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Galway, Intermediate



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Front Row L-R: Niamh McInerney, Aisling Donnellan, Elaine Dolphin, Emma Madden, Alannah Kelly, Katie Gilchrist, Ciara Hickey, Ciara Donohue, Fiona Ryan, Lisa Casserly (C), Caoimhe Starr, Ally Hesnan, Katie Manning and Shannon Corcoran.



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Pearses |
| 17. Caoimhe Reidy
Caoimhe Ní Rhiada
Craughwell | 22. Eva Gilmore
Eabha Cíolla Mhuine
Castlegar | 27. Shannon Corcoran
Siannas Ní Chocráin
Sarsfields |
| 18. Sarah Lyons
Sorcha Ní Leigh
Kiltormer | 23. Laura Kelly
Labbhráin Ní Ceallaigh
Salthill/Knocknacarra | 28. Chloe Farragher
Clíoghí Ní Fhearchair
Davitts |
| 19. Alannah Kelly
Ailáine Ní Ceallaigh
Portumna | 24. Cora Kenny
Córa Ní Connaith
Sarsfields | 29. Elaine Dolphin
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Ardrahan |
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Cork, Intermediate



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| 17 Aoife O'Callaghan
Aoife Ní Cheallacháin
Eire Og | 22 Aine Crowley
Aine Ní Chruslaoi
Kilbrittain/Timoleague | 27 Kelly Falvey
Kelly Ní Fhaibhe
Glen Rovers |
| 18 Katelyn Hickey
Katelyn Ní Icí
Blackrock | 23 Laura Doyle
Laura Ní Dhubhghaill
Charleville | 28 Cliona O'Leary
Cliona Ní Leoghain
Ballygarvan |
| 19 Rachel O'Shea
Rachel Ní Shé
Camigaline | 24 Ciara Crowley
Ciara Ní Chruallai
Youghal | 29 Ciara Hurley
Ciara Ní Mhuirthile
St. Finbarrs |
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Danielle Ní Ceirbháill
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Tara Ní Cárthaigh
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Galway girls tough it out to hold off the Rebels' charge

Tribeswomen rise to the occasion in claiming All-Ireland Intermediate glory

GALWAY	0-13
CORK	0-11

DARREN KELLY
AT CROKE PARK

ALL-Ireland camogie final day wouldn't pass without Galway success as the county's intermediates stepped up to close the deal last Sunday.

It was a fourth victory for the 'second string' but more importantly, it was a definite statement of the talent pool Galway possess who will now challenge the seniors for their jerseys next year.

Even though Galway can't be promoted due to representation at senior level already, these players must move up. Careful thought must go into any regrading requests to ensure that fringe players (both senior and intermediate) have the chance to get meaningful game time in 2023.

But back to this heroic effort. An entertaining first half saw Galway edge Cork by three points in a high scoring 30 minutes. But it was a different requirement for the second period as the defence were defiant, even if the Tribeswomen rode their luck on occasions.

Within 30 seconds of the throw-in, Galway were off the mark as Laura Loughnane (one of three starting survivors from the 2019 final loss to Westmeath), converted. And the one minute mark hadn't been reached when Tegan Canning made it 0-2 to 0-0.

Galway were definitely in the ascendancy but Cork teams never lie down. Exploiting mistakes, two frees were conceded allowing Joanne Casey convert to level affairs.

The maroon and white were the better team even if the scoreboard wasn't fully reflecting it. Katie Gilchrist opened her account before Niamh McPeake made it 0-4 to 0-2 on seven minutes.

Again, Cork responded through Casey and Lauren Homan. This is a young Galway set-up with an average age of 20 and while they did concede cheap scores in the early stages, their overall performance showed a maturity beyond their years.

It was a surprise that manager Cathal Murray chose to leave two inside and play Clara

Hickey as a sweeper. But overall, it generally worked, especially in the second half.

Beforehand, two Gilchrist frees put Galway 0-6 to 0-4 up again even if two-thirds of the press area, this reporter included, were duped into thinking Cork had one more. Sometimes reputations blind observations and a Casey free was marked down without anyone checking for a white flag.

The Inniscarra winger did get Cork's fifth point, from play, on 18 minutes but the Tribeswomen were starting to stretch out. Loughnane was enjoying the left wing and pointed before Gilchrist sent over a placed ball.

Katelyn Hickey brought it back to 0-8 to 0-6 on 27 minutes but the Loughnane-Gilchrist double act performed again with two more points. Homan left Cork's deficit 0-10 to 0-7 at half-time.

If the first half was a showcase of expression, the second would be a war of attrition. And Galway were up for the battle. First, they had to weather an early Rebel charge but four scoring chances were squandered before Homan finally tallied on 34 minutes.



CASEY DID FINISH CORK'S SCORING THREE MINUTES INTO INJURY TIME BUT GALWAY'S REARGUARD HAD LOCKED UP NOW

Gradually, Galway's defence, led by captain Lisa Casserly and previous incumbent Ciara Donohue, set up a wall that Cork struggled to penetrate. The entire rearguard stood out with special mention deserving for Katie Anna Porter and Ciara Hickey, who enjoyed cleaning up as sweeper.

This was Cork's quarter but the way through was blocked. And Galway responded with two important points. On 40 minutes, McPeake shook off her marker and held her balance to strike from distance on the left.

And 60 seconds later, Gilchrist punched the air with delight when her shot from play sailed between the posts.



Galway's Niamh McPeake on the charge against Niamh O'Leary of Cork during Sunday's All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Final at Croke Park. PHOTOS: INFO/BRYAN KEANE

Rachel O'Shea landed a Cork score on 42 minutes leaving it 0-12 to 0-9.

Entering the final 10 minutes, Galway led but the signs were pointing elsewhere. Casey landed a free to leave two between them before an untimely blow with eight minutes remaining. A high challenge led to a second yellow card for Katie Manning and Murray's team would finish with 14.

However, that didn't knock their focus or stride and Galway nearly secured the winner. Porter and Hickey cleared in defence with a delivery down to Laura Kelly. Cork keeper Stefanie Beausang was brave to block the Salthill/Knocknacarra forward and somehow, the ball didn't cross the line.

But on 57 minutes came the game's turning point. A free on the 20 metre line looked a routine tap over for Casey but spotting three on the line, she opted to go low. A massive call and one that didn't work as she planned thanks to the left boot of Porter.

Galway went down the other end and won a free. Connacht Poc Fada champion Gilchrist made it count to make it 0-13 to 0-10. A two-point swing that proved crucial!

Casey did finish Cork's scor-



Galway's Katie Gilchrist comes under strong pressure from Cork's Kate Kilcommins.

ing three minutes into injury time but Galway's rearguard had locked up now. The goal needed from the Munster champions would never come and for the fourth time (after 2004, 2009 and 2013), Galway were All-Ireland intermediate champions.

Fiona Ryan in goal, Donohue, Hickey, Casserly, Porter, Jennifer Hughes, Gilchrist, Mc-

Peake and Loughnane all stood out. An important day for Galway's camogie future and one worth celebrating now. Next year, they'll get their chance to challenge the seniors.

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Corcoran for McInerney (40 mins), C Kenny for Loughnane (55 mins), A Kelly for Gilchrist (60 mins).

Cork: S Beausang, A Moloney, N O'Leary, G Hannon, J O'Leary, K Kilcommins, L O'Sullivan, L Callanan, R Harty, J Casey (0-6, five frees), K Hickey (0-1), S Hutchinson, C O'Callaghan, H Ryan, L Homan (0-3), Sub: M Murphy for Hutchinson (28 mins), R O'Shea (0-1) for O'Callaghan (38 mins), A O'Callaghan for Ryan (59 mins)

Referee: G Donegan (Dublin)

ALL-IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CAMOGIE FINAL



The Galway Intermediate camogie squad which overcame Cork in Sunday's All-Ireland Final at Croke Park. Back row, left to right: Katie Manning, Cora Kenny, Ciara Donohue, Grainne O'Neill, Ally Hesnan, Siobhán Divilly, Katie Gilchrist, Alannah Kelly, Sinéad Coleman, Catherine Hanley, Shannon Corcoran, Eva Gilmore, Olwen Rabbitte, Megan Gannon, Chloe Farragher, Elaine Dolphin, Laura Kelly, Katie Anna Porter, Tegan Canning. Front row: Tara Rutledge, Ciara Hickey, Tara Lawrence, Caoimhe Starr, Jennifer Hughes, Fiona Ryan, Lisa Casserly (c), Sarah Lyons, Niamh McPeake, Caoimhe Reidy, Aisling Donnellan, Niamh McInerney, Emma Madden, Laura Loughnane.

The future is bright

■ Team boss Murray optimistic that more glory days await Galway camogie

DARREN KELLY

GALWAY manager Cathal Murray was very optimistic for the future following their All-Ireland intermediate final success over Cork at Croke Park on Sunday.

Even though the day was devoid of senior involvement, there'll be no less intensity or determination when 2023 comes around and the next generation challenge for elite status.

"In fairness, (coaches) Molly Dunne and Robbie Lane deserve huge credit for the amount of work they've done," said Murray after the final whistle. "These girls have come on massively over the last three months. It's all down to their work on the training ground."

"We're with the intermediates because you want to see those players developing. They're good enough to play senior an awful lot of them. But you have to mould them in the right way. It's good for them to see the seniors, the way they train and see how hard they work."

"And there's no doubt about it, there's an awful lot of that team that's going to have the potential to go on and play senior. Whether they do or not is up to themselves. They're in the right environment now. They have everything at their disposal and hopefully they'll kick on."

After coming through the group stages with the minimum of fuss, Galway were tested to the pin of their collar first by Meath in the semi-final before



Galway's Catherine Hanley, Laura Kelly, Ciara Donohue, Sarah Lyons and Caoimhe Reidy celebrate with the McGrath Cup after Sunday's triumph over Cork at Croke Park.

getting past the Cork hurdle in the decider.

It secured a fourth title at this grade for the Tribeswomen and helped overcome the disappointment of 2019 when a winning hand at half-time was thrown away to Westmeath.

"It's been a long journey as a management since 2019," added the Sarsfields man. "We've fierce regrets about that game. We were in the driving seat and half-time and just didn't kick on. It's a long way back."

"Look, they've showed an awful lot of character all year anytime the other teams came at them, especially in the semi-final against Meath. We knew that time when Meath were on top, we knew that would stand to us."

"We worked incredibly hard. Even in the first half, we mightn't have been playing the best hurling but our work rate was savage all the way through."

There were three starting survivors from that 2019 loss

with Laura Loughnane scoring three important first half points while Ciara Donohue and captain Lisa Casserly led the resistance after the break.

Not just did the Ballinereen centre back give a memorable speech on the Hogan Stand afterwards, she was also named player of the match.

"It feels absolutely brilliant," said Casserly after lifting the Jack McGrath Cup. "I'm at loss for words at this stage. Very emotional but I'm so honoured

and so privileged."

"I knew coming in this year and seeing the bunch that they were so talented. They were going to be exceptional this year. And they were exceptional this year and I'm absolutely so proud of each and every one of them."

"We settled down and we get our scores and we regroup. And that's what they've been doing all year. I'm just delighted that they were able to showcase it on the biggest day

of the calendar."

"I'm delighted for them all," added Murray. "I'm delighted especially for Tara Rutledge (who missed the game with a knee injury) She wasn't able to play today. She was there in 2019 on the team."

"Ciara Donohue and Lisa Cass (Casserly), I thought they were outstanding for us as well. Real leaders. They've been there since 2019 and it was probably a long road back. I'm sure they're delighted they stuck with us now."

Galway's ability to respond to periods of Cork pressure was important including that 57th minute free when Joanne Casey opted to go for goal only to be denied by Katie Anna Porter. It was a pivotal moment and arguably the game's deciding factor.

"I was happy that she went for it and didn't get it to be honest with you," concluded Galway's manager. "And very important, we got a good free down at the far corner of the field."

"We always said that if we could tag on one more score. The decision was whether we stay with the sweeper or whether we kick on, but we felt we needed another score. And as soon as we got the point, we went back to the sweeper again."

"The backs were super all day. To only concede 11 points in an All-Ireland final, you have to play really well. There's a huge amount of hooks, huge amounts of block downs, huge amount of scrambles in defence and that's what you want."

