with the winning trophy by Phyllis Breslin, president of the Camogie Association.

Kay, in a fine speech, paid glowing tributes to Davitt's - to her team mates - supporters - sponsor - team trainer, Gerry O'Donoghue and coach/manager, Mike Chawke.

The celebrations on the winners podium ended with a rendition of "Limerick You're a Lady" by Sheila Treacy.

Granagh-Ballingarry: Breda O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Bernie O'Brien, Mairead Cagney, Kay Burke, Bernie Chawke, Maureen Sheehan, Vera Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan 1-0, Eileen O'Brien 1-3, Aoife Sheehan 0-1, Kathryn Lesley, Joanne Clifford. Subs: Edwina Boyce, Sheila Treacy, Joanne O'Brien, Amy McCarthy, Teresa Mulcair.

Davitt's: Fiona Gohery, Orla Watson, Anne Dolan, Fiona Pierce, Anne Broderick, Rita Broderick, Edel Pierce, Caitriona Finnegan, Ailbhe Kelly, Doreen Kelly 1-0, Olivia Broderick, Lourda Kavanagh 0-3, Lisa Fahy, Brenda Daniels, Mary Treacy.

Breda Phillips, Tipperary, did a fine job as referee.



Joy on the faces of Kay Burke and Bernie O'Dea



A mud splattered Vera Sheehan after the game



Mary O'Connor (Granagh/Ballingarry) breaks out of defence as Mary Tracy tries to challenge in the All-Ireland club final in Tynagh. Picture: Ray Ryan.

Granagh/Ballingarry's double celebration

IN the 35 year history of the All-Ireland senior club camogie championship, three Limerick clubs - Croagh/Kilfinny, Ballygran and Granagh/Ballingarry - have tasted success.

Only 12 months ago, Granagh/Ballingarry, appearing in their second decider, swept past the challenge of St. Vincent's (Dublin) in Ballingarry.

It bridged a 20 year gap for Limerick teams and also marked the last competitive 13-a-side camogie final.

And, on Sunday last, in appalling conditions, the Limerick club retained their crown with a sweet victory over Davitt's in the small village of Tynagh in Galway.

Deficit

Behind 1-3 to 0-1 at the half-time break, Granagh/Ballingarry clawed their way back with excellent goals from Deirdre Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien to register a 2-4 to 1-3 win.

The success is also a tremendous tribute to club coach Mike Chawke.

It was back in 1976 that Croagh/Kilfinny succeeded in bringing the first national title to Shannonside. At Athenry, the Limerick side overcame the locals, 4-6 to 4-5, to lift the O'Carroll Cup.

Amid wild scenes of enthusiasm, Croagh/Kilfinny - contesting their first All-Ireland final - came from behind to snatch a famous victory. Athenry were dangerous in the opening-half and led 4-5 to 3-2 at the mid-way stage - Brid Stokes grabbed a couple of rapid-fire goals to keep Croagh/Kilfinny in the game nearing the interval.

Though favoured by the

elements, Athenry were unable to match their fine opening-half display and the Limerick outfit, for whom Marion Doyle shone like a beacon in attack, edged out the Galway representatives.

Croagh/Kilfinny: Helen Sheehy, Margaret Hickey, Margie Neville, Ann O'Flynn, E. O'Keeffe, A. Sheehy, M.T. Hannon, Helen Mulcair, Mary Fitzgerald, Marion Doyle

By MAL KEAVENEY

(1-4), Margie O'Sullivan, Brid Stokes (3-0), captain. Substitute: Margo Stokes.

Ballygran won their first Limerick championship in 1977 and retained the title a year later.

Emulate

They went on to emulate Croagh/Kilfinny by capturing the All-Ireland championship that season.

The Limerick kingpins shocked Buffersalley (Wexford) in the decider, played at Monamolin

near Wexford town.

A member of that triumphant selection was Bernie O'Brien.

Playing under her married name, Bernie (Chawke) shone for Granagh/Ballingarry in the number six shirt in Tynagh. In this scribes opinion, O'Brien was player-of-the-match against Davitt's.

The veteran star was flawless in the execution of her defensive duties, particularly in the closing ten minutes of the first-half when Granagh/Bal-

lingarry were under immense pressure.

Ballygran: W. Butler, A. Fahy, B. Murphy, G. O'Brien, L. Hayes, B. O'Brien, P. McCarthy, captain, N. Mackey, M. O'Keeffe, M. Murphy, M. Connell, M. Fitzgerald. Substitutes used: N. Bagnell and I. Simon.

Ahane contested two All-Ireland club finals in the 1970s, but failed on both occasions to an outstanding team from Kilkenny, St. Pauls.

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Doreen Kelly (Davitts, Galway) tries to break out of defence in the All-Ireland club final in Tynagh. Picture: Ray Ryan

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Croagh/Kilfinny Camogie

The Croagh/Kilfinny Camogie club will hold their Annual General Meeting on Monday next in Kilfinny Community Hall at 8.30pm. We ask all club members, players and parents, to attend this important meeting. As well as preparing for all the competitions of next season we also look with anticipation to the official opening of our new field. In this we will be writing another chapter in our club history as we also create history becoming the first club in Limerick to own our own field. Many have helped us reach this point and further assistance is needed to complete the project. We look forward to seeing all interested club members at the AGM. We wish our 116 players who are attending county training all the best and hope they enjoy and learn from this opportunity. Finally we would like to send our hearty congratulations to Granagh/Ballingarry on their two-in-row Senior Club Championship titles. Well done, girls.

Mick's Portbello girls reach promised land

MICK MURPHY has finally led his Portbello girls on a winning streak.

The Dublin 6 crew captured the Intermediate Championship crown following two years of heartbreak at Paire Naomh Uinsinn on Sunday.

In 1997, Portbello were beaten at the semi-final stage and last year, they tasted defeat in the final.

But Murphy's law determined that it was third time lucky as

Portbello overcame Craobh Chiarain, 2-3 to 0-1.

And when it was all over, an emotional Michael quipped: "It's a fantastic achievement for the whole squad - a wonderful feeling."

Backbone by the superb defending of Mary Brennan, the Leinster Road side led by 1-2 to 0-1 at the break, with sound contributions also coming from midfielder, Kevin Kenny, and forwards, Phyllis

CAMOGIE Niall Scully

Sheridan and Jackie Ryan.

Portbello dominated the second period as Sheridan moved back to midfield and defender, Olive Lynch, excelled. And despite the fact that they are losing four players to Australia, Portbello plan to make a solid impact in the Senior B grade next term.

Meanwhile, Seamus Massey is the new Chairman of the Dublin Camogie Board, taking over from Naomh Mearmogh's Jim Carroll.

The St Jude's clubman was elected at Dublin's Annual Convention, which was held at The Yacht in Clontarf last Saturday.

Last season, Massey was part of the management structure that led the Combined Dublin Colleges Camogie team to Leinster glory.

And in 1997, he also helped Dublin to bring the Leinster Minor title to the capital for the first time in ten years.

The following officers were also elected:

Leas Cathaoirleach: Aine Derham (Celtic). **Secretary:** Marie O'Brien (St Jude's). **Assistant Secretary:** Maire Uí Scolai (Cuola). **PRO:** Vacant. **Treasurer:** Sean Flynn. **Registrar:** Christine Priest (Cuola). **Leinster Council delegate:** Aine Derham (Celtic).

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Bowles makes a bit of history

IT'S PERHAPS only fitting that in the year that the Newtownshandrum Camogie club celebrate their 21st year in existence, Niamh Bowles becomes the first player from the famous hurling and camogie stronghold to lead a Cork team to All-Ireland victory.

The club celebrated Niamh's achievement recently when they hosted a function in honour of the Cork minor and Junior All-Ireland winning teams and joining Niamh were Aine Kelleher who also starred for the minors and junior players from the Newtown club Muireann Harrington and Caroline Giltinane.

Formed

Formed in 1978 the club participated in competition within Limerick up until 1996 when they opted to come into competition under the jurisdiction of Cork.

The record of success within competition in Limerick is awesome, winning underage titles at u-12, 14, 16 and 18 grade from 1980 and 87. Success also followed at junior league and championship whilst an intermediate county title was annexed in 87, 91 and 96. Indeed in the 1996 encounter none other than Niamh Bowles, only 13 years old, grabbed the limelight scoring the winning goal with time almost up. Senior championship also followed for Newtown taking the Senior 'B' title in 93, 94 and 95.

A decision to participate in competition within Cork was greeted with great anticipation by club members in 1997 as by now several other camogie clubs had grown within their area. It was indeed a tremendous year for the club when in their first year competing in Cork they took the Senior 'B' county title at their first attempt, promotion to Senior 'A' has seen the club establish itself and they have proved to be worthy participants in the grade.

The Newtownshandrum girls have also been vital members of many of the victorious St. Mary's, Charleville teams who have taken numerous titles over the years.

1998 saw Paula O'Connor, Ursula Troy, Caoimhe Harrington, bring All-Ireland senior medals to the club when Cork defeated Galway. The pattern looks set to continue with a bright future ahead for the club.



Newtownshandrum inter-county players Muireann Harrington, Caroline Giltinane (Cork Junior All Ireland champs), Niamh Bowles (All Ireland Minor captain) and Aine Kelleher.

Davitt's are unable to overcome the title holders

Grenagh win to retain their crown

Grenagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) 2-4
Davitt's (Galway) 1-3

HOLDERS Grenagh-Ballingarry retained their All-Ireland club championship crown at rain and wind lashed Tynagh on Sunday last.

Playing with the aid of the gale force wind, the holders opened the scoring with an Eileen O'Brien pointed free after five minutes. But this was to be their only score of the half as the challengers dominated. Lourde Kavanagh levelled matters in the ninth minute and was unlucky not to score when her efforts were superbly saved by Breda O'Brien.

Problems

Kavanagh continued to cause the Limerick girls problems, adding a further two points, now leading 0-3 to 0-1.

Davitt's got a timely boost three minutes from the interval when Catriona Finnegan's long range shot from midfield went all the way to the net to leave the champions trailing 1-3 to 0-1.

With the wind to their backs for the second half Grenagh-Ballingarry came out in determined fashion but they had a let off when Lourde Kavanagh missed a

goal chance after just five minutes. With Grenagh now getting a grip on the game their confidence grew. Aoife Sheehans tenth minute point settled their nerves and when Jean Cullinane's effort for goal was well saved by Fiona Gohery, Deirdre Sheehan was on hand to finish to the net and the champions were on song.

Two minutes later when Eileen O'Brien's free from out on the corner went to the net Grenagh were well in control. Back came Davitt's with Olivia Broderick having two chances at goal inside seven minutes, with the first just grazing the post, two Eileen O'Brien pointed frees gave the champions breathing space and they ran out deserving winners on a day when Grenagh-Ballingarry's experience

starring role in their victory in the 1996 under-14A county championship. In 1997 the club captured the under-16A Championship and again Sally Ann was to the fore in the victory.

1998 was a special year in her sporting career when elected to lead Cloughduv's under-16 team.

The side put in a superb campaign and led by Sally Ann reached the county final only to lose out narrowly to Courcy Rovers.

Camogie followers everywhere sympathise with her family, clubmates and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



Sally Ann Shannon: Sadly missed by team-mates.

Still on course for a third

Aghabullogue 1-5
Ballygarvan 0-2

IN THE only championship fixture to survive the weather conditions over the weekend, holders for the last two years, Aghabullogue kept their campaign for three in a row on course with a good win over Ballygarvan when the sides met in the U-18 championship at Coachford on Saturday last.

In an evenly contested opening half Ballygarvan aided by the strong wind opened the scoring with points from Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly.

Pressure

Keeping on the pressure Aghabullogue were fortunate to be rewarded with a goal when Kate Crowley managed to scramble to the net after the Ballygarvan defence failed to clear. This was Aghabullogue's only score of the first half but it was enough to give them an lead of 1-0 to 0-2.

After the break they continued to pile on the pressure and ran out winners.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS
All-Ireland Club Championship final: Grenagh-Ballingarry (Limerick) 2-4 Davitt's (Galway) 1-3.
U18 Championship: Aghabullogue 1-5, Ballygarvan 0-2.

FIXTURES
SATURDAY DECEMBER 4
U16 A Championship: Aghabullogue v Cloughduv at Aghabullogue 11.30am; Barryroe v Millard 12 noon, venue to be arranged.
SUNDAY DECEMBER 5
U16B County final: Carrigaline v Newtown 12 noon, venue to be arranged.
U18 Championship: Iniscarra v Courcy Rovers at Iniscarra 12 noon.

MAGIC MOMENTS

No. 28: Dublin's Kathleen Mills holds a record 15 All-Ireland senior championship medals. She is followed by fellow Dubliner Una O'Connor with 13.

told over this tie, with Ber Chawke, Ber O'Brien, Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien to the fore.

Davitt's will be disappointed with the result on a day that with the driving wind and rain did little to enhance the chances of good camogie.

Scorers: Grenagh-Ballingarry E. O'Brien 0-4, D. Sheehan 1-0, A. Sheehan 1-0. Davitt's: L. Kavanagh 0-3, C. Finnegan 1-0.



Success! Never mind the mud, says Vera Sheehan, one of the victorious Granagh / Ballingarry team who won the All Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship at the weekend (LL)

Newcestown bid for under-age title

ONLY two teams remain in the Cork U-16 'B' Camogie Championship and tomorrow they come head to head when Carrigaline take on Newcestown at Ballineen. Carrigaline will start slight favourites following their successful league campaign.

Newcestown, who have never won an under-age title, are pinning their hopes on big performance from their Cork minor duo of Colette Desmond and Susanne Deasy.

The all Mid-Cork meeting of Aghabullogue and Cloughduv in the U-16 'A' county championship semi-final replay is pencilled in for this afternoon at Coachford at 2 pm.

When the sides met two weeks ago they looked evenly matched, Cloughduv though, with five Cork minors in their side, will be firm favourites to advance.