It's heartache on the double for Cork girls



CAMOGIE

Linda Mellerick

IN front of a crowd of almost 24,000 supporters, Cork and Kilkenny produced another brilliant All-Ireland senior final.

The Cork public travelled in huge numbers to support both senior and intermediate teams, outnumbering their opponents from Noneside.

You couldn't take your eye off the second half of the senior game for a second. Small instances produce mammoth moments on the big stage.

Cork looked in goal control defensively. But substitute Sophie Dwyer will long be the hero in Kilkenny.

A deflected shot looped behind Amy Lee and as she was off her line, it almost lobbed her.

Off balance backing back, to her credit Lee got a hurley to it with the sun in her eyes but when the sliotar hit the ground the experienced Dwyer pulled to the net.

Kilkenny grew 10 feet tall. Even though Katrina Mackey levelled the game, a goal in those circumstances gives you massive energy and Kilkenny could smell victory.

Difficult

Croke Park on All-Ireland final day is a difficult place to be when you lose. To lose the senior game by a single point and the intermediate final by two, both sets of management and players were heartbroken.

Over the coming weeks they'll view their games and undoubtedly have regrets. That's human nature when so little separates teams, you'll dissect the 'what-ifs' and drive yourself mad.

The Cork seniors will regret their slow start. The Cork intermediates the fact that they didn't push up more.

Credit to Cork manager Matthew Twomey and Laura Treacy for emerging from what was a distraught dressing room to talk to the media afterwards.

"It's fairly devastating now at the moment," said Cork's manager.

"You're just trying to get your head around the match. Two points up in the 54th fourth minute; could we have kicked on?"

"Instead, we left in an awful soft goal. It's hard.

"I'm so proud of every one of those players. They've given us their all, all



Disappointment for the Rebels after Kilkenny's win at Croke Park on Sunday.

Picture: INPHO/Ryan Keane

year and I'm very, very proud of them.

"Obviously, we haven't got a very nice dressing room at the moment but look, we're after losing two great All-Irelands.

"There's no consolation in that, but the conveyor belt is rolling and hopefully it'll keep rolling now."

The Douglas clubman couldn't pinpoint how Cork again had such a slow start and allowed Kilkenny a six-point advantage.

But he was quick to then highlight his players' character and the fact that they had the game level at half time.

"It was possible we could have even been a couple of points up. We had a couple of chances of goals, but wrong options were taken.

"You can't do that in an All-Ireland final. When Kilkenny got their opportunities, they took them."

It was a tough Sunday afternoon on Jones Road, but it was a great year for Cork camogie, and we shouldn't forget that.

Reaching all four All-Ireland finals and winning two, at U16 and minor.

Cork are very much on top of camogie. We'll be back again for 2023.

Galway hold firm to edge Cork in tight final

Galway	0-13
Cork	0-11

Galway had just the more energy to win an absolute arm wrestle with Cork and with that, the All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship title.

The second half was a tight and tense affair, which would always suit the team with the advantage and that was the Tribeswomen, who began it with a three-point lead and won by two.

Cork did not help themselves, shooting 11 wides over the hour, but some of those should be credited to the fantastic defensive play of the Galway defence in which Ciara Donohue and Lisa Casserly were colossal figures.

Galway were reduced to 14 in the 52nd minute when Kate Manning was shown a second yellow card in six minutes, for a high tackle, but Cathal Murray's troops rarely looked in danger of conceding a goal.

Fortunate

That said, they were a little fortunate when Joanne Casey surprisingly elected to shoot low from a free just outside the 20m line in the 56th minute, with two points between the sides.

Just a minute earlier, Stephanie Beausang dived bravely at the feet of Laura Kelly to deny the Galway sub a goal and a score at the other end would have fed the gradual momentum in the Rebels' direction.

While reducing it to the minimum seemed the obvious move, Casey went for goal and the sliotar ricocheted off the stick of goalie Fiona Ryan on to Casserly's left ankle. The skipper gratefully gathered possession to clear. Three minutes later, Katie Gilchrist was slotting her seventh point of the day with her last act of the game and the margin was three.

Casey split the posts for her sixth in the third minute of injury time from a tight angle but time ran out on Trevor Coleman's team.

Economical

There wasn't a whole lot between them in a more open first half either but Galway were just a little more economical, and in Laura Loughnane, had a forward clearly in good order with herself as she fired three points from play.

With Gilchrist finding the target from five frees and Tegan Canning and Niamh McPeake also getting on the scoresheet, that was four of Murray's six starting forwards doing the business.

Cork had three, Casey slotting four frees and the lively Lauren Homan (two) and outstanding Katelyn Hickey splitting the posts also. Both teams played with sweepers and goal opportunities were at a premium.

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Galway's Ciara Donohue breaking out of defence against Lauren Homan of Cork during Sunday's All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Final at Croke Park. PHOTO: INPHO/BRYAN

Power overcomes injury to help Cats to glory

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Katie Power has known her own adversity, watching the 2020 triumph on crutches after suffering a horrific broken kneecap while running.

The road back has not been smooth, even though she played in last year's championship.

But the travails are well worth it now.

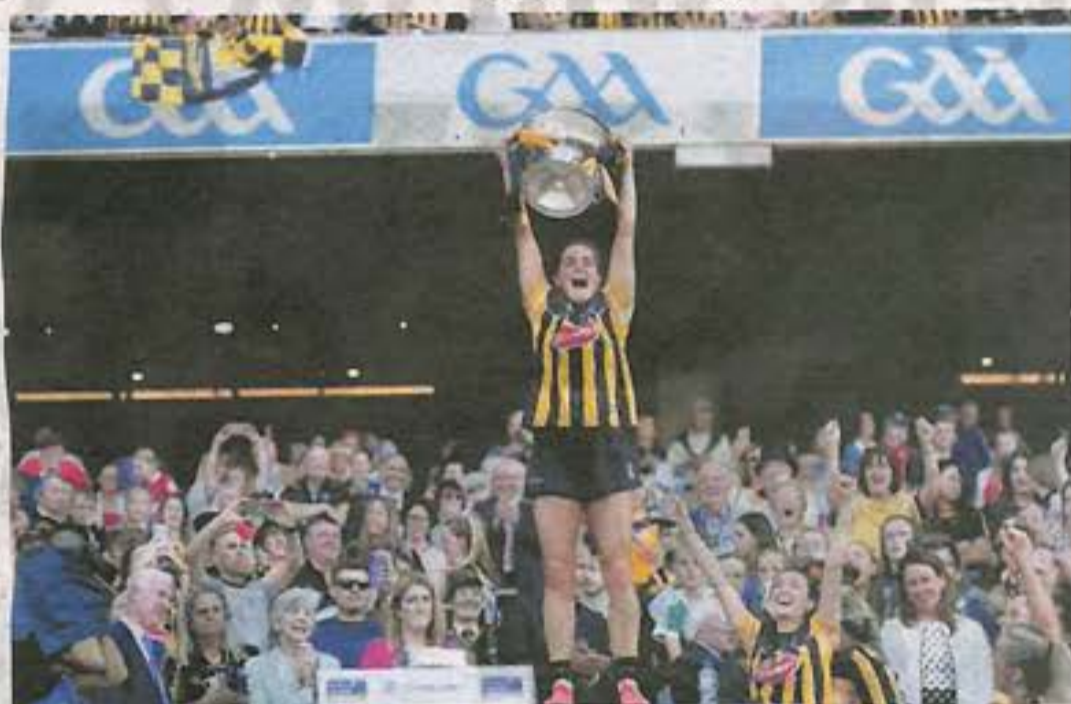
"It doesn't actually seem real," said Power.

"I can't put it into words.

"To miss out on 2020 and the slog and the heartbreak that this team has gone through in the last 12 months with deaths, with injuries and whatever was thrown at us, we just kept coming back.

"I know it's a cliché but the spirit in this group, whatever was thrown at us we took it and we just kept coming back.

"It's unbelievable. I'm so grateful to be standing here and without my family and my friends that supported through all them tough days, I wouldn't be here.



Katie Power lifts the O'Duffy Cup after she helped Kilkenny to a 15th All-Ireland Senior Camogie success against Cork on Sunday afternoon PICTURE: JAMES CROMBIE/INPHO

"There are times when things aren't going well and even at points last year, I might train for two weeks and then be so sore I couldn't train for a month and I was getting injections.

"Come this winter I just put in so much work to get

myself as strong as possible and thankfully it came good for us in the end."

The game was an encapsulation of what they have encountered, having to deal with blow after blow. And having lost one-point finals to Cork in 2017 and 2018, it did cross Power's mind that the same might happen again.

"It was like previous years but there's something different with this group.

"We weren't even playing well.

"We'd get level and they'd go straight back up and get ahead.

"We could have thrown in the towel but a girl that had never played in an All-Ireland final - she played five minutes of championship in a semi-final and comes on and

scores the winner, and that's what the group is about."

She never had any doubt about Gaule splitting the posts, even though the Windgap legend hasn't been at her normally reliable best in that department for the last month.

"No! Not a hope. I didn't have any doubt. What a woman, like.

"She's been such a servant to Kilkenny. Thirteen years she's been going and she's dug us out of games.

"And she was there today, things weren't going our way, she was back in the full-back line there the last five minutes hitting balls out.

"That's what it's about. It's not about me or Gaule.

"It's about the whole panel and that's just there to be seen today."



Super subs Prendergast and O'Dwyer live out perfect dream

In the build up to Sunday's All-Ireland final, Kilkenny captain Aoife Prendergast spoke about planning to push for a starting spot on the team and making an impact.

While the Dicksboro star didn't achieve the first aim, the second one certainly went her way as she emerged from the bench to play a big role in the win.

The 25-year-old became the second player from Dicksboro to captain the Cats to All-Ireland success after Lucinda Gahan did similar after defeating Galway in 2020.

DREAM A REALITY

Prendergast spoke about how she dreamt of lifting the cup and how it became a reality.

"It was an unbelievable feeling going up to get the cup," she said.

"As Brian (Dowling) said it's a special bunch of players and a special management team in that dressing-room. To be the one to climb the Hogan Stand and receive the cup in front of all those supporters is something I've dreamt of forever and I wasn't sure if it would ever happen or not and I'm just grateful to be the one to do it."

Prendergast also went through the process in the team as Ashling Thompson threatened to send the game to a replay.

LUCK

"At the end of the game you just have to hope for the best and as Brian Dowling

said you need a bit of luck too. We kept the pressure on and it's a great group of girls that don't give up until the final whistle so even a bit of pressure in Ashling's Thompson's eyeline may have worked and that's what we done.

"Thankfully it was enough to get us over the line in the end."

HUGE IMPACT

Kilkenny may have only used two subs on the day but both of them had a huge impact and nobody will be forgetting Sophie O'Dwyer's name anytime soon as the James Stephens star pounced to net the crucial goal.

O'Dwyer took the decision to drop herself from the Kilkenny intermediate squad in the hope of making a mark with the senior team and her inner belief certainly worked out in the end.

"It's absolutely amazing and it's one of the best feelings ever, I'm absolutely delighted," she said.

SPECIAL

"It's very special as we get the chance to celebrate with our friends and family.

"We knew that our backs were going to be against the wall at different stages of the match but the sheer workrate of everyone gave us a chance of getting over the line and thankfully all the girls were fantastic.

"The goal was a rebound and if I missed it I would have been in trouble so I'll take it," a delighted O'Dwyer said.

Patience proves a virtue for the ultra-consistent Murphy

If anyone knows the patience that is required to succeed at the highest level, then it is O'Loughlin Gaels wing back Laura Murphy.

The talented defender was named to start in the 2020 All-Ireland final but she was replaced by the returning from injury Kellyann Doyle.

Fast forward the clock two years and it's Murphy who has replaced Doyle after the Piltown star picked up another cruciate ligament injury.

So even when losing late on, Murphy knew they had to remain patient.

"It was just like Brian said, 'Keep the faith'," she said.

"We have been saying it all

year, just keep the faith and if you go down two points, three points, whatever it is, we know that we have the capabilities to pull it back."

"We always said we're not a panel of 15 players, we're a panel of all the players that come on and all the girls that are on the bench.

"And look at Sophie O'Dwyer there against Cork, coming on and getting that goal just when we needed it."

Murphy has quickly become one of Brian Dowling's go-to players. When he needed to mix things up on final day, he handed her the No-7 shirt again but slotted her in at midfield for different stages



Laura Murphy celebrates after Sunday's victory

and like she did when scoring a critical goal against Galway in the semi-final, she stood up to the mark.

Murphy is part of a squad

that's had its fair share of despair against Cork so to come out on the right side was satisfying.

Murphy added: "We've

had a few tough defeats to Cork in particular. It's heartbreaking when you put in all that work.

"I don't think anyone outside of the group realises the work that goes into getting this far and actually getting over the line.

"To win by a single point... we've had a few close defeats by a point so it is that little bit sweeter when the margin is so tight because it could go either way.

"We're just so grateful that we got that bit of luck."

Murphy also paid tribute to the match winner Denise Gaule and the leadership she displayed in helping the Cats find a way to win.

Gaule has been on the end of her fair share of defeats so it was appropriate that she was celebrating on this occasion.

Murphy said of her team-mate: "All I can think of with her is hard work and oh my God, did she put that in? She was unbelievable.

"She might have missed a free or two but I think there was one stage over on the right-hand side when she got two or three blocks in a row.

"She just epitomises everything we believe in — hard work and that it's never over until the final whistle goes. She was up and down the pitch all afternoon, she was brilliant really."

O'Dwyer and Gaule strike late

Back on top: Kilkenny swoop to conquer in thrilling All-Ireland camogie decider with Cork



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KILKENNY 1-13
CORK 1-12

Kilkenny's Invincibles crowned an almost perfect year when they claimed a second All-Ireland camogie title in three seasons.

Brian Dowling's team ended 2022 without a blemish to their name as they remained unbeaten in three different competitions with a come from behind victory against old rivals Cork.

The Rebels beat the Cats in last year's All-Ireland semi-final and they looked primed to do it again when leading by two points as the game neared its conclusion.

If this Kilkenny side has taught us anything though is that they are never beaten until the final whistle blows. Just like they did in the final four victory over Galway a few weeks ago, a crucial goal helped them overcome a deficit.

Denise Gaule's leadership skills very much came to the fore as she set up Niamh Deely, whose deflected shot looped towards goal.

All Cork goalkeeper Amy Lee could do was bat the ball back into play where Sophie O'Dwyer pounced to blast the loose ball into the net.

It was a goal that was very much against the grain as Cork had outscored Kilkenny 1-11 to 0-6 over the previous half an hour or so and the Munster side looked well placed to make up for defeat in the previous year's decider.

O'Dwyer's goal gave Kilkenny an extra jolt of confidence though and although Cork did get back level, Gaule maintained her composure to knock over the winner with a stoppage time free.

NERVES OF STEEL

The Windgap ace had missed an earlier free so it took nerves of steel to step up to the plate and be her side's heroine.

Cork still had a chance to level the game but the experienced Ashling Thompson saw a late effort drift wide as Kilkenny held on



Kilkenny's Mary O'Connell gets away from Saoirse McCarthy

for a one-point victory.

The margin of success was pretty significant too. Kilkenny have been on the wrong end of one point defeats against Cork, most notably in the 2017 and 2018 All-Ireland finals.

After beating defending champions Galway in the semi-final, Kilkenny went into the game as favourites. After selecting the same 15 from that victory, the winners threatened to run riot early on as they went six points clear inside the opening 20 minutes.

Corner-back Tiffanie Fitzgerald got the ball rolling with a well taken score from distance within seconds of the start.

Cork originally appeared to have levelled up the game when full-forward Sorcha McCartan got away from Michelle Teehan before scoring but despite her effort being given the go ahead, HawkEye soon intervened to rule out the point.

That missed attempt seemed to affect Cork's

confidence as Kilkenny moved up a few gears with the next five points.

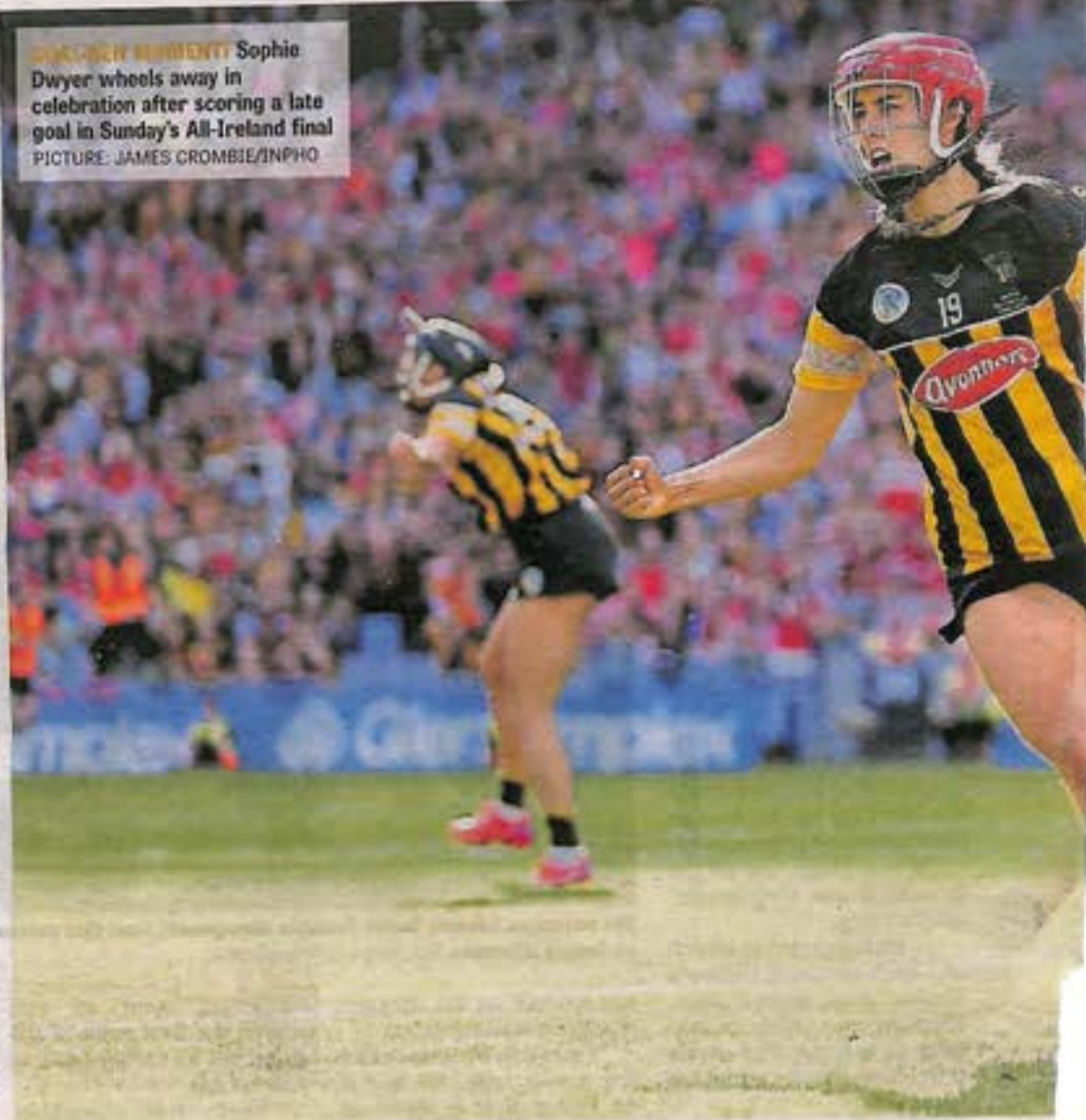
Katie Nolan doubled the lead after Julianne Malone caught an Aoife Norris puckout before flicking the pass out to the St Martin's top scorer.

Katie Power found herself on a lot of ball and despite missing a pair of attempts, her team-mates Denise Gaule and Miriam Walsh both made up for it with two points apiece.

Kilkenny looked to be in complete control at this stage but Cork weren't going to be out of the game for long and they were always going to get a spell of dominance. They almost found the net in the 16th minute when Katrina Mackey broke through the centre of the Kilkenny defence - but when she looked set to score Grace Walsh came across and made a great block.

While Kilkenny survived a scare on that occasion, it wasn't the only time that Cork's running game caused

WICK-ROCK MOMENT! Sophie Dwyer wheels away in celebration after scoring a late goal in Sunday's All-Ireland final
PICTURE: JAMES CROMBIE/INPHO



the Kilkenny defence issues. Four minutes later, something similar happened; this time the result was different as Fiona Keating shot past Aoife Norris.

Kilkenny steadied the ship with a Michaela Kenneally point after Miriam Walsh and Katie Nolan combined to release the centre-forward.

That proved to be the winners' last score of the half with Cork getting four points

on the bounce. Successive Amy O'Connor frees left two points between the teams and with Katrina Mackey and Fiona Keating also scoring from play, there was no separating the sides at the half-time break.

BRIGHT START

After such a bright opening 20 minutes, it was something of a surprise that Kilkenny weren't in the lead at the interval but credit must

go to Cork who battled back brilliantly.

Four minutes into the second half and Kilkenny were really challenged as an O'Connor free nudged Cork into the lead for the first time. Kilkenny maintained their composure though as Miriam Walsh and Katie Nolan edged the Cats back in front (0-9 to 1-5).

The majority of the attacking was coming at the



Kilkenny displayed immense character as they found a way to secure another All-Ireland success

Denise Gaule stays ice-cool as she fires over the stoppage time winning free that saw Kilkenny claim victory



HOW THEY LINED OUT

SCORERS

Kilkenny: Katie Nolan (0-5, 0-3f), Sophie O'Dwyer (1-0), Denise Gaule (0-3, 0-1f), Miriam Walsh (0-3), Michaela Kenneally, Tiffanie Fitzgerald (0-1 each)

Cork: Fiona Keating (1-2), Amy O'Connor (0-5, 0-5f), Katrina Mackey (0-3), Saoirse McCarthy, Hannah Looney (0-1 each)

TEAMS

Kilkenny - Aoife Norris; Michelle Teehan, Grace Walsh, Tiffanie Fitzgerald; Niamh Deely, Claire Phelan, Laura Murphy; Staffi

Fitzgerald, Katie Power; Denise Gaule, Michaela Kenneally, Julianne Malone; Mary O'Connell, Miriam Walsh, Katie Nolan. Subs: Sophie O'Dwyer for Kenneally 47 mins, Aoife Prendergast for O'Connell 54 mins.

Cork - Amy Lee; Meabh Murphy, Libby Coppinger, Meabh Cahalane; Laura Hayes, Laura Tracey.



Saoirse McCarthy; Hannah Looney, Ashling Thompson; Katrina Mackey, Fiona Keating, Chloe Sigerson; Ciara O'Sullivan, Sorcha McCartan, Amy O'Connor. Subs: Emma Murphy for McCartan 50 mins, Cliona Healy for M Murphy 53 mins, Orlaith Cahalane for Sigerson 61 mins.

Referee - Roy Kelly (Kildare)

as cool Cats reign supreme

Game at a Glance: All-Ireland Final - Kilkenny v Cork

STAR PLAYER

A bit of a toss up between Miriam Walsh and Katie Nolan as both inside forwards kept Kilkenny in the game when Cork were really applying the pressure, but the vote narrowly goes to Nolan who knocked over a couple of crucial frees as well as playing a starring role from play. The St Martin's youngster has really flourished throughout 2022 and her final performance illustrates that. Notable mentions to Grace Walsh, Laura Murphy, Niamh Deely, Denise Gaule and the Fitzgerald sisters. Goalscorer Sophie O'Dwyer and team captain Aoife Prendergast also had a big impact off the bench.

TALKING POINT

This will go down as one of Kilkenny's great All-Ireland victories. It was the Noreiders' 15th success in total but none will have had as many bumps on the road as this win had. Shorn of All-Star defenders in Davina Tobin, Collette Dormer and Meighan Farrell as well as the injured duo of Kellyann and Aoife Doyle, you would have been brave to predict this outcome a couple of weeks ago. Even losing a six point lead would puncture most teams but then this Kilkenny

group aren't like most teams!