The second U-16 'A' semi-final will see favourites Milford, led by Christine O'Gorman and Emer O'Friel, face a tough challenge from a well-balanced Barryroe side who could upset the favourites.

There is just one U-18 championship game down for decision with Courcsey Rovers travelling to Ballynaly to take on Inniscarra.

All-Ireland

club crown

Granagh/Ballingarry retained the O'Carroll Cup when they overcame a gallant Davitt's side in this All-Ireland senior Camogie Club Championship final played in a wet and windy Tynagh on Sunday last by 2-4 to 1-3. It was the last All-Ireland camogie final of the century. 17 year old leaving cert student Eileen O'Brien was Granagh's star notching off 1-3 of her teams total.

It was a game of two halves. Eileen O'Brien opened the scoring for Granagh after three minutes with a point from a free. Davitt's assisted by the wind advantage had a similar score by Lourda Kavanagh on the ninth minute. The winners pressed hard but the home side's rearguard kept matters under control as Kavanagh added two further points, one from play and one from a free.

Three minutes from half time Davitts centre field player Caitriona Finnegan took a long range shot that dropped over the head of goalie Breda O'Brien to give the home side a 1-3 to 0-1 lead at the break.

In the second half it was Granagh's turn to have the wind advantage, however, it was Davitts who piled on the pressure from the first ten minutes and missed some scoring opportunities. On the 40th minute Aoife Sheehan ran down the right wing to take Granaghs second score. A minute later the Sheehans contribution continued when Deirdre took a

pass from Jean Cullinane and sent home their first goal.

On the 45th minute Eileen O'Brien gave Granagh the lead when she sent a sizzling ball to the roof of the net. For the next nine minutes it was an end to end battle with Davitts trying to get back into the game. It was the experience of the champions that saw them through in the end as Eileen O'Brien had the last say a point on the 54th minute from a free.

Scorers: Granagh/Ballingarry: Eileen O'Brien (1-3), Deirdre Sheehan (1-0), Aoife Sheehan (0-1).

Davitts: Caitriona Finnegan (1-0), Lourda Kavanagh (0-3). Granagh team: Breda O'Brien, Patsy McKenna, Bernie O'Brien, Mairead Cagney, Kay Burke (Capt), Bernie Chawke, Maureen Sheehan, Vera Sheehan, Mary O'Connor, Jean Cullinane, Deirdre Sheehan, Eileen O'Brien, Aoife Sheehan, Kathryn Leslie, Joanne Clifford.

Davitt's team: Fiona Goherty, Orla Watson, Ann Dolan, Fiona Pierce, Ann Roderick, Rita Broderick (Capt), Edel Pierce, Caitriona Finnegan, Ailbhe Kelly, Doreen Kelly, Olivia Broderick, Lourda Kavanagh, Lisa Fahy, Brenda Daniels, Mary Treacy, Subs: Joanne Frost for B Daniels, B Daniels for L Kavanagh.

Referee: Bidy Phyllips, Tipperary

St Fanahan's

ST FANAHAN'S CAMOGIE: St Fanahan's had a 3-1 to 2-3 win over St Aloysius, Cork in the Co Intermediate camogie final at Ballygiblin on Friday last in Ballygiblin. The City side led 2-2 to 1-1 at half time. Mairead Kelly with a very late goal earned the title for the St Fanahan's side.

Team: Joanne Hennessey, Fiona Downey, Eileen O'Brien, Caitriona Sheedy, Captain, Jennifer O'Gorman, Elaine Sheehan, Mairead Kelly 2-1, Eileen Coffey, Fiona O'Brien, Katherine Nolan 1-0, Yvonne Cleary, Jacqueline Nolan. Substitutes Priscilla O'Gorman, Aine O'Dwyer, Marie Coffey, Marie Lane, Laura McCarthy, Annette English.



Mary McAleese meets referee Aine Derham before the Senior Camogie final

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COLLEGE STARS ... Eileen O'Brien (Limerick) and Emer McDonald (Tipperary)

Camogie marches on

THE establishment of colleges camogie on a structured basis in the late 1960s has been one of the resounding successes of Irish second-level sport.

A continuous flow of players, who have learned to play the game skillfully, have emerged from the sector to supply club and county teams throughout the country.

Competitions are keenly contested, and produce a very high standard. The ability of teachers who coach the game to impart the basics to young players is invaluable.

The All-Ireland Colleges Championship began in 1968 when two exceptional sides — Presentation, Kilkenny and St Aloysius, Cork — contested the final.

Within a short time, several of the participants, including Liz Neary, Helena O'Neill and Teresa O'Neill (Kilkenny) and Liz Garvan and Rosie Hennessy (Cork), were household names on the camogie scene and had won All-Ireland senior medals with their counties.

By MARY MORAN

Corn Scéide, the All-Ireland Colleges Camogie trophy, has toured the country since then. Sacred Heart, Newry carried it to Ulster. Presentation Oranmore and Presentation Athenry underlined the talent in Connacht.

Scoil Mhuire, Cashel; St Aloysius, Cork; St Patrick's, Cork; North Presentation, Cork; St Patrick's, Shannon, and St Mary's, Nenagh, all had the Munster flag flying high.

Dublin schools St John of God, Artane, and Maryfield College, as well as St Brigid's, Callan, and Presentation Mountmellick, proved Leinster's worth.

Two schools stand head and shoulders above the rest in the history of Colleges Camogie. St Raphael's, Loughrea and St Mary's, Charleville have set almost every record that exists. Between 1985 and 1992, St Raphael's were unbeatable in the All-Ireland Colleges senior championship.

As players graduate from school and younger girls fill their places, it is a truly phenomenal feat for a school to retain the championship for eight successive years.

St Raphael's also captured the All-Ireland Colleges junior championship on four occasions, and two All-Ireland Sevens titles.

CYRIL FARRELL, the well-known Galway hurling coach, moulded these winning combinations and produced top-class exponents of the game, including Imelda Hobbins, Deirdre Costello, Pamela Nevin, Brid Stratford, Olivia Broderick, Clare Lynch and Triona Dolphin.

St Mary's, Charleville made their first appearance on the All-Ireland scene in 1986 and since then have accumulated 18 All-Ireland titles.

Vincent Harrington and Anne-Marie O'Keefe are the talented mentors on the sideline, and stars who have rolled off the production line include Helen Cagney, Claire O'Callaghan, Frances Broderick, Sinead O'Callaghan, Vera Sheehan, Laura Leslie and current school captain, Eileen O'Brien.

In the early years of the All-Ireland Championship, titles were won by sides with four or five top-class performers, with players of average ability filling the remaining places.

That is no longer the case. Nowadays, practically every player on an All-Ireland Senior Championship winning team has inter-county experience at some level. This standard is now essential for success.

Sixty-five schools affiliated to the new All-Ireland Colleges Council in 1969. Four times that figure now participate. And the range of competitions has grown significantly. An All-Ireland Junior Championship was added in 1974 and the All-Ireland Sevens were introduced three years later.

New Senior B and Junior B championships, aimed at smaller schools, were inaugurated last season and proved instant successes. In addition, Provincial Colleges Councils provide a wide selection of competitions to suit various age groups and standards.

Mary Moran is All-Ireland Colleges Camogie Secretary.



Champions again...the Granagh Ballingarry team who held on to their All-Ireland crown



Granagh-Ballingarry celebrate a famous win



Camogie Player of the Year, Vera Sheehan, with Sean Heffernan, Justin McCarthy sponsor and Marion Coughlan, social club. (LL)



Justin McCarthy presenting the Personality of the Year award to Anna Marie O'Keefe, Feoghanagh/Castlemahon, with Henry Cooney, committee. (LL)

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Action from Granagh/Ballingarry's clash with Davitt's which saw the Limerick side retain their senior club title.

Chawke the king of Limerick camogie

MIKE CHAWKE is the pride of Limerick, a man with a burning passion for camogie.

Many long years he has been at the helm with Granagh/Ballingarry, guiding them to All-Ireland senior club glory last season, a title they were to retain against Davitt's of Galway courtesy of a memorable second-half recovery last month in Tynagh.

Chawke is, without fear of contradiction, Limerick's unofficial manager of the year.

There were amazing scenes in Ballingarry 12 months back as the home club cruised past St Vincent's (Dublin) to capture their first All-Ireland crown and bridge a gap for Limerick that yawned back to the late 1970's.

Contest

The game has changed immeasurably in the last year, now being a 15-a-side contest and using a full size pitch.

Given that Granagh/Ballingarry were without three of the '98 winning side their achievement in making it two triumphs on the trot is all the more remarkable.

Chawke said: "It was a huge task, to assemble 15 players from a limited panel that would be good enough to retain the championship."

The west Limerick swept past a few teams in Limerick and survived a couple of narrow escapes before securing provincial glory in the Autumn.

It was against Kilkenny flag bearers, Freshford, that the Limerick side came

By MAL KEAVENEY

closest to being eliminated from the competition but they scraped through.

Pitted against Davitt's in the final, the Munster representatives travelled almost blind-folded to Tynagh said team captain Kay Burke.

"They were probably the only team that we hadn't met at competitive level," she said.



Limerick's Granagh/Ballingarry beat Davitt's at Tynagh in the senior club final.

"We knew very little only that we had had two miraculous escapes and couldn't afford a poor start."

However, Granagh/Ballingarry were slow off the blocks and trailed 1-3 to 0-1 at the interval.

Heroic

And, only for some heroic defensive play on the parts of Bernie O'Brien and Bernie Chawke - Mike's wife - the Galway side could have had the match

wrapped up.

Goals from Deirdre Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien leapfrogged the Limerick XV into a lead by the 43rd minute, one they were never subsequently to relinquish.

It was as if Granagh/Ballingarry were unstoppable in that second-half.

Their achievement was commented upon recently by Limerick chairman Donal Fitzgibbon:

"Granagh/Ballingar-

ry's All-Ireland victory was highly significant - it was one of the highs of the season. And, they are deserving of huge praise, given that they have put Limerick camogie right up there at the top."

Limerick's other All-Ireland triumph in '99 came through Eamon O'Neill and Martin Kiely in handball.

It was left to the MH team to record Limerick's only championship win proper in the Munster championship.

End of an era arrives in metropolitan camogie as Naomh Aoife close their doors for the last time

ONE OF Dublin's fondest and longest established clubs, Naomh Aoife, is to fold next year.

A fall in numbers brings down the curtain on a club which would have been celebrating their 65th year next season.

Over the decades, they have produced many quality players like Judy Doyle and Patricia

Timmins, who were part of Dublin's golden era.

At Dublin Board level, they supplied many outstanding officers like Kathleen Timmins, Pat Rafferty and Mary Matthews.

And in the recent past, they took in a very successful trip to America, where they showed off their sporting excellence.

And in more recent times, it

Niall Scully

was that sporting spirit that showed all-corners that sport, at the end of the day, is all about enjoyment.

THE Blakestown Belles, St. Peregrine's, won the last camogie tournament of the millennium in the Phoenix Park on Sunday.

The Mini Junior event

attracted four clubs, Erin's Isle, Raheny, Naomh Fionnbarra and Peregrine's, who beat the Cabra girls in the Final, 3-7 to 2-0.

The Saints had solid offerings from the likes of Joyce Donnelly, Emma Bergin, Michelle Coleman, Louise Gilhooly and Sharon Hilliard.

And at half-time, Peregrine's were warmed by wel-

come flasks of tea brought along by their supporters.

Meanwhile, the new Dublin Board supremo, Seamus Massey, is keen to get down to business. He has organised a Management meeting for tomorrow night, and on the agenda will be the further development of the Phoenix Park and the vacant PRO's position.



Ballincollig girls enjoying the camogie awards ceremony.



Catherine O'Toole and Ruth O'Donoghue with chairman John Ratt.

Camogie club awards

BALLINCOLLIG camogie club celebrated a successful year and is confident it can win some titles next year.

The centre piece of the awards night were special presentations made to some members who gave excellent service to the club.

Denise Cronin was the under 10 player of the year with merit awards to Lisa O'Callaghan and Vicky McCulloch.

In the under 12 section a joint player of the year was awarded

By RONAN CAVANAGH

to Susan Donovan and Claire Donovan.

The most improved under 12 player was Sarah Louise O'Sullivan.

Merit awards went to Orna Webster, Sarah O'Brien, Charlene Bradley, Druha Fenton, Ciara McSwiney and Ashley Lovett.

The under 14 player of the year was Catherine O'Toole.

A spokesperson said: "Catherine has a great attitude and always puts the team first."

The most improved under 14 award went to Ruth O'Donoghue and merit awards were won by Lorraine Barry, Denise O'Neill and Gemma O'Callaghan.

The club player of the year was Emma O'Brien and the award for the most improved club player went to Julie Crowley.



WINNERS: Under 10s and under 12 award winners.



Denise Cronin accepts the under-10 player of the year award from Lily O'Sullivan.



Under 14 award winners at Ballincollig Camogie Club awards function.



CAMOGIE AGM: Emma O'Brien, Julie Crowley and team trainer Mary White.

Move to create a new U18 division

CORK clubs gather at the Doughboyne Hotel next Monday to review the year's activities at the annual convention.

There are a number of motions down for consideration, including one calling for the implementation of an U-18 'B' championship.

There is only one championship at U-18 level and the feeling is that the clubs should be divided into 'A' and 'B' to enable the weaker clubs compete on an equal footing.

All outgoing officers are returned unopposed, with Lillie O'Sullivan starting her second term of honorary presidency. Sile Golden again takes the chair as the board looks towards a new millennium.

Marion McCarthy, St Finbarr's, is vice-chairperson. Mary McSweeney, Bandon, continues as treasurer. Pat Murray, Bishopstown, continues as secretary.

Kay Dunne, Ballincollig is re-elected registrar whilst Mary Newman, Glen Rovers, is PRO. Mary Bulger, Valley Rovers, is the new fixtures secretary.

Selectors

Selection committees for the inter-county teams will also be chosen.

Outgoing senior selectors Rose Mackey and Angela Higgins are seeking re-election and they will face opposition in the form of Pat Murray, Bishopstown, who is also outgoing having represented the county champions.