TURNING POINT

Sophie O'Dwyer's goal four minutes from time turned the game back in Kilkenny's favour after it looked like Cork were going to do enough to see it out. Without the James Stephens star finding the net, Denise Gaule's late winner wouldn't have been possible.

HIGHLIGHT

After winning an All-Ireland title with nobody present in the stadium in 2020, this felt like just reward for the Kilkenny players and management. The joyous celebrations on the field and in the dressing room will be remembered for years to come and no doubt they will continue long into the week.

REF WATCH

Ray Kelly was overseeing his third senior final and he let the game flow well and while there was one or two queries about a couple of decisions, he did ok. If Ashling Thompson had scored Cork's late chance to equalise we might be having a different discussion as the opportunity arose over a minute after the allotted stoppage time was completed.

ATTENDANCE

23,426



Niamh Deely (Kilkenny) tussles with Sorcha McCartan (Cork)
PICTURE: EVAN TREACY/INPHO



Katie Power and Grace Walsh celebrate with the silverware

Kilkenny end of the field during this period and Cork certainly looked the more likely winners when Mackey and Saoirse McCarthy helped Matthew Twomey's outfit retake the lead.

Katie Nolan was having the game of her life in the Kilkenny attack. After she traded places with Denise Gaule on free-taking duty she knocked over a couple of

crucial points to keep the sides on level terms.

The game was very much in the melting pot at this stage as Nolan and O'Connor went point for point.

The longer the game went on the more pressure built. It told when Nolan and Gaule missed frees while, at the same time, O'Connor scored her fifth point from a placed ball in the aftermath of a

Hannah Looney point from play to push Cork's lead out to two points.

BIG IMPACT

The Rebels had further chances to add to their tally but when they missed, Kilkenny knew they still had a chance. Both Aoife Prendergast and Sophie O'Dwyer made big impacts when coming on as second half substitutes.

Prendergast played a huge captain's role while O'Dwyer was part of the final's defining moment.

That moment arrived in the 56th minute when Denise Gaule set up Niamh Deely who had a shot deflect wildly towards the Hill 16 goal. With the change of direction in the sliotar, Cork goalkeeper Amy Lee could only bat the ball in O'Dwyer's direction. She

made no mistake, forcing the ball into the net.

As Cork already showed earlier in the game, they had no plans on wilting away and despite Kilkenny going one point ahead, Cork battled back with a superb Katrina Mackey score on the run.

A draw then looked like a distinct possibility and with the atmosphere reaching fever pitch the two sides

threw everything at it. Despite her earlier misses, Denise Gaule showed nerves of steel when scoring the game-winning free after Miriam Walsh was fouled.

Kilkenny were left to sweat when Thompson had a last gasp opportunity for Cork but sometimes you get what you deserved in sport. The Cats more than earned their day in the sun.



Kilkenny, All-Ireland senior camogie champions 2022



Davy won't forget year with Cork

BEFORE exiting stage left, Davy Fitzgerald admitted that he will never forget his one year with the Cork senior camogie team.

The colourful Clare man, brought in as coach in Matthew Twomey's management team, confirmed after last Sunday's All-Ireland final loss to Kilkenny that he is stepping away from the role.

'I enjoyed my time in Cork, it was deadly. I said I would give it one year, Matthew (Twomey) knew the story so I'll just be moving on,' Fitzgerald told *The Irish Examiner*.

'We won Munster but we were right there in that game (All-Ireland final). Fair play to Kilkenny, they took advantage but that's one we had a chance to win. It was some game. The girls were incredible right up to the end and all you can ask of any team is that they fight on their backs for you and them girls couldn't have done anymore.'

'I was in Cork over 80 times, we trained around 90 times. I have to say being a coach is different to being a manager and fair play to Matthew Twomey, he did an unbelievable job. It wasn't easy all the time. He had one or two lads giving him a bit of jib when they shouldn't have been giving him a bit of jib because he doesn't deserve it, but he stuck to his guns. He's a strong man and I wish him and the girls all the best. I will never forget the year.'

Murray left 'puzzled' by Cork tactics

FORMER Cork camogie boss Paudie Murray questioned the Rebels' tactics in the wake of their All-Ireland final loss.

Speaking on *The Sunday Game*, former manager Murray said: 'I think the biggest issue this year is they went with a sweeper. It puzzled me because if you look at our six backs, I think we had enough pace to counter any of the opposition. So when you're taking a player from your forward line, you're always going to be in trouble in your forward line.'

Where do Cork go after back-to-back All-Ireland final defeats?

BY GER MCCARTHY

IT was a case of so near, yet so far for the Cork senior camogie team.

For the second year in a row, the Rebels suffered defeat in an All-Ireland senior decider by just a single point. Galway last year. Now Kilkenny.

Slumped on the ground, staring in disbelief or just holding back the tears, your heart went out to the Cork players in Croke Park.

The minutes after such a gut-wrenching All-Ireland final loss is a tough place to be for the runners-up. As Libby Coppinger put it: 'Croke Park is a great place to be on winning days but a very lonely spot when you lose.'

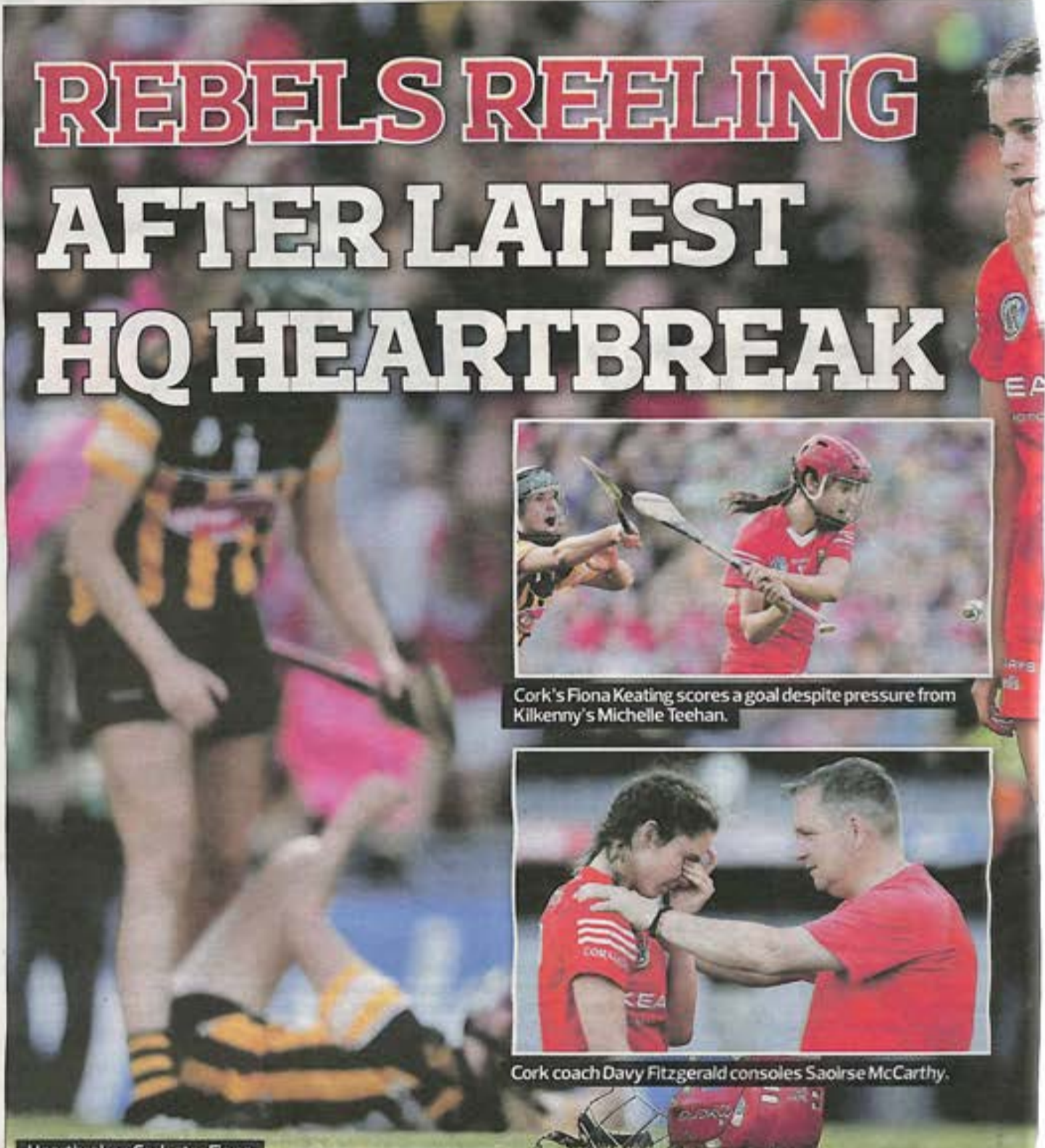
Kilkenny know the feeling well having lost to Cork by similar one-point margins in the 2017 and 2018 finals. Sunday was their moment to celebrate. Brian Dowling's battle-hardened panel just about deserved it over the course of 65 engrossing minutes.

No one can argue that the Cats aren't worthy champions because they did it the hard way in 2022.

Not least because Dowling's side defeated title-holders Galway in the semi-final, rebounding from their own heartache of losing to an injury-time Linda Collins winner in the previous year's last-four encounter.

A replay might well have been a fair outcome when Ashling Thompson broke clear and fired off a shot to level the score in the dying seconds last Sunday. Instead, Thompson's effort drifted wide and Kilkenny were

REBELS REELING AFTER LATEST HQ HEARTBREAK



Cork's Fiona Keating scores a goal despite pressure from Kilkenny's Michelle Teehan.



Cork coach Davy Fitzgerald consoles Saolrse McCarthy.

Heartbroken Cork star Fiona Keating after the final whistle. (Photo: James Cromley/INPHO)

Coppinger 'numb' after All-Ireland final loss

Treacy also gutted as Cork come up short

BY GER MCCARTHY

LIBBY Coppinger and Laura Treacy did not hide their disappointment at coming up short to Kilkenny in last Sunday's All-Ireland senior camogie final.

The experienced duo starred in their county's defence throughout an evenly-fought encounter but were unable to prevent Kilkenny from snatch-



Cork defender Laura Tracey after the final whistle. (Photo: Leah Scholes/INPHO)

ing a dramatic late win.

'We put ourselves in a position to win it but Kilkenny got those (late) scores to seal the deal,' Coppinger admitted.

'I think we are all a bit numb at the minute. Look, I am still very proud to be part of this

Cork senior team and to go out there battling with the girls. I think we left it all out there on the pitch so we can take that away from the game.'

Cork camogie's memorable year included All-Ireland successes at the U16 and minor A grades as well as the county's intermediates reaching last Sunday's All-Ireland decider.

As positive as those results were, they did little to ease the immediate hurt of losing the senior decider by just a single point.

'There are great players coming up through the ranks,' the St Colum's defender said.

'That's very promising for

Cork camogie but I suppose we are not happy unless we are winning on the biggest day of the year. That didn't happen this year so it is back to the drawing board.

'With the year we put in, you wonder what more we could have done. Look, we will try again next year and give it our all once again. Today is hugely, hugely disappointing.'

Laura Treacy was equally upset at losing a second All-Ireland senior final by a single point in as many years.

'Obviously, it is absolutely gutting to be leaving Croke Park for the second year in a row without silverware,' Treacy

admitted. 'I felt like we really worked hard over the last few years in developing players. We probably could have come away with the win today but just seemed to leave it behind us.'

'For some reason we started really slow once again. I can't really put my finger on the reasons why. There were only a few of us getting on the ball while others seemed a bit jittery.'

'Fiona's goal settled us and everyone started to settle, started moving and giving the right ball. Our confidence grew and we could have gone in a couple of points up instead of being level.'



Cork defender Libby Coppinger puts Kilkenny's Miriam Walsh under pressure.

'I thought Fiona Keating had one of her best games in a Cork jersey' - Matthew Twomey, Cork manager

celebrating soon after. That's why the smallest of margins matter in such tight matches at the highest level.

Matthew Twomey couldn't have asked for much more from his Cork players. Every member of the Cork team left everything they had out on the pitch.

Yet, the nagging feeling, similar to the Cork intermediates' loss just before, was that this was an opportunity squandered.