Bishopstown, last season. Trainer Tom Nott is also nominated for a selectors position. There are two to be elected with the third coming from county champions Bishopstown.

The junior team took the All-Ireland title last year and outgoing selectors Kay Dunne and Mairead O'Callaghan, who represented county champions Watergrasshill, are again nominated while Rob Lott, who has returned following a stint abroad, is also nominated.

Outgoing minor selectors John Quinn, John Cronin and Kathleen Healy are all seeking re-election, with only two to be elected from the three nominees, the county champions having the third.

Amongst the motions on the agenda is one calling for the Under 18 championship to be divided into an 'A' and 'B' section.

Other motions on the agenda include the call for a smaller pitch for U-12's.

St Finbarr's are also calling on the board to come down on clubs who enter competitions and withdraw without participating.

U16s make history by capturing club's first underage title



The Cloghdun Under 16 camogie team that lost 1-3 to 1-5 to Aghabullogue in the Cork County Camogie Championship at Cloghdun.

Picture: Des Barry.

Stylish Newcestown make breakthrough

Newcestown 3-5
Carrigaline 0-3

NEWCESTOWN'S under 16 'B' side made history by becoming the first team from the club to take an underage camogie title, sweeping aside the challenge of Carrigaline in the county final.

Despite playing against the strong wind in the opening half, the winners led 1-2 to 0-3 at the interval, Cork minor star, Colette Desmond, grabbing the goal.

The Newcestown girls strengthened their grip three minutes into the second half with a Lorraine Holland goal. They quickly followed up with another from Cork minor Suzanne Deasy who crashed a 20 metre free to the net.

Comprehensive

Two further points from Deasy put the seal on a comprehensive triumph. Captain Aileen Coughlan accepted the trophy from Sile Golden, chairperson of the County Board.

Newcestown: J O'Neill, C Desmond, M O'Leary, Anita Holland, A Coughlan, M Deasy, Aileen Coughlan (C), A O'Driscoll, S Deasy, R Donovan, L Holland, F Kehilly, Evelyn Crowley, H Walsh, Edel Crowley.

Carrigaline: A Kiely, J Kiernan (C), A Collins, V Doherty, S Moran, C O'Keeffe, G Harrington, J O'Keeffe, N Murphy, T O'Sullivan, N Corcoran, A O'Connor, M Conlon, T O'Keeffe, A Collins. Subs: L Kelleher for T O'Sullivan, R Pinfield for C O'Keeffe, L O'Driscoll for N Corcoran.

In an exciting Under 16 'A' Championship semi-final replay at Coachford, Aghabullogue knocked out champions Cloghdun on a 1-5 to 1-3 scoreline.

A goal from the alert Kate Crowley after Ciara Murphy's shot rebounded



Aghabullogue's Ciara Murphy on the attack against Cloghdun in the Cork County Under 16 Camogie Championship at Cloghdun.

Picture: Des Barry.

off the crossbar gave Aghabullogue a great start.

Evelyn Harrington and Crowley added points before Louise Holland struck for the Cloghdun side. A point from Joanne O'Callaghan narrowed the gap to leave Cloghdun trailing 1-2 to 1-1 at the break.

With wind advantage in the second half Aghabullogue pressed forward and points from Kate Crowley (2) and Joan Twomey had them 1-5 to 1-1 ahead going into the last ten minutes.

Cloghdun reduced the deficit with points from Joanne O'Callaghan and Aolfe Murray.

The second semi-final on Sunday at the excellent Redmond's venue saw

Milford beat Barryroe by 6-4 to 1-2.

Barryroe raced into an early lead with a Marie Moloney goal. The same player added a point before the interval to leave her side 1-1 to no score ahead at the break.

Moloney stretched their lead three minutes into the second half, but this was to be their last score as a determined rally from the Milford side saw Elizabeth Linehan, Regina Curtain, Marie Watson and Emer Watson goal to earn Milford a final place with Aghabullogue next Sunday.

Holders St Mary's, Charleville, remain on course to retain their Munster and All-Ireland Junior titles following a fine 2-11 to 2-5 victory over Coachford.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS
County Under 16 'B' Final:
Newcestown 3-5, Carrigaline 0-3.

Under 16 'A' Championship Semi-Finals: Aghabullogue 1-5, Cloghdun 1-3; Milford 6-4, Barryroe 1-2.

Under 18 Championship: Courcy Rovers 5-6, Inniscarra 1-2.

Munster Junior Colleges Championship: St Mary's Charleville 2-11, Coachford College 2-5.

FIXTURES
THURSDAY DECEMBER 9
Munster Colleges Senior 'B' semi final: Christ the King v Coachford, Caherlag, 11am
Cork Colleges Intermediate 'A' semi final: Coachford v Presentation Mitchelstown, Caherlag, 12 noon

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12
Under 16 'A' Championship final: Aghabullogue v Milford, time and venue to be arranged.

Junior 'B' Championship final: Carrigaline v Inniscarra, Ballincollig, 12 noon.

MAGIC MOMENTS

NO. 29 - CORK
ended a 29 year wait, 1941 to 1970, when a team captained by Anne Comerford brought the O'Duffy Cup to Leeside for the first of a glorious four in a row of senior All-Ireland titles.

50th anniversary of camogie win celebrated by Shamrocks

1949 had many interesting features of historical interest. On Easter Monday of that year Ireland declared itself a Republic and the people enjoyed a long hot summer with a bumper harvest for the farmers. It was the golden jubilee year of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association and Glen Rovers and Collins won the senior hurling and senior football championships respectively.

On the local scene it will be remembered in a very special way due to the feat of the Shamrock camogie team which won the junior county championship against Cobh in Cobh. 1949 was a time when the country and its people were beginning to recover from the war years with times still very hard, with massive unemployment and plenty of immigration too. It was in such times that the GAA and of course the Camogie clubs played such a huge role in

the social and sporting lives of the communities and parishes.

The Shamrock camogie team were trained by one of the Shamrock all time greats, the late Georgie Andrews. The team members were the Harding sisters from the Kennel Boreen, Hannah, Kathleen and Noreen, Mary Hayes, Pauline Nugent, Norrie Dunne, Nell Bradley, Minnie Jeffords, all deceased and Ettie Hayes, Maureen O'Sullivan, Dolly Crowley, Pat Livesey, Kathleen Farrell, Marie Murphy and Faye Kind who are all still going strong.

HISTORIC

Recently the Shamrock Club organised a commemoration ceremony on the 50th anniversary of this historic event. The 11 o'clock Sunday Mass at Shanbally was offered for the deceased members and was celebrated by Fr John Cotter, P.P. After the Mass the congregation travelled to Barnahale Cemetery, nearby, where a decade of the Rosary was recited and a wreath laid in their memory.

Later the club hosted a lunch

at the Monkstown Golf Club for the survivors and representatives of the deceased and it proved to be a very happy and enjoyable occasion for all. It was really the first time after all those long years that there was any re-union of that great team. After the meal the survivors were presented with Irish cut glass by the club's senior lady vice-president, Mrs Peg McCarthy from Shanbally. Peg played camogie herself and along with her late husband, James, they travelled the length and breadth of the county attending inter-county and club games. Their mode of transport was the bicycle. Mr Tom Livesey represented the club trustees at the function. Vice-President Breda Andrews was in attendance too.

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Milford, 2-6.
Aghabullogue, 0-2.

MILFORD took their first minor county 'A' camogie title just twelve months after taking the 'B' title when they defeated Aghabullogue at the superb Rathpeacon pitch on Sunday last.

On a day which was bitterly cold and wet, both teams are to be complimented for the tremendous display served up.

Aghabullogue captain Joan Twomey opened the scoring twelve minutes into the game with a pointed 45 metres free. With both defences on top scores were hard to come by. Emer O'Friel had Milford ahead 0-2 to 0-1 at the interval.

Despite winning ample possession, Milford found the going hard against a tight Aghabullogue defence in which captain Joan Twomey and Ann Anneguess excelled. Fourteen minutes into the second half Milford led 0-4 to 0-1 after Marie Watson had stretched the winners' lead with two well taken points. Playing with great determination Aghabullogue refused to die and putting the Milford defence under tremendous

pressure Niamh O'Connell pointed to cut the deficit.

With ten minutes remaining Aghabullogue tired, conceding a goal when Elizabeth Linehan finished to the net. Three minutes later Deirdre Hayes consolidated Milford's victory when she finished a Marie Watson cross to the net to give Milford a historic first.

Milford: E. O'Riordan, E. Savage, A. Geary, A. Dillon, C. O'Gorman, S. Lenihan, K. Brosnan, S. Reilly, D. Hayes, E. O'Friel, R. Curtin, M. Watson, E. Watson, E. Lenihan, I. Sexton.

Aghabullogue: M. Ennaguess, S. O'Leary, A. Ennaguess, M. O'Leary, J. Twomey, E. Harrington, C. Murphy, K. Crowley, C. Hogan, N. O'Connell, F. Buckley, R. Crowley. Sub. - A. Cronin for E. Harrington (inj.).

Scorers: Milford - D. Hayes 1-0, E. Linehan 1-0, M. Watson 0-2, E. O'Friel 0-2, E. Watson 0-2. Aghabullogue - J. Twomey 0-1, N. O'Connell 0-1.

Referee: Colette O'Mahony, St. Finbarr's.

Once again the junior 'B' county final, Inniscarra v. Carrigaline, fell victim to the weather. At the moment it's hoped to play the game on Sunday next, Dec. 19th, at either Rathpeacon or Shanbally, with a 12 noon throw-in.

Newcestown girls win first county title for club

Newcestown 3-5

Carrigaline 0-3

Newcestown came of age on Sunday last when giving a superb performance, the club's under 16 B side made history in becoming the first team from the club to take an under age camogie title.

Playing against the strong wind in the opening half the winners trailed after five minutes to a Grace Harrington point, settling well the Newcestown girls got the boost they needed when their Cork minor star Colette Desmond finished to the net after a tremendous run, the same player pointed one minute later and with their confidence growing they continued to dictate matters despite playing against the elements and with the sides exchanging points it was the winners who turned over leading 1-2 to 0-3 at the break.

The Newcestown girls showed their determination three minutes into the second half with a Lorraine Holland goal, they quickly followed up with another when Cork minor Suzanne Deasy crashed a twenty metre free to the net, now rampant they added two further points from Deasy to run out convincing winners.

Captain Aileen Coughlan accepted the trophy amid jubilant scenes from Sile Golden, chairperson county board, to round off a great and historic day for the Newcestown club.

Teams: Newcestown: J. O'Neill, C. Desmond, M. O'Leary, A. Holland, Anita Coughlan, M. Deasy, Aileen Coughlan (c), A. O'Driscoll, S. Deasy, R. Donovan, L. Holland, F. Kehilly, Evelyn Crowley, H. Walsh, Edel Crowley.

Carrigaline: A. Kiely, J. Kieran (c), A. Collins, V. Doherty, S. Moran, C. O'Keeffe, G. Harrington, J. O'Keeffe, N. Murphy, T. O'Sullivan, N. Corcoran, A. O'Connor, M. Conlon, T. O'Ke-

effe, A. Collins. Subs: L. Kelleher for T. O'Sullivan, R. Pinefield for C. O'Keeffe, L. O'Driscoll for N. Corcoran.

RESULTS

County under-16 B final: Newcestown 3-5, Carrigaline 0-3. Under-16 A championship semi-finals: Aghabullogue 1-5, Cloughduv 1-3. Milford 6-4, Barryroe 1-2. Under 18 championship: Courcy Rovers 5-6, Inniscarra 1-2. Munster Junior Colleges Championship: St. Marys, Charleville 2-11, Coachford College 2-5.

Fixtures: Thursday, December 9. Munster Colleges Senior B semi-final: Christ the King v Coachford, Caherlag 11 a.m., Cork Colleges Intermediate A semi-final: Coachford v Presentation Mitchelstown, Caherlag 12 noon.

Sunday, December 12. Under 16 A championship final: Aghabullogue v Milford, Time and venue to be arranged. Junior B championship final: Carrigaline v Inniscarra at Ballincollig 12 noon.

Crosserlough camogie club was formed in 1982 and in that year won their first camogie title - the Intermediate League - when they defeated Laragh by 4-10 to 1-03. 1984 saw the club winning the Novice League and the Junior championship.

In 1990 they won the U14 championship and in 1992 won the Junior A championship final. However, it was not until 1993 that the club won the Intermediate championship and in 1996 defeated Castletara in the senior league final. This was their first victory at senior level.

There have been many defeats at all levels but 1999 will always be remembered as the year they won the senior championship final and started their Ulster campaign.

Ulster club championship

Crosserlough ended Castletaras reign as champions by a one point margin which gave them the ticket to play in Ulster. On 31st July in the first round of the Ulster Club Crosserlough had a great victory over the Monaghan champions Castleblayney, final score Crosserlough 3-14 Blayney 0-1. This was a unique occasion as it was the first time in the history of the club for them to compete in the Ulster championship.

After a toss up for venue for the semi-final this match was played in Ballymacnab with the final score Crosserlough 6-4 to B'macnab 1-7.

The final which was at home for the Cavan girls was played in heavy conditions in Kilmaleck on 11th Sept 99, their opposition were the great Liatroim Fontenoy's who were appearing in their sixth successive final. This was a first for a Cavan team to play an Ulster club final since the great Laragh team of 1989 were defeated by Swatragh.

It was gratifying to witness one of the biggest attendances at a camogie match in Cavan since its revival in the

county back in 1967. The atmosphere in Plunkett Park, Kilmaleck, home of the famed Crosserlough gaelic football club, who themselves have created history by winning a record-breaking seven consecutive county senior football championship titles between 1966 and 1972, was unforgettable for this Ulster club camogie final. The Crosserlough girls took some time in overcoming their nervous tension and the half time score showed them trailing 0-7 to 1-0.