In the build-up to last weekend's All-Ireland final, Cork's management and players sung from the same hymn sheet when it came to acknowledging a full 60-minute performance was needed.

By their own admission, and far too many times this season, Cork have failed to deliver on that target. The Rebels got away with it in the semi-finals, going close to 25 minutes without scoring in their win over Waterford.

Sadly, the same issue occurred once again in Sunday's final. It was 20 long first-half minutes before Cork registered a score. Fiona Keating's

goal was brilliantly finished and kick-started a revival that saw Cork change ends on level terms having been six points behind.

But Cork should never have allowed themselves to be in that position in the first place. Not on All-Ireland final day.

It is also worth noting that Cork would have been a lot further behind but for Kilkenny wasting six decent scoring chances in the same time period.

The magnificent manner in which Cork battled back and went toe-to-toe with the eventual winners made that lack of a first-half display all the more galling.

Pundits will point to Cork's decision to deploy a sweeper and conceding a messy goal as the main reasons for their defeat. That's not fair on the Cork management's tactics which had them a point ahead in the closing minutes. The delivery in to the square for Sophie Dwyer's predatory finish should have been prevented from further out the pitch.

Cork's superior work-rate and conditioning meant Twomey's side matched Kilkenny stride for stride throughout the afternoon.

It was player-of-the-match Kate Nolan who turned the game in Kilkenny's favour with a vibrant second-half display. Add to that, Denise Gaule's ice-cool conversion from a free after Kilkenny had squandered

earlier chances and Kilkenny did just about enough to get over the line.

Even in defeat, there were plenty of reasons to be hopeful for Cork's immediate and long-term future.

Midfield pairing Ashling Thompson and Hannah Looney kept Cork in the game when everyone else around them was struggling, and drove their team on in the final quarter.

Libby Coppinger delivered another stellar performance at full-back and kept Miriam Walsh quiet. Meabh Cahalane was her usual dependable self at corner-back.

Cork's half-back line of Laura Hayes, Laura Treacy and Saoirse McCarthy had their hands full but kept ploughing forward whenever an opportunity arose. Treacy delivered one of her best performances in a Cork jersey.

Up front, Fiona Keating, Katrina Mackey and Amy O'Connor were the pick of a Cork forward-line that was made to work for every score.

'I thought Fiona Keating had one of her best games in a Cork jersey and she was given an awful role to mark Katie Power,' Cork boss Twomey said afterwards. 'Katie had an influence on the start of the game but Fiona was brilliant.'

Though it won't matter to the senior players right now, the emerging talent from Cork's U16 and minor ranks will bolster their chances of All-Ireland success in the coming seasons.

So, what next in the aftermath of another narrow All-Ireland defeat?

Davy Fitzgerald's decision to step away means there will be a change to Cork's coaching structure for 2023. Hopefully, everything else - management and players - remain intact.

The raw material is there to challenge and win next year's All-Ireland senior camogie title. Cork just needs to find a way to take that last step.

Twomey 'sick' of losing great All-Irelands

KILKENNY	1-13
CORK	1-12

DARAGH Ó CONCHÚIR REPORTS

CORK manager Matthew Twomey admits there was no logical reason for his team's dreadful start to the All-Ireland final, but hailed his side's character to drag themselves back into the contest.

Ultimately, the Rebels fell short.

A pointed free from 45 metres by Kilkenny's Denise Gaule in the second minute of extra time snatched a dramatic victory in a pulsating Glen Dimplex All-Ireland senior camogie decider played in front of a bumper attendance of 23,426.

Kilkenny tore into a 0-6 to 0-0 lead by the 15th minute. Cork were in the horrors. But the Rebels dug deep and were galvanised by the brilliant Fiona Keating's goal in the 20th minute - their first score. Keating and Katrina Mackey supplemented two frees by Amy O'Connor and though Michaela Kenneally had pointed for Kilkenny, in the click of the fingers, the teams were level 0-7 to 1-4 at the break.

'We find it very disappointing because I can't pinpoint the start again, to go 20 minutes without a score again, there's no logical reason. We thought it was a freak thing with the Waterford game but I was so proud of the players, the character they showed to come back and be level at half-time,' Cork boss Twomey said.

'We remained calm at half-time and tried to bring the process into it, the second half was nip and tuck and then to go two points up you should be finishing out the game but that's it.'

The tide seemed to turn in Cork's favour in the second half. The Rebels were making inroads with their running game. Meabh Murphy and Laura Treacy were composed in defence too.

Cork led for the first time thanks to an O'Connor free, but Miriam Walsh and Katie Nolan scores got Kilkenny back ahead. Over and back

Cork's Saoirse McCarthy dejected at full time.

(Photo: James Crombie/INPHO)

they went from there, Keating levelling, and then Mackey sending one soaring over from right on the Cusack Stand sideline, only for Nolan to equalise again from a free.

Then it was Saoirse McCarthy on the run and Nolan keeping Kilkenny in touch. Nolan and O'Connor swapped scores, but then came the period when one thought Cork had separated themselves, ever so slightly, by establishing a two-point buffer. But then Kilkenny super sub Sophie Dwyer scored a crucial 58th-minute goal to nudge the Cats in front. There was time for Mackey to level, again, before Gaule's late, late winner. There was still one final chance for Cork, but Ashling Thompson's effort from distance dropped marginally wide.

'This is the second All-Ireland final we are after losing (in a row); we are getting sick of people telling us we are losing great All-Irelands because it means nothing to us. When you look at the players, I couldn't be more proud of them,' Cork boss Twomey added.

Scorers
Kilkenny: K Nolan 0-5 (2f); M Walsh, D Gaule (1f) 0-3 each; S Dwyer 1-0; T Fitzgerald, M Kenneally 0-1 each.
Cork: F Keating 1-2; A O'Connor 0-5 (5f); K Mackey 0-3; S McCarthy, H Looney 0-1 each.
Kilkenny: A Norris; M Teehan, G Walsh, T Fitzgerald; N Deely, C Phelan, S Fitzgerald; L Murphy, K Power; D Gaule, M Kenneally, J Malone; M Walsh, D Gaule, K Nolan.
Subs: S Dwyer for Kenneally (47), A Prendergast for O'Connell (55).

Cork: A Lee; M Murphy, L Coppinger, M Cahalane; L Treacy, C O'Sullivan, L Hayes; H Looney, A Thompson; K Mackey, F Keating, S McCarthy; C Sigerson, S McCartan, A O'Connor.

Subs: E Murphy for McCartan (51), C Healy for Murphy (54), O Cahalane for Sigerson (60+2).

Referee: Ray Kelly (Kildare).



We will learn from this, vows boss

BY GER MCCARTHY

CORK manager Matthew Twomey struggled to identify the reasons for another heart-rending All-Ireland camogie senior final one-point defeat.

Croke Park's PA music was still blaring and Kilkenny players were celebrating, as disappointed Twomey tried to make sense of it all.

For the second year running, Cork came up short in an All-Ireland senior final by a single point.

'Those players, what they have done for us over the last nine or ten months has been

incredible,' he said.

'Fierce credit must go to them, their clubs, their families, the whole lot. Obviously, we are disappointed with today's outcome. We are after losing, again, by a point.

'We put ourselves in a great position to win the game but credit to Kilkenny, maybe they had that bit more experience than us at the end. I don't know.

'We will go away and lick our wounds. This team has too much class (not to). There are a lot of young ones coming through as well. We will learn from this.'

Twomey acknowledged what

Cork camogie has achieved at underage and adult level over the last months while admitting finding a way to go that extra step is imperative.

He also took time to pay tribute to his management team for their endeavours over a hectic ten-month period.

'It is about going that extra step alright,' the Cork boss said.

'It was disappointing for Trevor (Coleman) and the Cork intermediates as well today, losing to Galway in their All-Ireland final. In fairness, we had a massive crowd here in Croke Park and they gave us great support. Do you know, you have

to look back on these kinds of days and learn from them as well. We have to do that and will do that. Learn from it and see where we go. My management team has put in some effort (this year) and massive credit must go to them. They give up their time voluntarily.

'Again, for the last ten months and a great support to me. I am out at the front of things which I wouldn't be comfortable with but they have been a massive support. The county board too.

'We got to three senior finals this year but unfortunately lost two of them. That's sport.'

Antrim, Premier Junior



Back row l-r
Aine Graham, Eimear Costello, Katie Laverty, Tara O'Neill, Ellis Kearns, Claire Kearney, Maria McLarnon, Caoimhe McNaughton, Dervla Cosgrove, Caitlin Heggarty, Eimear McKee, Shannon Darragh and Erya McShane

Front row l-r
Orlagh Donnelly, Becky Ellis, Lisa McConville, Brogan Abram, Anna McNeill, Emma Laverty, Fionnuala Kelly, Nuala Devlin, Eimear Byrne, Orlagh Laverty and Megan McGarry



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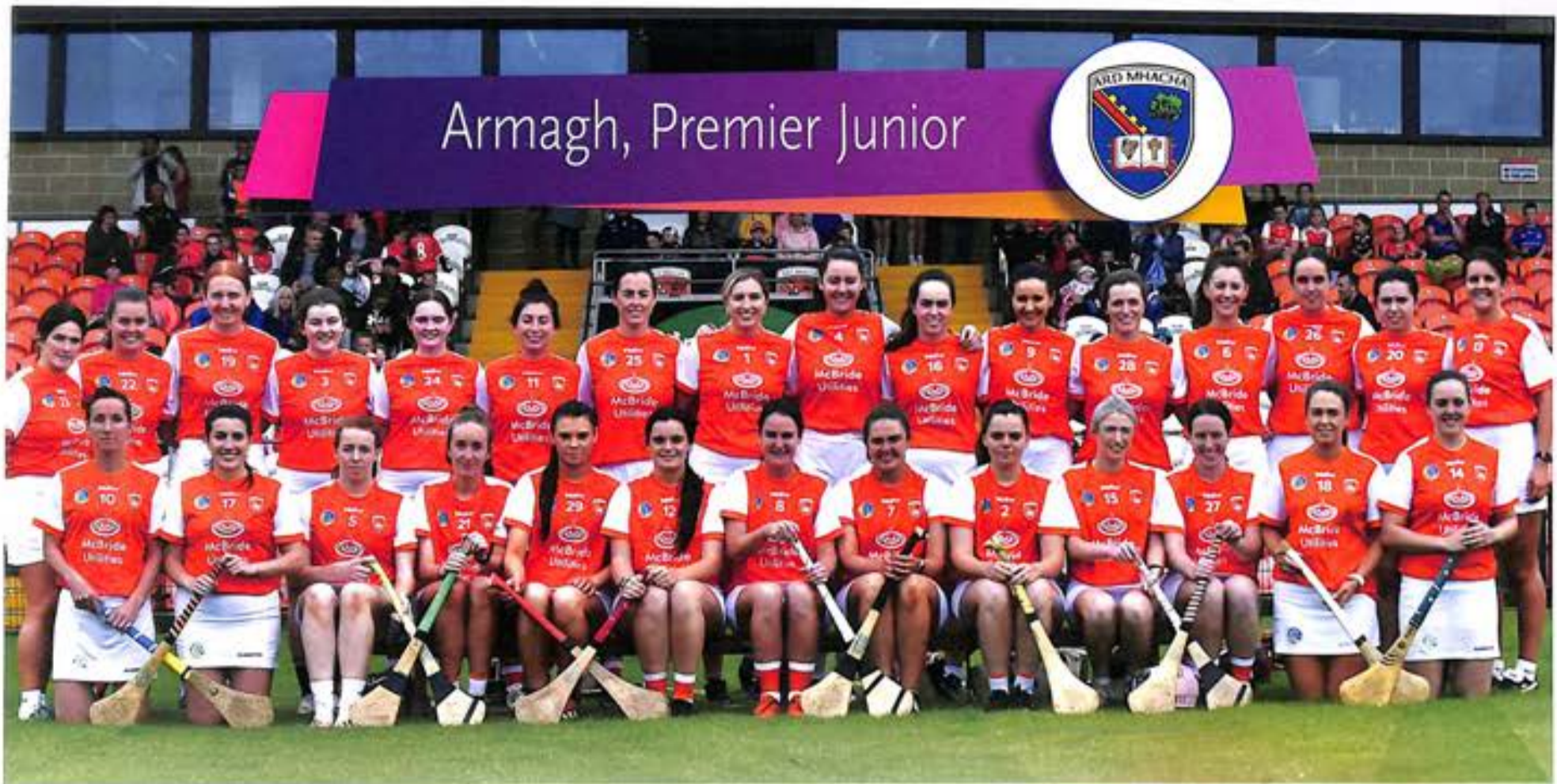
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4	Erya McShane	E Ní Sheáin, Mac Ullín, Ballycastle
5	Caitlin Crawford	Cár Craiféir, Cúchulláin, Dunloy
6	Megan McGarry	M Ní Gearáin, Shamrocks, Loughgill
7	Sinead Cosgrove	S Ní Cosraich, Ruairí Óg, Ceshendall
8	Claire Kearney	C Ní Chearnáigh, Clonduff
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Armagh, Premier Junior