They got off to a brilliant start in the second half with two goals in the space of a few minutes, and were level entering the last quarter. With four minutes remaining the teams were deadlocked once again but the champions produced a strong finish with 1-1 in the space of two minutes and in the end finished four points ahead of the Cavan girls. Crosserlough can hold their heads high and if the same dedication can be maintained there is no reason why the title should not rest in the parish.

Cavan GAA Awards - Camogie Player of the Year 1999

Crosserlough star back Georgina O'Reilly was honoured at last Thursday's night GAA awards as Cavan's Camogie player of the Year. This was a great achievement for this talented player and her club.



Crosserlough senior camogie team

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Munster Colleges Senior 'B' SF: Coachford College 5-7, Christ the King 1-1; Cork Colleges Intermediate Camogie SF: Coachford College 6-8, Presentation Mitchelstown 0-1.

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Millford make it two out of two

Millford
Aghabullogue

2-6
0-2

MILFORD took their first Minor County A camogie title just 12 months after taking the 'B' title when they defeated Aghabullogue at the superb Rathpeacon pitch on Sunday last.

Going in as favourites, Millford did not have things all their own way and were made to fight hard by a determined mid Cork outfit.

Aghabullogue captain Joan Twomey opened the scoring twelve minutes into the game with a pointed 45 metres free.

With both defences on top, scores were hard to come by, Emer O'Friel had Millford ahead 0-2 to 0-1 at the interval.

Despite winning ample possession, Millford found the going hard against a tight Aghabullogue defence in which captain Joan Twomey and Ann Ennequess excelled.

Fourteen minutes into the second-half Millford led 0-4 to 0-1 after Marie Watson had stretched the winners lead with two well taken points.

Determination

Playing with great determination, Aghabullogue refused to die and putting the Millford defence under tremendous pressure, Niamh O'Connell pointed to cut the deficit.

With ten minutes remaining, Aghabullogue tired, conceding a goal when Elizabeth Linehan finished to the net.

Three minutes later Deirdre Hayes consolidated Millford's victory when she finished a Marie Watson cross to the net to give Millford a historic first.

Coachford college booked their place in the Munster Colleges Senior 'B' final when they scored a good victory over Christ The King on a scoreline of 5-7 to 1-1 at Bandon on Thursday last.

Coachford laid the foundation for victory with three Maria Noonan points inside four minutes.

Aided by the strong wind, Coachford dominated the opening half and with goals from Mary Twomey and Mary Buckley, led 3-3 to no score at the interval.

Christ The King rallied in the second-half but were unable to find a way past the superb Claire McCarthy in the Coachford goal who brought off two excellent saves in the opening minutes of the half.

Two goals from Katie Crowley broke the hearts of the Turners Cross girls, Emer Dillon did have a point which was quickly followed by a Jennifer Browne goal for them.

Denise Twomey unanimously chosen as player of the Year



The Newcestown under 16 team who beat Carrigaline to take the U16B County camogie title at Ballineen.

St Catherine's are still going strong

WHILE not taking major honours this season, nevertheless St Catherine's camogie club players and members recently gathered in large numbers at the Grand Hotel, Fermoy, to celebrate a year which saw the club grow and continue to gain strength with each game.

Founded in 1981/82, the club were fortunate to have such a well-known camogie player as Rena O'Leary, formerly Rena Manley, join their ranks.

Munster

Having moved to live in the area, Rena, the holder of three Munster Senior Championship medals, captained Cork seniors in 1962 losing out to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Also the holder of senior county championship honours with St Aloysius, Rena played for a time with the Tallow club but on St Catherine's starting up immediately joined their ranks where she led the club to a county junior championship title in 1984.

The club regressed to Junior B in 1989 and have continued to make steady progress this season reaching the quarter-final, losing

Magic moments

NO. 30: In 1915 UCC participated in the first Ashbourne Cup Inter-Varsity series.

They have taken the title on 28 occasions.

ing out to Carrigaline.

The club also fielded an extra team this season and now participates in under 12, 16, 18 and Junior B grade a big step indeed from one team in 1981.

This year, for the second year running, a player from the club Laura Noonan took the Cork Féile na nGael skills title and represented the county at National Féile.

In 1989 Nora O'Connell had the honour of bringing an All-Ireland title to the club when she took the National Féile title.

When the players gathered at the function recently they each voted for their player of the year underage and junior level. The tremendously talented Denise Twomey was the



St Catherine's under age player of the year Denise Twomey (left) and (right) Lisa Higgins, adult player of the year.

unanimous choice as Player of the Year at underage.

When one considers the contribution of Denise in the past year to the club it's easy to see why she was chosen.

Just playing camogie two years, 13-year-old Denise was leading scorer with the club's under-16 team who reached the county semi-final.

A pupil at Loretto, Youghal, where she lines out with the camogie side,

Denise has made great strides and is a member of the club's junior and under-18 team where, despite her young age, she notched up scores in every game.

A name to watch out for in the years ahead this youngster takes it all in her stride.

Captain of the club's junior team is Lisa Higgins who was chosen as adult player of the year and here again is a product of Loretto Youghal where she began her camogie.

RESULTS & FIXTURES

RESULTS
County Under 16 Final: Millford 2-6, Aghabullogue 0-2.
Munster Colleges Senior B Championship semi final: Coachford 5-7, Christ the King 1-1.

Cork Colleges Intermediate Championship semi final: Coachford 7-4, Mitchelstown 0-0.

FIXTURES
SUNDAY DECEMBER 19
Junior B County final: Carrigaline v Inniscarra, Shanbally or Rathpeacon, 11.30am

Camogie changes

MONDAY last clubs gathered at the Doughcloyne to review the year's activities at what was the last camogie convention of the Millennium.

There were nine motions down for consideration and among those passed was one from the Bishopstown club calling for an advantage rule to be implemented.

A motion to organise an Under 18 'B' championship and league was also successful. The biggest change to the County Board's bye laws was the motion which will now see the general purposes committee chosen from the floor, as opposed to a delegate from all senior clubs.

County Convention at Doughcloyne on Monday

COUNTY Cork camogie clubs will gather at the Doughcloyne on Monday next to review the year's activities at their annual convention.

In a year that has seen the county take two All-Ireland titles, delegates will look back with satisfaction on a year's work well done.

There are also motions down for consideration, amongst which is one calling for the board to implement an under 18 'B' championship; at present there is only one championship at U 18 level and the feeling is that the clubs should be divided into 'A' and 'B' to enable the weaker clubs compete on an even footing within their own grade.

OFFICERS

All outgoing officers are returned unopposed with Lillie O'Sullivan starting out on her second term as Hon. President. Sile Golden again takes the chair as the board looks towards a new millennium. Marion McCarthy, St. Finbarr's, Vice-chairperson; Mary McSweeney, Bandon, continues

as treasurer; Pat Murray, Bishopstown who took over during the year as secretary, continues in the position; Kay Dunne, Ballincollig is re-elected registrar whilst Mary Newman, Glen Rovers posed as P.R.O. The Board is also, for the first time in a number of years, fortunate to be in the position of electing a fixture secretary, Mary Bugler, Valley Rovers, is coming in to fill the breach having served last season on the fixtures committee.

Selection committees for the inter county teams will also be chosen and there are plenty of people coming forward seeking election, with the senior team already pencilled in to meet Kilkenny in the opening round next season.

Outgoing selectors Rose Mackey and Angela Higgins are again seeking re-election. They will have opposition in the form of Pat Murray, Bishopstown, who is also outgoing, having represented the county champions, Bishopstown, last season on the selection committee, trainer Tom Nott is also nominated for a selectors position. There are two to be elected with the third coming from county champions, Bishopstown.

The junior team took the All-Ireland title last year and outgoing selectors Kay Dunne and Mairead O'Callaghan who represented the county champions, Watergrasshill are again nominated for junior whilst Rob Lott who has returned following a stint abroad, is also nominated for the junior selection committee with again one coming from Milford, who are county champions.

Outgoing minor selectors, John Quinn, John Cronin and Kathleen Healy are all seeking election with only two to be elected from the three nominees with the county champions having the third.

Amongst the motions on the agenda is one calling for the U 18 championship to be divided into an 'A' and 'B' section, a motion calling for a smaller pitch for Under 12s and one from St. Finbarr's calling on the board to come down on clubs who enter competitions and withdraw without participating.

A lively convention to bring the curtain down on a millennium that has seen Cork to the fore in camogie circles.

Colleges' camogie

Thirty schools vie for honours at various levels in Cork Colleges camogie and, to date, thirty-three games have been played in the 1999-2000 season.

Two teams, Charleville and Clonakilty, contest the senior A competition, with the Avondhu school fancied to take the title. Coachford College await the winners of St. Aidan's and Christ the King in the senior B final. Coachford defeated Loretto, Fermoy, Kinsale and Loretto, Youghal, en route.

Coachford's intermediate squad is in the intermediate final against St. Fanahan's, Mitchelstown, but will enter the contest as underdogs, with Fanahan's expected to be victorious at this level. The senior B and intermediate finals will be played together at Ballincollig in January. Coláiste Eoin, Youghal, qualified to meet Dunmanway in the intermediate B final by virtue of their victory over Blarney Gan Smal.

The Junior A competition is at the semi-final stage where Charleville will find Bandon difficult opposition and Coachford meeting Clonakilty in the other semi-final. Any of these four schools could win, with all teams evenly matched.

Sixteen teams entered the junior B grade but St. Al's, by virtue of their victories over St. Aidan's and Bandon, are favourites to win out. The junior C competition will be held in February in Cobh,

where Coláiste Na Phiarsaigh, Cobh, Coachford, Coláiste Eoin and Glanmire will play a one-day blitz format.

Coachford meet Charleville and Carrignavar meet Clonakilty in the semi-finals of the second year A competition, whilst Glanmire and Coláiste Cholm await the winners of St. Al's v. Blarney and Macroom v. Kinsale respectively in the semi-finals of the second year B competition.

The next Cork Colleges fixtures meeting will be at St. Al's on Thursday, January 20, at 8 p.m., where the draws for the first year competitions will be made. The indoor tournament will be on January 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Little Island complex for the first and second years.

On a more social note, Coachford College is holding a reunion for all past camogie players on Monday, December 27, at 9 p.m. in the Village Inn, Coachford. All past players at any level are invited to attend.

FINALISTS

Senior A final, Charleville v. Clonakilty. Senior B final, Coachford v. Christ the King/St. Aidan's. Intermediate A final, Coachford v. St. Fanahan's, Mitchelstown. Intermediate B final, Dunmanway v. Coláiste Eoin, Youghal. Junior A final, Coachford or Clonakilty v. Charleville or Bandon. Second Year final, Coachford or Charleville v. Clonakilty or Carrignavar.

Coachford suffer unlucky defeat

ST MARY'S CHARLEVILLE 2-11
COACHFORD COLLEGE 2-5

ALL-Ireland Junior camogie champions, Charleville, can consider themselves fortunate to be still involved in the Munster championship, after a Herculean battle against arch rivals Coachford last Tuesday at the Coachford pitch.

The Avondhu school were in arrears for most of the match, but showed great determination over the closing ten minutes to finally defeat the Muskerry side.

Coachford, coached by Duhallo stalwart Aidan Keane, started with a flourish, when Linda Daly scored the opening goal after good approach play from Roseanne Crowley and Niamh O'Connell. Coachford then failed to score from three consecutive frees, and these proved costly in the final analysis.

Joan Twomey converted a long range free, before Charleville scored their first point from Marie Watson. Joanne Quinn and Deirdre Hayes were finding Ciara Murphy and in particular Mary Buckley too hot to handle, before some shrewd changes from the camogie guru, Vince Harrington, altered the situation.

Aoife Sheehan got two frees to put the minimum between the sides. Michelle O'Regan for Coachford and Sharon Lenihan were having a great tussle on the forty but with Buckley, Twomey and Murphy dominating matters around the centre, Coachford were dominant for the first half.

Joan Twomey converted another free and Mary Buckley converted the best point of the game from 60 yards before half time to put her side one goal in front. Michelle Cooney and Caragh Kennedy had little difficulty marshalling the full-back line, but the home side were concerned that more scores hadn't been registered to reflect the balance of possession.

Charleville introduced Sinead McAuliffe and Lorraine Myers to tighten the defence, but it was Margaret McCarthy who struck a great goal past Elizabeth Lenihan to put Coachford six points ahead. A long clearance from Karen Potter found Eimear Watson, whose first two attempts were saved by the in-form Claire Hogan, before the third shot crashed into the top of the net.

Imelda Sexton added a point and Aoife Sheehan converted three frees, before Twomey responded with a 30m free. Marie Watson began to improve on the tiring Joan Twomey, and scored two fine points. Three minutes remained when the tenacious Mary Buckley, displaying leadership and determination soloed through the Charleville back-line, but her effort went narrowly wide, with keeper Lenihan beaten.

The resultant puck-out was caught by Aoife Sheehan, who then scored a long range point. Coachford pushed forward in an attempt to score the equalising goal, but when Ciara Murphy's attempt to break through was thwarted, Charleville moved the sliotar downfield to the unmarked Eimear Watson, who scored the final goal on the stroke of full-time.

Referee Betty Joyce commented after that both sides were evenly matched, and picked out the excellent keeper Claire Hogan, Joan Twomey, Mary Buckley and Michelle Cooney for Coachford, whilst Aoife Sheehan, Marie Watson and substitute Sinead McAuliffe were prominent for St. Mary's.

Charleville are now favourites to regain their provincial and All-Ireland titles and can be content with a successful performance against an excellent Coachford team. On the Munster Colleges scene, Coachford seniors play Christ the King in the semi-final of the senior B championship at 11am in Calabag on Thursday, December 9. The Muskerry camogie academy will expect top performers, Mary and Ann Ennequess, Siobhan Buckley and Claire McCarthy to overcome the threat posed by Cork minors, Amanda O'Regan, Emer Dillon and Catriona Kelly.

The schools intermediate squad will also be involved that day, competing against Presentation, Mitchelstown in the Cork Colleges Intermediate A semi-final. That game is scheduled for Calabag at 12 noon, with Betty Joyce appointed as referee. Catriona Crowley captains the side and will be hoping that Michelle O'Regan, Marie Twomey and Siobhan O'Leary all hit form on the day.

West Cork students to fore in C.I.T. awards

Academic excellence is always a factor when it comes to choosing a college but more and more prospective students are considering other factors such as sports facilities and sporting successes when deciding where to study.

Thus in order to support students who wish to continue their sporting careers while in third level education Cork Institute of Technology last year introduced its Sports Bursary Award Scheme.

The Sports Bursary Award Scheme has already seen positive results, this year 44 students attached to 20 clubs will receive bursaries. CIT's Sports Development Office, Eithne Lydon, has seen the awareness of sport on campus increase dramatically since the bursaries were introduced last year. "We have seen a significant increase in applications for the awards this year", she said. "When I was appointed in 1994 there were seventeen active sports clubs now we have thirty-five ranging from Tae Kwon Do to Ladies Rugby."

Lydon also says that the level of student involvement in the organisation of their clubs has also increased over the last year. "The Institute has shown its commitment to sports development and the students have reciprocated ten-fold."

CIT has indeed made a very significant investment in sporting facilities at its Bishopstown campus. The newly developed Astro Turf will be officially opened next month. Planning for nine new playing pitches on campus is at an advanced stage and the all-weather running track will be completed by June 2000.

As well as the CIT Bursaries there are also three Comhairle Na Mumhan Scholarships for G.A.A. The recipients are Limerick footballer Michael Reidy, Tipperary hurler Donnacha Fahey, Cork senior ladies football team member Juliet Murphy, and Cork camogie player Paula O'Connor. These students have been recognised for their outstanding achievements



West Cork Students featured prominently in the Cork Institute of Technology Sports Bursary Awards this year. Sport is enormously important at CIT and this scheme is designed to support students who wish to continue their sporting careers while attending the institute. CIT Sports Officer, Miriam Deasy from Kilbrittain, a member of Cork's All-Ireland winning camogie team, has seen the number of active sports clubs increase from seventeen in 1994 to thirty-five this academic year. The newly developed astro-turf will be officially opened next month and planning for nine new playing pitches on campus is at an advanced stage. The all-weather running track will be completed by June 2000. Photographed above are a number of the Bursary recipients with from back left, Donal O'Rourke, Chairman of the Governing Body of CIT, Pat Sexton from Kilbrittain won for hurling, Tadhg Deasy from Skibbereen for football, front left is Miriam Deasy with Eimear O'Sullivan, Kilbrittain, Camogie.

both for CIT and at county level.

The recipients in full: Gaelic football: Graham Canty, Mark O'Se, Tadhg Deasy, Deirdre Nagle, Paula Walsh, Isla McSweeney.

Hurling: Fat Mulcahy, Pat Sexton, William Deasy, Donnacha O'Brien, John O'Donovan, Ronan Curran.

Camogie: Eimear O'Sullivan, Orla O'Sullivan.

Basketball: John Horgan, Mai O'Leary, Mary White.
Soccer: Catherine Cooke, Stacey Higgins, John Healy, Martin English.
Golf: John Edmund Barry.
Rugby: Adam Sherrard, Stephen Kilroy.
Hockey: Lisa Geary, John Hobbs.
Windsurfing: Ryan O'Sullivan.
Sailing: David Rose,

Matthias Hellstern, Martin Moloney.
Karate: Paul Byrne, Aileen O'Sullivan.
Table Tennis: David O'Rourke.
Orienteering: Padraig Finnegan.
Tae Kwon Do: DJ Moynihan.
Rowing: Ross O'Donovan, Ger Bowen.
Athletics: Jennifer McCarthy, Diarmuid McCarthy, Tony Lilly.

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At the announcement of GAA scholarships in Dublin City University, left to right - Mairead Keenan, Eileas Ni Bhreasláin, Uachtarán Camógíochta na nGael, and Eimear Brannigan, both of whom won Camogie scholarships

EXHIBITION STUFF

THE NEW ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS FACE THE REST OF IRELAND

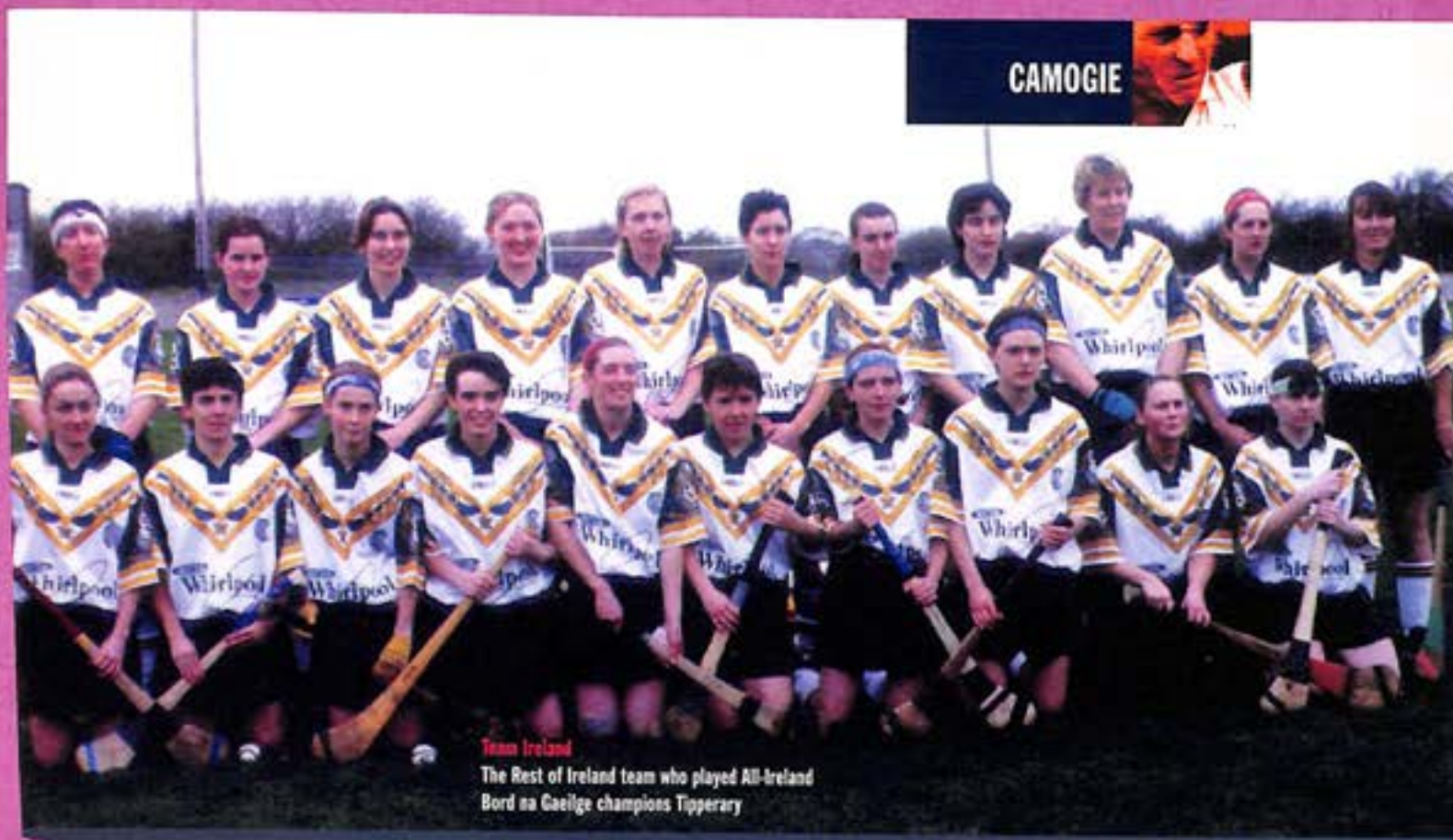
Sunday, November 14th, 1999 was a special occasion in many respects. It was the first time ever that a Rest of Ireland selection lined out against the All Ireland Champions, and for the first time ever, Tipperary were the Bord Na Gaeilge All Ireland Champions. As we well know by now, the Premier County made history by taking the O'Duffy Cup on the first Sunday in September, and therefore were afforded the honour of hosting this prestigious event. The splendid sod of McDonagh Park in Nenagh was the venue where 44 players gave an exhibition of camogie. 21 of these girls, who were picked from the cream of the country's talent, formed a guard of honour as the girls from Tipperary ran out on to the pitch. It was indeed a sight to behold as cameras clicked every-

where to capture the moment. The Rest of Ireland was selected from all remaining eight senior counties, with centre-back Gillian Maher of Kilkenny playing a captain's part. Marina Downey, Sinead Millea, Miriam Holland and Bridget Mullaly were the other representatives from the Black and Amber. Numerically, Cork made a similar contribution in Cora Keohane, Denise Cronin, Eithne Duggan, Vivienne Harris and Fiona O'Driscoll. The West was not to be outdone fielding Galway's Pamela Nevin, Olivia Broderick and Veronica Curtin, while the Banner County had Marie Collins and Moira McMahon. It was particularly memorable for Marie, who was also crowned "Player of the Match". Limerick was much to the forefront with two of their All Ireland Club

Championship side, Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien. The stars from the County Down were Mairin McAleenan and Nuala Magee, while Dublin's representation was in the form of Germaine Noonan and Irene Kirwan. Yes indeed, a star-studded line up; and not forgetting Kate Kelly from Wexford who was forced to withdraw due to other commitments. Their very likeable captain Meadhbh Stokes, with an array of All Ireland medallists following behind her, led out the All Ireland Champions. Virtually unknown six months ago, household names now jumped out to greet us. Una O'Dwyer, then Ciara Gaynor. Sinead Nealon, Angela McDermott and Noelle Kennedy close together. Emer McDonnell was there too, but last of all wearing a wide grin was the star herself

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Team Ireland
The Rest of Ireland team who played All-Ireland
Bord na Gaeilge champions Tipperary

Deirdre Hughes. 24 hours later she would be awarded the Eiricell Player of the Month at a luncheon in the New Cusack Stand in Croke Park - presented by Eiricell Representative Jim Colloty.

The match in Nenagh lived up to all expectations, an exhibition of camogie at its best. Only two points separated the sides at half time, but understandably post-All Ireland celebrations took their toll on the champions, and eventually they were forced to give way to the ladies splendidly clad in green, white and gold.

Ten points separated the sides at the full time whistle of Aine Derham. The scoreboard was repeatedly photographed, as it historically read Ireland 4-12 Tipperary 2-8. Whirlpool Irl. Ltd. were the main sponsors of the event, and through their generous support ensured a memorable day for all involved.

For many players that day would have brought the curtain down on their camogie season. But not for Galway's Olivia Broderick (a recent winner of the 1999 Galway Bay Player of the Year), and not for Vera Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien from Limerick. These girls will represent their respective clubs in the All Ireland Club Final on November 28th in Tynagh, Loughrea. Defending champions Granagh/Ballingarry will travel north where Davitts will host this year's final, a final that provides an intriguing culmination to the sporting year as both teams are well capable of lifting the honours. It would be a first for Davitts, but if they did succeed, they would be the fifth Galway club to engrave their name on the Bill Carroll Cup. Oranmore, Athenry, Mullagh and Pearses have all been winners since the competition's inauguration in 1964.

Granagh/Ballingarry are going for back to back success, having won the title for the first time in 1998. In doing so, they added



Highes Field Club
Joe McDonagh, Uachtarán Cumann Luthleas Gael, Deirdre Hughes
(1999 year), Eiricell Player of the Month and Jim Colloty, Eiricell

to the proud tradition already set by Croagh-Kilfinny and Ballyagran in Limerick. Both semi-finals told contrasting stories. The southerners had a titanic struggle with Freshford of Kilkenny, emerging with just one point to spare, while Davitts enjoyed second half dominance over Down's Liatroim Fontenoys to win by a comfortable margin.

One thing is for sure though, who ever emerges victorious, they will be worthy champions.

Meanwhile, another special occasion was celebrated recently in Dublin City University (DCU), and again it was a first. The University awarded GAA Scholarships to camogie, a scheme that was jointly funded by AIB, DCU, and Comhairle Laighean.

Eimear Brannigan, an Electronic Engineering student, who plays with St. Vincents Camogie Club and is also a member of the Dublin senior team, was one of the recipients. The second award went west to Galway's Mairead Meehan who is a Business Studies student. The Pearses club player won back to back Minor All Irelands in 1996/1997 with the Maroon and White, and also captained her school, Holy Rosary, Mountbellow to All Ireland Colleges glory.

Note: In last month's edition, Sasha was mentioned as sponsors of the Rest of Ireland/Tipperary match, but since publication, the sponsorship changed to Whirlpool Irl. Ltd. 

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'ALL-IRELAND WIN A BONUS'

Deirdre Hughes tells Owen McCann

Come-back story of 1999 in Gaelic Games? The distinction must surely go to the Tipperary team that captured the All-Ireland senior camogie title for the first time ever last September.

The prospects of a good run in the championship looked bleak to say the least back in May when Cork trounced Tipperary by a whopping 9-19 to 2-7 in the National Senior League final—and at Thurles.

Yet a mere four months later Tipperary not only lined out at Croke Park in the showpiece game of the year but turned in a first-class display to defeat firm favourites and modern title specialists Kilkenny, who had ousted Cork in their semi-final.

A real fairy tale-like story and as good a come-back as one could find in any year's competitions in Gaelic games.

What brought about the dramatic change in fortune? Deirdre Hughes, Tipperary's full forward and one of the brightest stars of the historic break-through, says that the decision to call in experienced hurlers Colm Bonnar and Michael Cleary after the League final defeat, was a key factor.

"They made a big difference. They gave an added dimension to our play. We became more focussed. We did a lot of ball work and concentrated as well on skills in our training.

"It was also a big help that we won a number of All-Ireland minor titles over the 'Nineties and our team included a strong framework of players with national medals in that grade."

But the gifted forward from Toomevara maintains that the All-Ireland success was still something of a bonus.