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Elaine Duncan, Eimear O'Kane, Sinead Quinn, Maeve Callaghan, Katie Comiskey, Orlagh Curry, Bernie Murray, Ciarraí Devlin, Ellie McKee, Leanne Donnelly, Ciara Hill, Eimear Hayes, Meabh Lenehan, Tiarna Maguire, Anita McKearney, Caoimhe O'Kane

Front row l-r:

Jennifer Curry, Lana Kernan, Eimear Smyth, Ellen Lavery, Corinna Doyle, Niamh Forker, Michelle McArdle, Gemma McCann, Aoife Forker, Rachael Merry, Ciara Donnelly, Catherine Beagan, Nicola Woods. Missing from photo: Emma Mone, Aine Maguire and Hannah Duffy



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An Port Mór
- 18 Corinna Doyle
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- 20 Orlagh Curry
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Léan Ní Dhonnacháin
Cullyhanna
- 27 Emma Mone
Éama Ní Meacháin
Derrynoose
- 28 Maeve Callaghan
Míabh Ní Cheallaicháin
An Port Mór
- 29 Niamh Forker
Niamh Ní Fhearchair
An Port Mór
- 30 Aoife Forker
Aoife Ní Fhearchair
An Port Mór

TEAM OFFICIALS

- Bainisteoir : Jim McKennan
- Maor Foirne : Ciaran Cunningham
- Roghndóir [1] : Paula Donnelly
- Roghndóir [2] : Cathal McBride

Intermediate final
Cork 0-11 Galway 0-13

Tribe hold off Rebels

BY SEAMAS McALEENAN

GALWAY may have slipped up in defence of their senior title when they lost the semi-final to Kilkenny but, led by inspirational captain and player-of-the-match Lisa Casserly, their intermediate side celebrated a narrow victory over Cork at Croke Park yesterday.

The Ballinderreen defender stood out alongside Ciara Donohue in a solid performance that saw the Connacht side never headed over the hour and leading all the way after the sides were level at 0-4 each.

The second half was a tight and tense affair and that suited the team with the advantage.

Cork did not help themselves, shooting 11 wides, but some of those should be credited to the Galway defence who stood strong - particularly during the final 10 minutes after being reduced to 14 players with Kate Manning picking up a second yellow card inside six minutes.

There wasn't much between them in a more open first half either, but Galway were a little more economical and Laura Loughnane's three points from play made a huge difference.

Both teams played with sweepers - Ciara Hickey for Galway and Ashling Moloney for Cork - and the pair were largely effective as goal opportunities were at a premium and they mopped up far too many wayward deliveries.

Galway led 0-10 to 0-7 at half-time but Cork resumed with a pep in their step and already had half a goal chance when Homan slotted her third point. However, as the game wore on, things became more clogged around the middle third.

Galway were able to bring on Laura Kelly, who was central to their semi-final win over Meath with 1-2 after coming off the bench. Within seconds of her 40th minute introduction, she set up McPeake for a lovely score and was a constant nuisance.

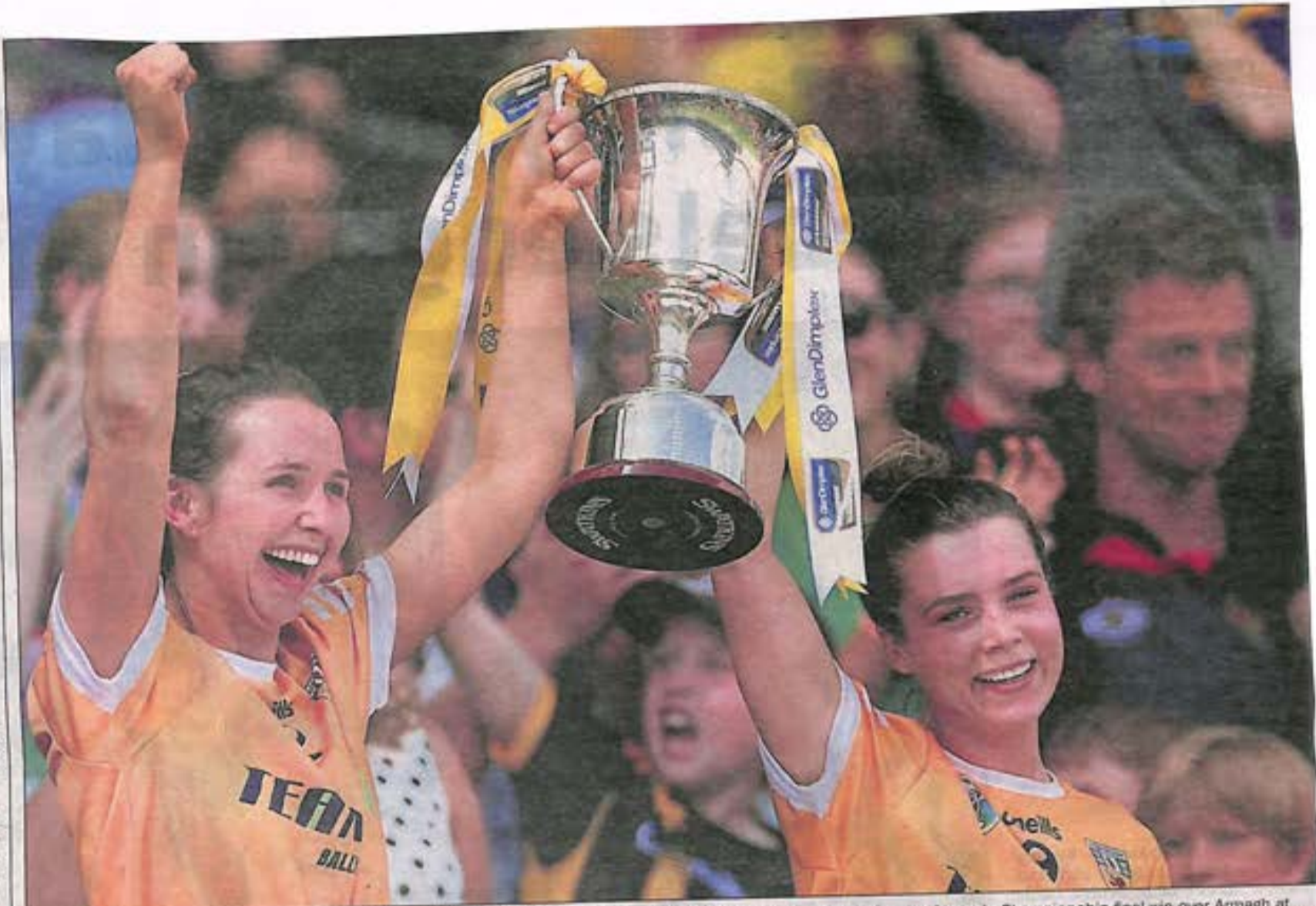
Cork sub Rachel O'Shea also finished very well for the score of the day that began a run of a few points to get the Rebels within touching distance. But they couldn't make it any closer even when they had the extra player near the end.

MATCH STATS

Galway: F Ryan, C Starr, C Donohue, C Hickey, K Manning, L Casserly, KA Porter, A Hesnan, J Hughes, N McInerney, K Gilchrist (0-7, 0-6 frees), T Canning (0-1), O Rabbittie, N McPeake (0-2), L Loughnane (0-3).
Subs: L Kelly for Canning (40), S Corcoran for McInerney (40), C Kenny for Loughnane (55), A Kelly for Gilchrist (60).

Cork: S Beausang, A Moloney, N O'Leary, G Hanlon, J O'Leary, K Kilcommins, L O'Sullivan, L Collan, R Hart, J Casey (0-6, 0-5 frees), K Hickey (0-1), S Hutchinson, L Homan (0-3), H Ryan, C O'Callaghan.
Subs: M Murphy for Hutchinson (29), R O'Shea (0-1) for C O'Callaghan (39), A O'Callaghan for Ryan (59).

Referee: G Donlin (Dublin)



SAFF AND SOUND Maria McLarnon and Emma Laverty lift the Kathleen Mills Cup after Antrim's All-Ireland Premier Junior Camogie Championship final win over Armagh at Croke Park yesterday. Picture: INPHO

Premier Junior final Antrim 5-5 Armagh 0-14

Cosgrove treble blasts Saffrons to junior glory

FROM SEAMAS McALEENAN
AT CROKE PARK

A STUNNING hat-trick in the space of 84 first-half seconds from Dervla Cosgrove set Antrim on their way to victory over Armagh in yesterday's All-Ireland premier junior final at Croke Park.

The Cushendall full-forward buried her first after taking a pass from club-mate Caoimhe McNaughton. Ciarra Devlin's puck-out was played back in by Antrim and Emma Laverty tapped the sliothar over the defence to an unmarked Cosgrove for the second.

Once again the puck-out was returned and this time Fionnuala Kelly provided the long pass in to Cosgrove who found herself one-on-one with full-back Nicola Woods and once again she hit the roof of the Davin Stand nets.

That hat-trick put the Saffrons well on their way to a third ever junior title and Cosgrove picked up the player-of-the-match gong, it being difficult to overlook a player who hits 4-2 in her first game in Croke Park.

However, equally important to the Antrim victory was the performance of goalkeeper Aine Graham, younger sister of senior goalie Catriona, an All-Ireland intermediate winner in Croke Park last season.

MATCH STATS

Antrim: A Graham, M McLarnon, E Kearns, E McShane, C Crawford, M McGarry, S Cosgrove, C Kearney, A McNeill, O Laverty, Brid Magill, C McNaughton, E Laverty, D Cosgrove (4-2, 0-1 free), F Kelly (1-2).
Subs: N Devlin for O Laverty (39), Bronagh Magill for Cosgrove (47), E Leech 0-1 for McNaughton (51), T O'Neill for Kelly (54), E Traynor for Brid Magill (59).

Armagh: C Devlin, M Lenehan, N Woods, E O'Kane, G McCann, E Hayes, T Maguire, M McArdle (0-3), L Donnelly (0-1), J Curry (0-2), E McKee (0-1), C Doyle, R Merry (0-1), C Donnelly (0-5, 0-3 frees), S Quinn (0-1).
Subs: C O'Kane for Woods (25), E Laverty for Lenehan (25), B Murray for McKee (35), Y Comiskey 0-1 for Merry (39), E Smyth (0-1) for Doyle (54).

Referee: M Ryan (Tipperary)

Graham pulled off two excellent saves before her team got off the mark and then another from Armagh captain Michelle McArdle in the 51st minute just after Cosgrove had scored her fourth goal. Her deliveries were also of the highest order.

The Antrim defence has been the team's strength all year and they stood tall as Armagh, led by McArdle and Ciara Donnelly, did their best to drag themselves back into contention in a game that was played at a

ferocious tempo from the throw-in.

Armagh got the better start with points from Ellie McKee and Ciara Donnelly inside the opening two minutes. Graham then made the two saves before Fionnuala Kelly, fired over in the fifth minute. Kelly's next contribution was a goal after a pass-cum-shot from Cosgrove bounced up off Armagh goalkeeper Devlin and Kelly flicked it to the net.

Armagh took a while to recover from that score, but points from Jenny Curry and Rachael Merry narrowed the gap to a point on 19 minutes. However, what happened over the next three-and-a-half minutes left them in serious trouble.