"Remember we were only in our second

year in senior ranks and so it was a rapid break-through in that regard."

Deirdre told me that Tipperary were in no way over-awed by Kilkenny's great reputation in the sport.

"We certainly respected Kilkenny, but we went out in the final to produce our best form and show just how well we could play. Things worked out really well for us on the day."

Hughes proved a major influence in ensuring that things worked out "really well" for Tipperary. She had an outstanding game at full forward and highlighted a display of class and skill by scoring three valuable points.

She was in even more sharpshooting form in Tipperary's run-away win over Down at Parnell Park, Dublin, in a semi-final last August. She scored a majestic 4-3 in that game—a personal best in inter-county competitions.

EARLY CELEBRATIONS

Small wonder that Deirdre Hughes was later named Eirceall Camogie Player of the Year after her outstanding contributions to Tipperary's year of glory.

The All-Ireland senior medal was an early birthday present for Deirdre, who was 26 just three days after the final.

Hughes lost no time in finding her feet with Tipperary. The past season was her tenth in inter-county competition and she has had important successes. These include All-Ireland medals in 1992 (junior) and 1997 (intermediate). She has also won two junior Gael-Linn (interprovincial championship) souvenirs with Munster.

And, now, of course, her collection includes the game's top medal as well as that Eirceall award.

The clever and hard-working forward

has also had a very successful time at local level. So much so that she has a splendid tally of six Tipperary county senior medals.

The All-Ireland senior final last September was the first 15-a-side O'Duffy Cup game. Previously, camogie teams were 12-a-side.

What is Deirdre Hughes view of the 15-a-side game?

"After winning an All-Ireland medal in September, I have to admit that the move is a good one. At the start of the year I did not favour the change as it was a new system to adapt to.

"It has resulted in a new game. It's a faster game with more movement and is also more tactical. We are still learning, but I now feel the move to a 15-a-side game is a step in the right direction."

As for the players she has watched or played against, the Tipperary ace left me in no doubt that she is a great admirer of Angela Downey, whom she regards as one of the greatest-ever camogie players.

She also singled out Oliva Broderick (Galway) and her current county team-mate, full back Una O'Dwyer, of Cashel, for special mention.

And almost immediately she followed on by telling me that as far as hurling was concerned, she was a great admirer of Nickey English.

What are the Deirdre Hughes ambitions for the future?

"Well, it would be nice to retain the All-Ireland senior title. The break-through should boost our confidence but we will have to wait and see how we measure up in the title defence."

SPLENDID CONTRIBUTIONS

If Deirdre's display was a real highlight of Tipperary's final win, there were other

bright moments.

Noelle Kennedy scored six vital points, all from frees, and substitute Catriona Hennessy had also good cause for celebration after her splendid contribution during her limited appearance.

In the 58th minute she sent over a point from a '45' to give Tipperary the lead. Sinead Millea equalised for Kilkenny and then two minutes into injury time up popped Hennessy to score the winning point from thirty yards and to the left of the posts.

A score worthy of the special chapter it wrote into the history books!

Meadhbh Stokes led Tipperary in splendid style from right half back and Ciara Gaynor and Sinead Nealon completed a splendid half-back line.

Cork and Derry provided a wonderful curtain-raiser to the historic senior final when they met for the All-Ireland junior championship.

Derry won the National Junior League title in May for the first time and they made a very spirited effort to complete the double. But the Leesiders had a match-winner in left full forward Rachel Maloney, from Courcy Rovers, whose expert finishing proved a vital factor in the Cork success. She hit a superb nine points, six from frees, to set the scene for Cork's sixth title.

Derry won the title twice, in 1969 and 1978 and each year they beat Cork.

Full forward and captain Mary O'Kane

led Derry in impressive fashion and finished their leading scorer with 1-2.

Paula McAtamney, who scored 1-1, was another Northern star, while Martina Mulholland and Ann O'Loughlin at midfield were others who showed up well for Derry. The defenders all also worked tirelessly throughout.

DRAMATIC GOAL

The most talked about score of the entire All-Ireland senior campaign was the last gasp goal by Sinead Millea that earned Kilkenny an All-Ireland senior semi-final win over defending champions Cork at Parnell Park, Dublin.

The game was coming right to a close and Kilkenny were a point adrift when they were awarded a 60 yards free. Millea stepped up to try for what most expected to be an equalising point but the ball dropped right into the Cork net--and the All-Ireland champions had no time to recover.

The final whistle went immediately afterwards to leave Kilkenny sensational winners by 2-12 to 1-13.

The match was a personal triumph for Sinead Millea. Apart from scoring the match-winning goal she also rifled over nine points to really stamp her personality on the match in a very big way.

But, of course, Deirdre Hughes was the player who captured the scoring spotlight in the semi-finals with that superb 4-3 against Down.

Another player impressively on the scor-

ing target was Una O'Donoghue of Cork. She helped herself to 3-2 as the Rebels had that oh so comfortable win over Tipperary in the National League Senior final back in May.

Right on her heels in that game were her team-mates Sinead O'Callaghan and Fiona O'Driscoll, each of whom scored a splendid 2-4.

It was a good year over-all for camogie and ended on an unusual note with a new addition to the calendar. This brought All-Ireland champions Tipperary up against the Rest of Ireland in novel clash at Nenagh sponsored by Whirlpool.

After a keenly contested first half, the Rest, who led at the break by two points, stamped their dominance on the exchanges to run out good winners by 4-12 to 2-8.

Sinead Millea (Kilkenny) had a particularly good game for the winners.

It is not often that a player scores three goals and still finishes on the losing side. That was the contrasting fortunes for full forward Orla Curtin, who completed a great hat-trick for Galway in a high scoring All-Ireland minor final at Ardaraan against Cork.

Despite her excellent finishing powers, the Leesiders still came out on top by the minimum margin --2-12 to 3-8--to retain the title.

Cork also had a sharpshooter in left half forward Eimer Dillon, who sent over six points.



Deirdre Hughes (Tipperary), Camogie, Left and Christine Heffernan (Mayo), Ladies Football, with their Eircell Awards, pictured with Joe McDonagh, President of the G.A.A. and Jim Colliery, Director of Corporate Business Unit, Eircell.

Cork's Camogie Carnival

Mary Moran documents ninety five years of cheers... and some tears

Within months of the formation of the Camogie Association by the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League in Dublin in 1904, Cork had adopted the new game. Fainne an Lae, the first Cork camogie club, was formed in the Blarney Street area of the city. When a second club sprang up in the Blackpool, the way was clear for the start of competition.

Clan Eimhear, Cork's third club, came into being in the Lough area. The game was by then established in the city. Regular fixtures drew sizeable crowds to the O'Neill Crowley Grounds at Victoria Cross. The Crawford Cup was contested by the clubs whose players were constantly improving in the skills of the game.

SCHOOLS

Cork's long and continuous tradition in colleges camogie

dates back to 1912. St. Angela's College, Patrick's Hill, Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, Drishane Convent, Millstreet, Scoil Ite and South Presentation Convent were the first to take up the game. St. Aloysius School joined in 1915. This school dominated the Cork Colleges scene for many years and made a huge contribution to the game. The students of U.C.C. took to the game with great enthusiasm and were instrumental in spreading the game throughout Munster on graduation.

DECLINE

Camogie took a back seat for a number of years as political considerations both inside and outside the country dominated. For a brief period, camogie matches were listed as "illegal assemblies" along with many other types of gatherings. Club camogie continued on a limited scale

in Cork and the game spread to many parts of the county including Mallow, Middleton and Youghal.

REVIVAL AND GROWTH

The Tailteann Games in 1928 signalled a camogie revival. It provided welcome competition and publicity. Over the next few years phenomenal growth was seen in Cork with new clubs sprouting up in all parts of the county. Punch & Company presented the Science Cup for the Cork Senior Championship in 1932. The inaugural competition attracted an impressive entry of twenty teams and was claimed by St. Aloysius School.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kitty Dunlea of Muskerry led Cork into the inter-county



Cork players line up with the O'Duffy Cup before the 1938 All-Ireland Final at the Mardyke.

Cork - All Ireland Senior Champions 1980

Back: Miriam Higgins, Nancy O'Driscoll, Angela Sheehan, Patricia O'Riordan, Pat Maloney and Mary O'Leary. **Front:** Cathy Landers, Marion McCarthy, Mary Geaney (Capt.), Martha Kearney, Marion Sweeney and Clare Cronin.



arena in 1934. A glorious chapter in Cork's history was to follow. In an eight year period Cork won six All Ireland Senior titles and produced some of the finest players ever seen. Josie McGrath, Kitty Buckley, Lil Kirby, Lena Delaney, Maura Cronin and May McCarthy were the stars of Cork's first three in a row.

TOP CLUBS

The game flourished in the thirties and many new clubs affiliated including three, Old Aloysians, Glen Rovers and Lee Hosiery, which were to hold the limelight and supply many outstanding players to Cork. The O'Duffy Cup was back by the Lee in 1939. Some excellent players had come into the side including Peggy Hogg, Kathleen Coughlan, Mary Fitzgerald, Eileen Casey, Renee Fitzgerald, Mary Vallyelly and the Hegarty twins. Cork left Galway trailing by five goals in the All-Ireland Final. Peggy Hogg's goalkeeping exploits were the talking point in the successful 1940 campaign. Kitty Buckley led Cork to victory in 1941 and wrote herself into the history books with six goals in the All-Ireland Final.

CORK'S DARKEST HOUR

Allegations of irregularities in the handling of Cork finances lead to a split in Cork camogie. Untold harm was done to the progress of the game in the county. For eight years, Cork did not compete in the Munster or All-Ireland Championships. Club camogie continued but many fine players were deprived of the privilege of wearing the famous red and white colours. On the local scene, some outstanding contests were witnessed between Old Aloysians, Lee Hosiery, Glen Rovers and Imokilly.

RETURN TO ACTION

Siobhan O'Brien (Glen Rovers) led Cork back onto the playing fields in 1952. For the next decade or so, Cork shared provincial honours with Tipperary. But the winning habit was lost. Twenty-seven years elapsed between the 1941 All-Ireland success and the return of the **CORK 2000**

O'Duffy Cup to Leaside.

GLORY DAYS AGAIN

A new generation of camogie players, well prepared and highly motivated by coach, Jack Dempsey, bridged the gap. This outstanding group of girls won four All Ireland Senior titles from 1970 to 1973. Me Cummins, Marie Costine, Liz Garvan, Pat Moloney, Betty Sugrue, Anne Comerford, Hannah Dineen, Rosie Hennessy, Marion Sweeney and Marion McCarthy were superb exponents of the game.

WINNING HABIT SPREADS

Nancy O'Driscoll captained the Cork Junior side to ultimate success in 1973. The Minors brought Corn Tailteann to Cork in 1975. Jacinta O'Brien skippered St. Aloysius School to victory in the All-Ireland Colleges Senior Championship. North Presentation Convent and St. Patrick's were soon to follow suit. The winning habit grew. Cork doubles and trebles were the order of the day.

GRAND SLAM

1980 was the season when dreams became reality. Cork swept the boards at Munster and All-Ireland levels. All-Ireland senior, junior and minor titles were claimed. Killeagh brought the All-Ireland Club Championship title to Cork for the first time. Cork supplied the lion's share of the Munster teams that commandeered the inter-provincial titles and Marion McCarthy, Clare Cronin, Ann Marie Landers and Mary Geaney were honoured with the National Player of the Year awards. Mary O'Leary, Cathy Landers, Clare Cronin, Martha Kearney and Eileen Dineen were instrumental in bringing another brace of senior titles in 1982 and 1983. The Cork Juniors went all the way in 1983 and 1984 and the Minors claimed a hat-trick of All Ireland titles from 1983 to 1985.

WELL DRIES UP

An invincible Kilkenny side put an end to Cork's gallop in the senior grade for seven long years. The production line of talented minors faltered. On the local scene Glen Rovers blossomed and acquired the first of their four All-Ireland Club Championship titles in 1984. A

trip to New York in 1990 did much to lift the spirits of the Cork senior squad.

REBEL RESURGENCE

A new generation of players that included Sandie Fitzgibbon, Linda Mellerick, Breda Kenny, Liz Towler, Lynn Dunlea, Denise Cronin, Fiona O'Driscoll, Eithne Duggan, Vivienne Harris, Mary O'Connor, Irene O'Keefe and Kathleen Costine put the smile back on the faces of Cork supporters. The O'Duffy Cup was carried aloft down Patrick Street on five occasions from 1992 to 1999.

Tremendous work in less traditional areas improved standards and threw up new players with great potential. Barryroe, Courcy Rovers, Newtownshandrum, Valley Rovers, Ballygarvan and most recently Milford have made a huge contribution. Not surprisingly Cork juniors and minors returned to the winners enclosure. The Senior B Championship allowed clubs regroup and return to the premier grade stronger and refreshed. Bishopstown benefited most and claimed the Science Cup.

Off the field, Cork played a major role in the development of the Association. Five Cork ladies were honoured with the Presidency of the Camogie Association - Lil Crowley (Kirby), Sheila Horgan, Lil O'Neill (O'Grady), Mary Moran and Mary O'Callaghan. On the local scene Cork have been fortunate with the calibre of its officers. Ide Bean Uí She, Alice Quigley, Noreen Murphy, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Mary Crowley, Sheila Golden, Mary Nott, Rose Malone, Miriam Higgins, Nora Newman, Joan Morley and Mary Newman McCarthy are among those who made a big impression.

Schools camogie has always been strong in Cork. Many players had their skills fine tuned in the Cork Schools Championship. St. Aloysius School dominated the scene for over fifty years and were the first Cork school to bring home the All-Ireland Colleges Championship title. North Presentation Convent and St. Patrick's Secondary School also brought Corn Sceilge to Leaside. In the past decade, St. Mary's, Charleville have donned the mantle of the top camogie school in the country.

With over fifty clubs in the county, Cork is presently in a very strong position. Long may it continue into the next century.

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Cork All-Ireland Junior Champions '99: Back Row (L to R): Jill Hannon, Aoife Murray, Karen O'Sullivan, Emer O'Sullivan, Sinead Buckley, Elaine Burke, Orla O'Sullivan, Linda O'Connell. Middle Row (L to R): Sheenagh Morley - Olden, Rosalrie Holland, Ger Casey, Rachel Maloney, Muireann Harrington, Helen Walsh (Capt), Ciara Healy, Ruth Cahalan, Criona Harte. Front Row: (L to R) Marie Corkery, Trisha Murphy, Caroline Giltinane, Cliona Meaney, Aine O'Regan, Ger Collins, Ellen O'Herlitty. Mascot: Aileen Corkery

Two more All-Ireland

As the curtain comes down on the century Cork Camogie continues to grow and expand. Every where new clubs have sprung up and going from strength to strength whilst the old established clubs continue to promote and foster the game. With fifty three clubs registered Cork field Inter county teams in three grades, Senior, Junior, and Intermediate whilst at Munster level a second Intermediate team is also fielded. Under age competitions at Under 16 and 18 are where the county groom and prepare the players for the adult competitions.

Intercounty Scene: Minor:

Having taken the All-Ireland title in '98 it was felt that an impossible task faced the minor sides in '99. But John Cronin and Kathleen Healy joined this year by John Quinn the representative from County champions Courcy Rovers had other ideas.

With eight of the previous year's panel still underage a solid foundation existed. Opening their Munster campaign Cork easily accounted for Limerick going on to take the Munster title over a disappointing Clare side. The semi-final was a repeat of last year's final with Derry travelling to Cork, and whilst victorious many felt that to defeat Galway, Cork needed to improve on their display.

On a wet miserable Sunday in August the minor's set the trend for what was to be a memorable feast of Gaelic games for Cork supporters and set in motion a train of success to be quickly followed by the County Junior camogie and Senior Hurling teams in bringing a unique treble of titles Leaside.

Giving a breathtaking display of camogie both teams served up what was for me the best camogie game of the year. The appalling weather conditions did little to hamper the skills and both counties can be proud of the displays. Cork's tremendous achievement taking minor titles back to

back agurs well for the future. Following on a superb display Emer Dillon was chosen as Player of the Match and presented with Belleek China.

Captain Niamh Bowles and her team mates made history by becoming the first team to win an All-Ireland title in any grade at fifteen a side, they also set another record when taking the Munster title becoming the first Cork side at any grade to win a title at fifteen a side.

Junior Team

Having lost out in the league final in '98 the Juniors started '99 with only one thing in mind to reach Croke Park and take the All-Ireland title. Again the junior selectors like their senior counterparts introduced many of the victorious '98 minor squad to their panel and how well the girls fitted into a panel that by September had become a closely knit family. Under the guidance of selector Lilian Zinkant the team reached the National league semi- final but minus players tied by exams had to give way to a

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Cork All-Ireland Minor Champions 1999. Back row: (L to R) Orla Mc Carthy, Gemma O' Connor, Niamh Mc Carthy, Joan Twohey, Sincead Corkery, Suzanne Deasy, Catriona Kelly, Jean O'Sullivan, Roisin Corcoran, Elizabeth Hayes, Aine Kelleher, Kathleen Healy (Selector) John Quinn (Selector). Middle Row (L to R): Eimear Dillon, Kelly Newman, Karen McCarthy, Aoife Murray, Ora O'Callaghan, Jennifer O' Leary, Joanne O'Callaghan, Clodagh Crowley, John Cronin (Selector Coach). Front Row (L to R): Christine O'Gorman, Marie Watson, Niamh Bowles (Captain) Sarah O' Donovan, Colette Desmond, Samanta Quinn.

titles for Cork Girls

Derry side that later in the year were to provide the opposition in Croke Park.

Munster championship threw up a date with champions Tipperary and with a superb display against the wind in the second half the champions were dethroned. Only Offaly now stood in the way of the young Cork side achieving their goal of reaching Croke Park. After a ding dong battle a late rally yielding five points without reply from Rachel Maloney in the closing minutes got the show on the road. Indeed the road was to be the operative word as the backroom team decided to change the format and travel by road to the final. Despite the team coach being involved in an accident on it's way to pick up the city contingent the side reached Dublin's Lucan Spa Hotel ready and eager for the following day's meeting with Derry.

An early morning puck around at the Lucan Sarsfields G.A.A. complex which so often in the past has hosted visiting Cork camogie teams had the side fired up and ready to go.

ORK 2000

In what was one of the best junior finals in many years the Cork and Derry girls served up a cracker. With Derry captain Mary O Kane and Cork's Orla O Sullivan swapping goals inside two minutes of each other in the first half the sides were deadlocked 1-5 apiece at the interval. Ten minutes into the second half a second Derry goal gave the League Champions the lead but responding magnificently the Cork girls showed just how much they wanted this title. Rachel Maloney's accuracy from frees had Cork on level terms with fifteen minutes on the clock remaining, the Cork girls, with keeper Ger Casey making two great saves, scored the winner with seven minutes to go and held on to take the title last won in 1996. An ecstatic Helen Walsh accepted the New Ireland Trophy, the last junior title of the decade from Uachtaran Phillis Breslin to the delight of her team mates. To crown a wonderful day, Ger Casey was named the player of the match.

The spirit and determination of this Junior side was reflected no more so than

by corner back Muireann Harrington who immediately after the game left the field to be admitted to Hospital in Cork for a throat operation. Well done to a wonderful team who thoroughly deserved to be crowned All-Ireland Champions, and to coach Pat Murray and selectors Kay Dunne, Lilian Zinkant and Mairead O Callaghan.

Senior:

The first fifteen a side game drew a big and curious crowd to Nemo Rangers pitch in Tralee on a cold February afternoon when Cork met Tipperary in the opening round of the National League. With the players struggling to come to terms with the extra space and three more players on the team an entertaining afternoon ensued. Cork mastered the new format taking the points and winning all their games to qualify for a league final where they again met Tipperary.

A young Tipperary side contesting

• Overleaf

their first league final had no answer to a strong Cork side who took the title in a one sided contest and in the process set themselves up as firm favourites to make it three in a row of All-Ireland titles.

Finding little trouble in their opening championship games a semi-final with Kilkenny who had defeated last year's finalists Galway awaited Cork.

Played as part of a double header the semi-finals at Parnell Park were totally contrasting. The opening game was without doubt one of the finest exhibitions of fifteen a side camogie seen through the year and the only pity was that the sides did not meet in a final such was the fare served up.

Whilst going in as favourites Cork failed to shake off a tenacious Kilkenny side but showing determination led by five points with time almost up. A Margaret Comerford goal cut the deficit and with their backs to the wall Cork fought to hang on. As Sinead Millea stepped up to hit a free fifty five yards from the Cork goal four minutes into injury time the large crowd were pencilling in a replay date for the following Saturday but much to everybody's amazement Sinead's attempted point ended up in the net and with it came the full time whistle.

Whilst losing their title and failing to do the three in a row the Senior side can look forward to a new millennium with confidence. The inclusion during the season of younger players such as Sarah Hayes and Una O Donoghue has been a very positive move by the selectors and with the continued success of the junior and minor sides we are sure to have many more new faces as Cork set out on the road to win the first title of the new century.

Interprovincial

Munster recorded another famous victory taking the senior title, whilst Fiona O Driscoll was honoured by Schwarkpoff with her selection as player of the Gael Linn interprovincial senior games, in the process a cheque for £1000 was presented to Fiona's club Fr. O'Neills.

Club Round Up:

The senior championship saw the lively Carrigdhoun going so agonisingly close to county champions Bishopstown in their opening round game and Cloughdun almost causing an upset against Fr. O'Neills in the semi-final.

However the final again threw county champions Bishopstown and Fr. O'Neill's together for the third year in a row. Anticipation was high amongst the East Cork side that this was to be their year. A Ciara Healy goal mid way through the opening half was to be the score that separated the sides at the final whistle and gave Bishopstown their third county title in a row.

In Munster Bishopstown had a huge victory over Waterford side Butlerstown

before taking on All-Ireland club champions Grenagh Ballingarry in the semi-final. Leading 2-9 to 0-8 with eight minutes remaining the Bishopstown girls were hit with a four goal blitz from Eileen O'Brien and Vera Sheehan and lost out on a 4-10 to 2-9 scoreline.

At the time of writing only the senior county championship has been completed with the other competitions drawing to their concluding stages.

Under age competitions again were the highlight of the year with Ballyhea taking the club's first camogie title with their

By Mary Newman McCarthy

under 12 league win over Inniscarra. Carrigaline defeated Rockbawn to take the under 14 B title and Milford made it a double adding the under 14A league to the Cork Feile na Gael title. Cork were represented in the Feile na Gael skills by Laura Noonan from the St Catherine's club.

School and Colleges:

Two Cork schools took All-Ireland honours when St Mary's Charleville led by Cork Senior Caoimhe Harrington took the All-Ireland Post Primary title defeating Colaiste Brid Enniscorthy, to make it a Cork double. Scared Heart Clonakilty earlier in the day took the B title defeating Kilcormac Vocational School, they also took the Munster League at Intermediate level. Other Cork schools to take Munster Post Primary honours in the year gone by include St Marys Charleville taking the Junior A championship, Presentation Ballyphehane coached by Kilkenny star Sinead Millea taking the junior B plate, Two Cork sides Charleville, and Loretto Youghal took A and B titles respectively in

the Munster sevens whilst Charleville also scooped the first year competition.

Sciath Na Scol continues to play a huge role in the promotion of camogie. The year gone by was no exception with plenty of drama and excitement.

In the C1 final extra time failed to separate Scoil Oilibeir Dublin Hill and St Patrick's Gardiners Hill with the title being shared. The C2 title went to Brooklodge who defeated Middleton Convent. Watergrashill and St Catherine's did battle for C3 honours with the Hill girls coming out on top. DC1 saw Ovens with Margaret O Herlihy and Aoife Mc Carthy in tremendous form defeat Bun Scoil Youghal. So to DC 2 where a strong Coachford side over powered a spirited Ballinaspsittal, DC 3 saw Ballygarvan with two Ashling O Riordan goals and one from Clare Bouse take the title over Belgooly. Dungourney defeated Goggins Hill in the DC 4 and so to the final game of the competition the DC 5 final where Berrings with Margaret Cosgrave notching up four goals for her side ran out winners over Cloughdun.

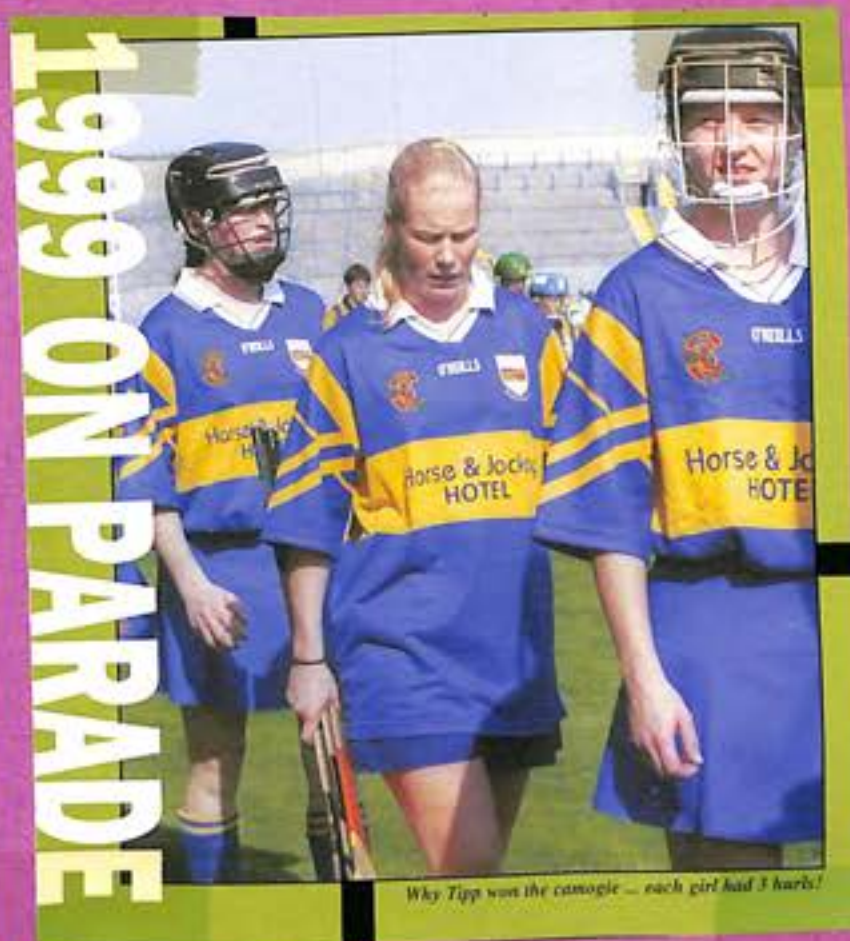
Eight superb games, two days full of cheers, tears and teddy bears in full school uniform. I for one enjoyed my two days and am looking forward to the next one already. Well done to all the teachers, players and parents in the organising of such an important part of the young players introduction to the game.

A very brief round up of what again has been an enormously busy camogie year.

With the winning of the Junior and Minor titles a total of thirty five camogie All-Ireland club titles have found a home in the county.

Another tremendous year brings down the curtain on a glorious era in sporting circles for the women of Cork, we look forward with confidence to the new millennium.

Team managements and players are every bit as dedicated as their hurling counterparts and the current status of camogie is reflected in the fact that former Tipperary star Michael Cleary has taken over the county camogie team. The Nenagh man was involved in Tipp's breakthrough title triumph last September and clearly savoured the experience. Over in Galway, Tony Ward, who guided the Westerners to an historic All Ireland win in 1996, has returned to the helm after being surprisingly defeated 12 months ago by former county keeper Tommy Coen. Ward is back in charge without having the hassle of a contest.



Why Tipp won the camogie - each girl had 3 harbs!