Cosgrove took a pass from Claire Kearney and pointed in the 19th minute, Kelly added a second point and then Cosgrove scored her hat-trick to change the scoreboard to 4-2 to 0-3.

Armagh made a great fist of the mountain they had to climb in the 10 minutes or so up to the break, scoring five unanswered points through Sinead Quinn, McArdle and three from Ciara Donnelly.

On the restart, Anna McNeill went on a solo run and eventually won a free that Cosgrove converted. Antrim's only score from a placed ball.

Over the next quarter of an hour,

Armagh kept closing in with four unanswered points. Suddenly, after 46 minutes, there were just three points separating the teams.

Again Antrim found a goal when they really needed one. Their management had already begun to bring in young substitutes with pace to run at Armagh.

Nuala Devlin picked up possession under the Cusack Stand and, given the advantage after being held back, ran straight at goal. Her shot was parried by Devlin, but Cosgrove was in the right place to scoop the rebound over the line at the second attempt.

Graham saved them at the other end and the rest of the Antrim defence stood tall as Armagh put even more pressure on them. Eventually, from a break, Ellen Leech, another pacy sub, fired over an insurance point for the Saffrons and the Kathleen Mills Cup was heading north.

Leech became just the third Antrim player on the scoreboard, but Kelly's and Cosgrove's contributions were immense.

You have to feel sorry for Armagh, losers for the second year in-a-row in Croke Park, with nine players - including two subs - contributing scores. However their failure to break the Antrim defence down for a goal proved to be their downfall.

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Stuff of dreams for Dervla

BY SEAMAS McALEENAN

DERVLA Cosgrove was buzzing after receiving the player-of-the-match award following her contribution to Antrim's All-Ireland premier junior final win over Armagh.

Cosgrove scored 4-2, including a first-half hat-trick in the space of 84 seconds, as the Saffrons' junior side condemned Armagh to a second successive defeat in the final of this competition.

"It is all just a haze at the moment. I know what I scored, but I just can't remember what happened and when," she said.

"This has been an unbelievable team effort. We targeted goals today. That is why we laid the team out as we did with Emma Lavery, one of our most experienced players, at corner-forward.

"We felt that her pace would cause Armagh's defence serious problems and that she would get us goals. Her pace caused the problems all right, but I got the goals. I didn't have to do any work for any of them. I don't think that this has ever happened to me before."

Cosgrove opened the championship campaign with a first-half hat-trick in Roscommon at the end of May, but nothing could compare to the experience of a Croke Park All-Ireland final.



COS AND EFFECT Dervla Cosgrove (left) and Bronach Magill celebrate with their Antrim team-mates after yesterday's All-Ireland premier junior final win over Armagh at Croke Park. Cosgrove bagged a stunning 4-2 haul in the victory. Picture: INPHO

"Yes, I did, but scoring that amount in Croke Park and getting to win a cup is a brilliant experience, just unreal," she said.

"I might have dreamt about it as a child, but for that to happen today..."

"The teamwork, the team bonding this year has been unreal. I played for Antrim seniors a few years ago when teams were being gathered up to field in the championship.

"Those days were very disheartening for everyone involved

because the players have always been in the county.

"The seniors winning in Croke Park last year [in the intermediate final] gave us all a lift and once we got a panel together for this team at the start of the year, there was a determination that we would go a good distance.

"We just didn't expect back then to go this far, but after every game, we believed that we could win the next."

"The individual award is an honour,

but every girl on the team, including all the subs earned the award and the cup today."

Manager Brian Kearney admitted that they had targeted goals in their preparations.

"We had been beaten three times this year by Armagh, but we always felt that we were within striking distance of them," he said.

"In the group game in Dunloy, we believed that if the game had run another five minutes we could have

beaten them. "You can plan all you want, but seldom does it work out as well as it did today.

"We have a great team work ethic and what happened today was special. An unbelievable end to an unbelievable adventure."

Armagh manager Jim McKernan acknowledged that his involvement with the Antrim senior team over the previous two seasons had contributed to the pep in the Saffrons' step.

"Ach yes, I knew that camogie in the county got a huge boost last year. Today, though, I was in the Armagh fold and I am devastated for them. They have worked so hard to get back to Croke Park.

"But goals win games and, today, we couldn't get past Aine [Graham] and they got goals, all at the right time. That is the way games turn out sometimes.

"I am so proud of the girls for the way they fought back. I only found out that after the final whistle that we were back to three points before the last goal. That was a phenomenal effort as we were 11 points down after 20-odd minutes.

"Look, Armagh can be proud of these girls. I have had a brilliant season with them, made so many friends in the county. They have worked so hard all year and also today. But it just didn't happen for us today."

Premier Junior Final

Four-goal Cosgrove fires Antrim to victory over Armagh

Antrim 5-5
Armagh 0-14

than a year after their flagship side secured senior status by winning the intermediate title.

This victory suggests that the Saffrons production line is in fine working order but Armagh will rue the failure to convert even one of their goal chances, while a catalogue of defensive calamities left Cosgrove in for some of the easiest green flags she will ever register.

Former Cork star Jenny Curry was a real threat for Armagh but they could not provide her with sufficient quality supply and in the second half, Antrim made sure the eight-time

All-Star was at least doubly attended.

Cosgrove earned the player-of-the-match plaudits and there could be no arguments about that with her three-goal salvo in under a minute and a half ultimately deciding the match, her fourth major cementing the verdict.

It was last year's minor captain, Fionnuala Kelly that made the early impact, though, after Armagh had begun confidently with points from Ellie McKee and a brilliant Ciara Donnelly strike.

The teenager split the posts

to get the team managed by Brian Kearney and Mark McFadden off the mark and then goalied in the eighth minute following a move started by Anna McNeill. When Cosgrove's cross generated only the minutest of heavy touches from Ciarraí Devlin, Kelly was in like a flash to bat to the net.

Treble Curry, following a fantastic Donnelly delivery, and Rachael Merry settled Armagh with points but Cosgrove's treble from the 21st to the 23rd minutes blew the game apart and

left Jim McKernan's crew playing catch-up.

His defence had been marked absent too often in that period and the Antrim native, who was joint manager of last year's successful Antrim intermediate team, made two substitutions that helped shore things up for Armagh.

You sensed that the damage had been done and though Sínead Quinn, Michelle McArdle and Donnelly (two) pointed, the Orchard women trailed by 4-3 to 0-9 at the interval.

It could have been very different but goalkeeping is clearly in

the Graham genes as Aine, sister of senior netminder Caitrin, was extremely alert between the posts. Donnelly, after being set up by Curry, also rattled a shot off the butt of the upright.

Armagh gradually re-assumed control in terms of play at least in the second half, and when Curry pointed in the 47th

minute after a trademark flick, easy pick-up, side-step and finish, the margin was down to three.

Cosgrove's close range finish after Devlin's stupendous save from Nuala Devlin a minute later, followed by another Graham save from McArdle helped Antrim close it out.

ANTRIM: A Graham, M McLamont, E Keane, E McShane, C Crawford, M McGarry, S Cosgrove, C Kearney, A McNeill, O Lavery, C McNaughton, B Magill, E Lavery, D Cosgrove (4-2), F Kelly (1-2). Subs: N Devlin for O Lavery (38 mins), B Bronach Magill for S Cosgrove (47 mins), E Leach (0-1) for McNaughton (51 mins), T O'Neill for Kelly.
ARMAGH: C Devlin, M Lenehan, N Woods, E O'Kane, G McCann, E Hayes, T Maguire, M McArdle (0-1), L Donnelly (0-1), C Doyle, C Donnelly (0-5, three frees), E McKee (0-1), R Merry (0-1), J Curry (0-2), S Quinn (0-1). Subs: E Lavery for Lenehan, C O'Kane for Woods (both 28 mins), B Murray for McKee (34 mins), K Comiskey (0-1) for Merry (40 mins), E Smyth (0-1) for Doyle (55). Referee: Mike Ryan (Tipperary).

Final Thoughts

Paul Fitzpatrick



Curry denied success with second county

All-Ireland final day always throws up some interesting storylines and one of the best yesterday was that of Armagh's Jennifer Curry.

In a previous sporting life, Curry (née O'Leary) was a brilliant attacker for Cork alongside such luminaries as Rena Buckley, Briege Corkery et al, winning four senior All-Irelands and eight All Stars in a storied career.

Her last senior final for the Rebels was in 2014, when her goal early in the second half inspired a famous Cork comeback. By then, she had met her husband Paul

in Australia. Curry took up a teaching post in Monaghan and threw her lot in with Armagh, whom she helped to this year's Premier Junior All-Ireland final.



Unfortunately for the soon-to-be 39-year-old, Antrim came out on top in yesterday's final by 5-15 to 0-14.

"I really enjoyed it. The Armagh gang are just so passionate about camogie," she stated after the match. "It's like a community as opposed to a massive county, everybody knows each other and the clubs are so close."

Aoife Prendergast
Kilkenny



Laura Treacy
Cork



Lisa Casserly
Galway



Gemma McCann
Armagh



Finola Neville
CORK



Maria McLarnon
Antrim



Glen Dimplex All-Ireland Senior Championship Paths to the Final 2022



Cork

Date	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Venue
21/05/2022	Wexford	1.06 2.14	Cork	Bellefield Enniscorthy
28/05/2022	Cork	2.17 2.05	Clare	Páirc Uí Rinn
04/06/2022	Dublin	0.09 2.10	Cork	Naomh Peregrines
18/06/2022	Waterford	0.10 0.16	Cork	Walsh Park
02/07/2022	Cork	1.16 1.17	Tipperary	Páirc Uí Rinn
23/07/2022	Cork	0.15 0.10	Waterford	Croke Park

Glen Dimplex All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Paths to the Final 2022



Galway

Date	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Venue
21/05/2022	Laois	0.12 0.20	Galway	Duggan Park Ballinasloe
28/05/2022	Galway	5.22 0.07	Carlow	Duggan Park Ballinasloe
04/06/2022	Westmeath	0.11 1.15	Galway	TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar
18/06/2022	Dublin	0.05 3.23	Galway	Trinity Sports Centre
02/07/2022	Galway	2.17 0.06	Kerry	Kenny Park Athenry
24/07/2022	Galway	3.09 2.08	Meath	UPMC Nowlan Park Kilkenny



Kilkenny

Date	Team 1	Score	Team 2	Venue
21/05/2022	Down	1.10 1.23	Kilkenny	Liatroim Fontenoys
28/05/2022	Kilkenny	1.21 0.06	Limerick	UPMC Nowlan Park
11/06/2022	Antrim	1.09 1.15	Kilkenny	Dunloy
25/06/2022	Kilkenny	3.17 2.07	Offaly	UPMC Nowlan Park
02/07/2022	Galway	1.17 2.14	Kilkenny	Kenny Park Athenry
16/07/2022	Dublin	1.11 2.24	Kilkenny	FBD Semple Stadium
23/07/2022	Galway	0.12 1.13	Kilkenny	Croke Park



Cork

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04/06/2022	Cork	0.13 1.05	Kilkenny	Páirc Uí Rinn
11/06/2022	Cork	1.12 0.11	Meath	Cork Camogie Grounds
26/06/2022	Derry	1.16 3.07	Cork	Owenbeg
02/07/2022	Cork	5.21 2.05	Kildare	Páirc Uí Rinn
24/07/2022	Cork	0.14 1.10	Derry	UPMC Nowlan Park Kilkenny

Meet the match officials



Premier Junior Final
Antrim v Armagh

Referee:
Mike Ryan (Tipperary)

Appointments to date;
Munster Senior Club Final 2022
All-Ireland Minor B Final 2021
All-Ireland Premier Junior Final 2020
Ashbourne Cup Final 2020
All-Ireland Junior Club Final 2018
Numerous Munster Junior Finals



Intermediate Final
Cork v Galway

Referee:
Gavin Donegan (Dublin)

Appointments to date;
All-Ireland Minor B Final 2017, 2021
All-Ireland Intermediate Club Final 2020
All-Ireland Premier Junior Final 2019
All-Ireland Minor A Final 2019
All-Ireland Minor C Final 2016
Leinster Senior Camogie Club Final 2021
Ulster Senior Camogie Club Final 2020
Leinster Senior Camogie Final 2018
Dublin Camogie Senior Final 2014, 2018, 2019



Senior Final
Cork v Kilkenny

Referee:
Ray Kelly (Kildare)

Appointments to date;
Ashbourne Cup Final 2022
All-Ireland Senior Club Championship Final 2021
Minor A All-Ireland Championship Final 2021
All-Ireland Senior Championship Final 2019
All-Ireland Senior Championship Final 2015
All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Final 2014
National League Division 1 Final 2018
National League Division 2 Final 2015

Tyrone leave it late

Tyrone camógs also got their hands on adult intercounty silverware at the weekend as they claimed the Nancy Murray Cup, which equates to the fourth tier of competition or essentially camogie's version of the Nicky Rackard Cup. And the Red Hand did it in dramatic fashion, too, with a classic final smash-and-grab performance. A Laura Manley score in



injury-time pushed Wicklow two points clear and they looked like they had done enough - but there was time for a final twist as, after a dangerous ball from Regan Fay caused chaos in the Garden County defence, Sally McCann pounced for the winning goal. That left the score 3-10 to 3-9 - and the final whistle sounded immediately afterwards.