Camogie win Inniscarra

INNISCARRA 4-3
CARRIGALINE 0-4
INNISCARRA'S Junior Camogie team finished off the year in style with a hard-fought victory over a gallant Carrigaline side in an absorbing County Junior 'B' Championship Final played at Rathpeacon.

After the torrential rain of the previous days it was amazing that the game went ahead but full credit to the Rathpeacon club whose pitch was in remarkable condition under the circumstances.

An early goal from corner-forward, Catherine O'Leary helped to settle the Inniscarra nerves. However, Carrigaline enjoyed the better of the opening half exchanges and looked like a side out to atone for their recent defeat at U16 level.

An outstanding display from the talented Inniscarra defence restricted Carrigaline to a solitary point and an improved display from the attacking sextet resulted in a pointed free from Evelyn Moynihan and a second goal from Catherine O'Leary. This left Inniscarra in a reasonably secure position at the break.

On the resumption Carrigaline stormed into the game and two fine points

from play left the game delicately balanced. Again the Inniscarra defence came to the rescue and urged on by the inspired play of Marie O'Connell and Margaret Noelle O'Sullivan they began to dominate the final quarter. When goalpoacher supreme Catherine O'Leary notched her third goal the Inniscarra supporters were ready to celebrate another County success. Two further points from Evelyn Moynihan, whose sideline cuts were a feature of the game, stretched the lead and Treasa McCarthy sealed victory when she crashed home goal number four.

All eighteen players used in the final can feel justifiably proud of their contribution. An interesting statistic is the fact that in five competitive championship games the defence conceded no goal.

Team: E. O'Keeffe, McCarthy, S. O'Leary, Murphy, A. O'Sullivan, O'Connell, A. O'Mahony, N. O'Sullivan, G. O'Mahony, E. Moynihan, C. Hogan, O'Leary, B. O'Regan, McCarthy.

Subs: M. Lynch for C. Hogan, G. Keohane for B. O'Regan and M. Hegarty for O'Mahony.

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Liam Nash reports on

Clonakilty's first All-Ireland Camogie triumph

American recording artist Johnny Nash is no relation. He certainly wasn't even on my wavelength one morning last January when he regaled me with the song, "I can see clearly now the rain has gone." The rain hadn't gone. It had persisted for weeks and as for "seeing clearly" I was in the dark about where or when our Munster Senior Camogie semi-final against St. Josephs Tulla could be played. Many phone calls and much begging later a venue is found.

Can we get to the Munster Final! We have our problems. No school pitch and all local pitches closed being one major one. The school tennis courts would have to do for training. We had to resort to them for the earlier rounds during a wet October.

Obviously not ideal but it was sufficient to see us past Borrisokane and Fethard. It seems such a long time back to those October days. Those days when fear of failure is a real factor. It afflicts all teams starting a championship. Those days when you wonder have you the right blend. In colleges terms it's the month of doubts.

Tulla are formidable. We have had stirring games with them in recent years. We play well on the day, dare I think it - certainly can't verbalise it - but we played superbly. We are in the Munster Final.

After encountering "foreign" opposition throughout who do we find ourselves against in the final - neighbours and friends, St. Mary's, Macroom. The exhilaration of the Open Draw! Thoughts for another day perhaps! For now its trying to cope with the baggage this type of game carries. Peripheral issues - local club / community rivalry, illogical expectations of supporters, tend to obscure the central issues in the lead up to these games, we actually cope well with the pre-match hysteria. On the field we also cope well and a

goal ten minutes from time to put us seven points ahead had us, "Living on easy street".

In the midst of elation and the decibel count reaching intolerance level in our dressing room I receive a message that we play the Ulster Champions in the All Ireland semi-final. Why should such blissful moments be intruded upon? Relief is at hand when we are told we are at home. St. Louis Ballymena are our opponents.

The team prepares well for the game. In tandem, the school and the town make their preparations. It soon becomes evident that this is more than a camogie match. It is cross border cooperation. It is north south urban relationships. It is educational and cultural exchange. Clonakilty Urban Council afford both teams a civic reception the night before the game. The biggest crowd ever turn up for a camogie match in Clonakilty. Great sense of occasion, wonderful atmosphere and thankfully a fine

performance sees Sacred Heart into an All Ireland Final.

The game is four weeks away but Transition years are off on an outdoor pursuits week. Pre Inter and Leaving exams and Easter holidays come within the time span. The holiday period is utilised to complete our preparations. The day before the game we have our final session and team meeting. We go through all the bits and pieces for the trip to Nenagh. The players are made aware again, as if they didn't know, of the depth of goodwill towards them in the school and in the community. We don't mention our opponents Kilcormac from Co. Offaly. We are ready.

You hope that on this day of all days you'll get most things right. The dressing room was good - not frantic but very focused. The little things we had worked on all year on the field worked brilliantly

The night the bonfires blazed in Clonakilty

for us on the day. Of course we were lucky at times but we played to a really high standard to win 3-14 to 2-6 against a very skillful Kilcormac team.

Bonfires blaze as we enter Clonakilty. The bus is escorted to the school and then the team parade through the town to an official welcome in the G.A.A. club. Everyone trying to come to terms with the enormity of what has been achieved. A first All Ireland Camogie success for the school. A first for Clonakilty. A first for West Cork. The mind will take time to comprehend the magnitude of it all. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever". People blessed with All Ireland success can understand Keats.



Sacred Heart Secondary School who brought home Clonakilty's first camogie All-Ireland title.



KILNAMONA - Senior Camogie League and Championship Winners 1999

BACK ROW: John Griffin (mentor), James Flanagan (mentor), Therese Wall, Catherine Cahir, Aine Griffin, Niamh Commene, Patricia Moloney, Noelle Comyns, Caroline Moloney, Sean Barry (mentor). FRONT ROW: Margaret Lafferty (mentor), Anne Keane, Ethna Keane, Yvonne Power, Patricia Ryan, Catherine O'Loughlin, Mairéad Keane, Maire O'Halloran, Irene Griffin, Maura Monahan (secretary).

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Wolfe Tones Camogie Club

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN 1999

Under-11: Ground Hurling Division 2 champions. **Under-12:** Semi-finalists in county championship (beaten by eventual champions Eire Óg). **Under-14:** Co. champions for the fifth year in-a-row. **Under-16A:** County champions for the third year in-a-row. **Minor:** Co. champions for the first time in ten years. **Senior:** Runners-up in the county championship (beaten in the final by Kilnamona).

Wolfe Tones camogie club represented Clare in Féile na nGael in Division 1 in Wexford. Scored in every match and were introduced as the most successful club ever to compete in Féile. In 1997 and 1998 Wolfe Tones won Division 4 and Division 2 respectively.

Seven players this year won under-

14, under-16 and minor championship medals: Danielle McMackin, Deborah Roughan, Anna Brennan, Rebecca Foley, Leanne Lagan, Lizzie Danaher and Louise Butler.

The club had players representing us at inter-county level at under-14, under-16 and minor level. Four of our club players won All-Ireland intermediate medals - Áine ní Cormaile, Debbie McDonagh, Sylvia O'Brien and fourteen year old Laura Linnane.

We look forward to an even more successful season next year. Our thanks go to all the members who did a lot of hard work and are very proud to be involved with Wolfe Tones camogie club.



Wolfe Tones U-16 A Camogie County Champions - 1999 - Back row (left to right): Fiona Elliott, Martina O'Brien, Helen McElligott, Mairéad Elliott, Audrey Shanahan, Laura Linnane, Anna Brennan, Danielle McMackin, Siobhán Elliott. Front row (l. to r.): Elaine Gallery, Leanne Lagan, Lizzie Danaher, Deborah Roughan, Rebecca Foley, Evelyn McCafferty, Louise Butler, Ciara Bowen.



Wolfe Tones Minor Camogie County Champions - 1999 - Back row (left to right): Fiona Elliott, Evelyn McGil, Maria Hehir, Kerrie Brennan, Sharon Coleman, Catriona Foley, Deborah Roughan, Rebecca Foley, Laura Linnane, Danielle McMackin. Front row (l. to r.): Martina O'Brien, Louise Butler, Ciara Lagan, Siobhán Kelly, Emer Wehrley (captain), Lianne Lagan, Lizzie Danaher, Mairéad Elliott (not available for photograph - Sinéad Twomey), Nicole O'Meara, Elaine Gallery, Anna Brennan, Norma O'Connor, Kelly Molloy, Audrey Shanahan.

Clare win intermediate camogie title

Having impressively disposed of Cork in the semi-final, Clare made the long journey to Dunloy in Co. Antrim to take on the challenge of the home county in the All-Ireland Intermediate final.

The scores were level at the interval and soon afterwards Antrim took a point lead, Clare finished strongly and in the last quarter they pulled away from their opponents to seal a good victory.

The victory came four years after they had previously won the title at the expense of Tipperary in 1995. They also contested the final in 1997 when they lost to Tipperary.

And Clare had further reason to celebrate when their outstanding centre-back Marie Collins was named as the

player of the match.

Clare travelled North on Saturday in preparation for this tie which produced a very close fought first half at the end of which the sides were level at 1-2 each.

Newmarket's Edel Arthur gave her side the lead with a point after just two minutes. Sylvia O'Brien got through for the team's goal in the ninth minute and the Shannon girl added a point five minutes later to stretch Clare's lead.

Urged on by the home following, Antrim fought back and by half time they had drawn level at 1-2 each.

Shortly after the restart, the home county took the lead with a good point but this was quickly cancelled out when Edel Arthur pointed for Clare.

Clare went back in front when Whitegate's Erica Minogue pointed and they stretched the lead to two points when

Deirdre Murphy found the target with ten minutes remaining.

Team captain Moira McMahon converted three frees in the remaining time to seal a good win for the Banner girls.

It was a deserved win for the Clare girls for whom Áine ní Cormaile, Sinéad Daly, Sinéad McMahon, Sylvia O'Brien, Erica Minogue and player of the game Marie Collins impressed.

Clare: Áine ní Cormaile (Wolfe Tones); Sinéad Daly (St. Joseph's); Sinéad McMahon (St. Joseph's); Ann Keane (Kilnamona); Cathy Hally (Truagh); Marie Collins (Bodyke); Sinéad O'Brien (Bodyke); Moira McMahon (Newmarket) (captain); Deirdre Murphy (Clooney); Edel Arthur (Newmarket); Erica Minogue (Whitegate); Catherine O'Loughlin (Kilnamona); Pauline O'Brien (Bodyke); Patricia O'Grady (Newmarket); Sylvia O'Brien (Wolfe Tones).

Cork teams make progress at several grades

LOOKING over the Cork camogie scene for the past year, it can be seen that with fifty-three clubs registered with the County Board, Cork fielded inter-county teams in three grades, senior, junior and intermediate whilst at Munster level a second intermediate team was also fielded. In under age grades, U 16 and 18 teams were fielded.

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SENIORS

The first fifteen-a-side game drew a big crowd to Nemo Rangers pitch in Trabeg on a cold February afternoon when Cork met Tipperary in the opening round of the National League. With the players struggling to come to terms with the extra space and three more players on the team an entertaining evening ensued. Cork mastered the new format taking the points and winning all their games to qualify for a league final where they met Tipperary.

A young Tipperary side contesting their first league final has no answer to a strong Cork side who took the title in a one-sided contest and in the process set themselves up as firm favourites to make it three-in-a-row of All-Ireland titles.

Finding little trouble in their opening championship games, a semi-final with Kilkenny, who had defeated last year's finalists Galway, awaited Cork.

Played as part of a double header the semi-finals at Parnell Park were totally contrasting.

Whilst going in as favourites, Cork failed to shake off a tenacious Kilkenny side, but showing determination led by five points with time up. A Margaret Comerford goal cut the deficit and with their backs to the wall, Cork fought to hang on.

As Sinead Millean stepped up to hit a free fifty-five yards from the Cork goal the large crowd were pencilling in a replay date for the following Saturday but much to everybody's amazement, Sinead's attempted point ended up in the net and with it came the full time whistle.

The inclusion during the season of younger players such as Una O'Donoghue has been a very positive move by the selectors.

Ten clubs participated in the senior 'B' championship and after lively and entertaining opening rounds, Kilbrittain and Courcey Rovers contested the final at Newcestown. Being local rivals the build-up to the game was exciting, however it failed to live up to pre match expectations with Courcey Rovers taking the title at ease, they now confidently join the ranks of senior 'A' for the new millennium.

JUNIORS

Last season crowned junior 'B' champions Milford worked the magic and won the junior 'A' championship at the first attempt. Ballygarvan did put in a tremendous hour in the final but the Milford ladies were not in the mood for defeat and now join the ranks of the Senior 'B' clubs in the season ahead. Inniscarra took the junior 'B' championship title to Mid Cork with a great win over Carrigaline in the board's last final of the millennium.

During the year, many new clubs took honours at under age level and this is a huge step forward in any club's progression.

Ballyhea took the club's first trophy, capturing the U 12 league. Newcestown did likewise, winning the U 16 'B' county championship with Carrigaline taking U 14 'B' honours.

Milford continued to be the most successful under age club at present taking the U 14 'A' and 16 'A' championship titles; they also took the Cork Feile na nGael title and represented the county at the national finals, losing out in the 'A' final to Oolart from Wexford. A great year also for Laura Noonan who was victorious in the Cork Feile na nGael skills and also represented the county at National Feile.

With the winning of the junior and minor titles Cork have now a total of thirty-five camogie All-Irelands, whilst five All-Ireland club titles have found a home in the county.

The championship draws for 2000 were made recently and ironic that Cork seniors have been pitted against Kilkenny in the opening round. It's a unique pairing and one which will surely spur the Cork girls into action in the months ahead as they no doubt sit down to plot the downfall of the Kilkenny girls.

Another tremendous year has brought down the curtain on a glorious era in sporting circles for the women of Cork, and to celebrate the year gone by the Co. Board are holding a function on Wednesday, January 5 at The Castle Hotel, Blarney where the victorious minor and junior winning teams will be feted. Clubs are encouraged to support the event and tickets can be got from any county board officer.

—Mary Newman