SISTERS CELEBRATE: Gowran siblings Steffi and Tiffanie Fitzgerald lift the O'Duffy Cup after helping Kilkenny beat Cork in the senior All-Ireland final at Croke Park on Sunday PICTURE: JAMES CROMBIE/INPHO



Katie Power, Mayor David Fitzgerald, Katie Lonergan, Aoife Norris and Michaela Kenneally

Reardens All-Stars to honour Cork's best players of the season

THE Reardens All-Stars reward the best players in the top tier of club GAA in Cork at the end of the season.

The hugely popular scheme has been running since 2012 and this winter four teams of the year will be picked in hurling, football, camogie, and ladies' football.

The best performers in the club championships will receive All-Stars at a gala night in Reardens Bar, Washington St, while the 2021 All-Star squads will also be honoured, after Covid-19 curtailed last year's ceremony.

GAA

■ Éamonn Murphy

plonship, with the camogie action throwing in this weekend and the ladies' football competitions a week later.

Reardens Camogie All-Stars 2021:

Caoimhe Buckley (Inniscarra); Courtney O'Keefe (Seandún); Carol Ryan (Seandún); Niamh O'Leary (Seandún); Hannah Looney (Killeshil); Lauren Callanan (Glen Rovers); Meabh Cahalane (St Finbarr's); Katelyn Hickey (Seandún); Katie O'Mahony (Inniscarra); Aileen Sheehan (Inniscarra); Joanne Casey (Inniscarra); Amy O'Connor (Seandún); Lauren Homan (Seandún); Katelyn Sheehan (Sarsfields); Tara Sheehan (Enniskeane).



Former Cork camogie manager Paudie Murray's view on last week's All-Ireland-final were disappointing PICTURE: INPHO/Laszlo Gez

Murray's Sunday Game comments about final were 'mind-boggling'

I SAID a couple of weeks ago that, regardless of what happened in Croke Park last Sunday, it was a great year for Cork camogie.

That remains the case. We lost both finals by a combined total of three points. It was tough to take. Paudie Murray's comments on *The Sunday Game* disappointed the Cork camp.

What I find mind-boggling about his remarks is that this season Cork played a similar style to what they had been playing for the previous three years.

Hold your six backs, two or three inside the opposing 45, everyone else pulls out. Middle third packed.

What has changed, thankfully, is that the team has stopped the slow lateral hand-passing out of defence which was repeatedly turned over during 2019-2021. Galway's diagonal ball into open space in last year's final caused us problems. Yet that was also highlighted as a factor in his criticism of Sunday.

We haven't won an All-Ireland since 2018. Pity about the short-term memory loss.

Cork dropped four balls short into Aoife Norris' hands during the first half as they tried to get into gear, giving away possession and putting Kilkenny back on the attack.

Miriam Walsh had 4-13 coming into the final. Her opening couple of points were very impressive. She played well but equally Libby Coppinger did a good job. It was a great battle.

What a goal by Fiona Keating, picking the ball well outside and to the right of the D, a great run and short grip to finish. She had also drawn the defence and had Katrina Mackey to her left.

Four points without reply and Cork were level. It wasn't to be, but Keating can be proud of her 1-2 return on the day. Mackey had a fine season. What a point from the sideline.

I also thought Sorcha McCartan worked extremely hard. Considering she missed most of the season through injury and her fitness can't be at peak, so she did well.

Katie Nolan caused Cork too much trouble. It was no surprise to see Kilkenny's Sophie Dwyer come in on 47 minutes. I thought Emma Murphy could have been brought in sooner than the 50th minute for Cork.

Short puck-outs and running into trouble led to Cork's intermediate side losing possession; often passing with no advantage to their team-mate and delaying ball into Lauren Homan, who

was on her game, all contributed to their defeat. Distribution inside was also off. When Cork pushed up and took on Galway they looked threatening. Unfortunately, they didn't push up enough.

Cork had a goal chance on 12 minutes, but the pass wasn't made with a player free inside. Galway made better use of their sweeper than Cork. They were reduced to 14 with nine minutes remaining.

That was the time for Cork to really take them on up front. It was a new experience for Cork's management and many of their players, and only for a number of weeks the day could still have been theirs.

What now for Cork? With Pamela Mackey, Linda Collins, and Orla Cronin missing from last year's senior side, they were still just minutes away from their first title in four years.

The Cork intermediate side lost by two points. We won the All-Ireland U16 and minor titles. I would like to see a number of those U18s brought into the intermediate and senior panels now. Let's not just bring on those who stood out. Give more of them that chance. Young players can be late developers.

Cork has 30-plus members on the senior panel. Some of them there for a number of seasons now. I do think it's time for a shake-up.

Bring in more of those 19- to 21-year-olds, minors of the past three years. The same goes for the intermediate side. Let's push up.

Galway's intermediate side was very young. They had eight starting players from their last three minor teams. We didn't have that and Cork that won those last three minor titles.

None of the intermediate squad were senior panellists yet three of Galway's senior subs started for their intermediate side, their keeper, full-back, and full-forward. Another point worthy of note.

Davy Fitzgerald has left the Cork set-up but no one in the camp was surprised there. It was always for one season. It's time to take a breather for a few weeks, take in the club championship and then re-focus for 2023.



CAMOGIE

Linda Mellerick

Focus turns to local stage as Imokilly open with a victory



CAMOGIE

Linda Mellerick

THE senior club camogie championship threw in straight after Cork's two All-Ireland finals last Sunday.

Imokilly and Carrigdhoun played on Tuesday night, a late fixture change bringing that game forward by five days. Imokilly came out on top, 0-18 to 1-10.

It was a good start for the divisional side after disappointingly withdrawing from the championship in round three last year. Unable to field, with ladies' football strong in East Cork in addition to their own club camogie commitments, Imokilly just couldn't pull together a squad and Cloughduv were awarded a walkover which didn't do them any favours either.

The champions Seandún go out to defend their title this weekend. Their opener against Carbery is hard to call. A number of the winning Seandún and current Cork intermediate players are taking a few days abroad following Cork's defeat last Sunday.

There are plenty of strong city players who can fill the gap and it could open an opportunity for them. Carbery fell to St Catherine's last year in round four. It'll be Sunday before we see their strength for the coming season.

On Tuesday, Newcestown take on Ballygarvan in Belgooly. The former will take great comfort from the fact that their defeat by two points in round three was by champions Seandún.

Newcestown always bring spirit and commitment to the table and they will need both against an equally competitive Ballygarvan side that took their round four game to favourites Sarsfields, leading by two at half-time but losing 1-17 to 0-12.

This should be a close one. Promoted Fr O'Neill's take on Cloughduv who were unlucky to lose to Courcey Rovers 12 months ago. O'Neill's will feel that they have a good chance here, but



Tara Elliott, Sarsfield's, tries to stop a pass by Ellen Maguire, Courcey Rovers, in the SE Systems Cork Senior Camogie Championship. Picture: Larry Cummins

Cloughduv are an experienced championship side.

Inniscarra have reached the last six finals in a row. Winning three in a row they've lost the last three, but they'll keep coming.

It was to Seandún last year that Inniscarra lost by four, 2-11 to 0-13. The numbers in the Inniscarra club and a strong underage section leads you to believe they'll introduce a couple of new players to their panel for the coming season.

Inniscarra lost their opening round in 2021 and can take a while to get going in the championship. Courceys had such a disappointing season after their 2020 senior county success.

A strong opening win over what was on the day a very disappointing Ballincollig performance was followed up with a one-point win over Cloughduv, but Courceys weren't showing any signs of the form that saw them take their first title in the club's history.

Sarsfields put them out at the quarter-final stage. At that point, they had lost star forward Linda Collins to Dubai. They still have a team full of talent and this game could well be the game of the week.

Enniskeane take on St Finbarr's, a club many are tipping for this year's title. But they were tipped last year too and lost to Inniscarra in the semi-final by four points.

The Barrs were trailing by eight points at one stage. They pulled it back to four and had they not consistently gone for goals in the last 10 minutes there's every chance they could have salvaged something from the game. Aileen Sheehan was a thorn in their side, scoring 1-4.

With a number of inter-county players in their panel, St Finbarr's will be favourites particularly if Orla Cronin is still out with injury.

Glen Rovers will be favourites against Douglas who lost their opening round to Enniskeane 0-23 to 1-10, bounced back with a heavy defeat of Ballincollig before losing to Killeagh.

The Glen also failed to make it to the quarter-final stage, with a nine-point defeat to St Finbarr's.

Unless Ballincollig have put in a lot of work since last year, Eire Óg will give them a right run around.

FIXTURES SUNDAY

Seandún v Carbery, Castle Road, 3pm.

TUESDAY

Newcestown v Ballygarvan, Belgooly, 7.30pm; Fr O'Neill's v Cloughduv, Castle Road, 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY

Inniscarra v Courcey Rovers, Coachford, 7pm; Enniskeane v St Finbarr's, Castle Road, 7.30pm.

THURSDAY

Glen Rovers v Douglas, Castle Road, 7.30pm; Eire Óg v Ballincollig, Grenagh, 7.30pm.

SHAPE I'M IN

URSULA JACOB

Jacob's dream to be Dancing with Stars

URSULA Jacob might be best known for her skill with a hurl, but there's another skill she's been dreaming of polishing.

"I would absolutely jump at the chance to do *Dancing with the Stars*," the former Wexford camogie player says, bright and cheery as ever, despite the fact that I am calling her while she's on her holidays.

"I've loved it from day one," she says. "The glitz and glamour of it all, the hair, the make-up, the costumes, and I've always wanted to learn how to dance properly."

The *Sunday Game* star, who recently married her long-time love Brendan Cruise, says a dream dinner party guest would be Pasquale La Rocca, the Italian professional who

lifted the glitterball trophy with Nina Carberry this year, and Lottie Ryan in 2020.

"I love Pasquale," she says, "I think he's an incredible dancer and he gets the best out of his celebrity partners. That's why I'd like him at a dinner party — he'd hopefully get the best out of me too."

Jacob is a four-time All-Ireland winner and an RTE pundit.

What shape are you currently in?

I am in fairly good physical shape but I will also add that I am currently 33 weeks' pregnant so that slightly alters the shape I am in.

But all is healthy and well and I am still very conscious about staying active. I am getting bigger by the week but in a good way.

Being active and healthy,

and having played sport all my life, I only realise now that I'm pregnant how much that stands to me.

Even the midwives and the doctors are saying I've excellent core strength. That's going to stand to me when giving birth.

What are your healthiest eating habits?

As much home cooking as possible. I wouldn't be the best of cooks, but I stick with it. I eat very little processed foods if I can.

I try to pick the freshest food, what's in season, and anything that's available locally.

What are your guiltiest pleasures?

Sticky toffee pudding and red velvet cake. And I am a big sap for rom-coms. My husband Brendan is very patient; he's watched them

all with me. *Notting Hill* is our favourite.

How do you relax?

Going for a walk on Curracloe beach in Wexford, and Oulart Hill, a local historical spot.

Also, going to the cinema — it's a form of escapism for me, allowing me to switch off. And a bit of retail therapy. I love going shopping with my sister Helena.

Who are your sporting heroes?

On the international stage, Roger Federer. I'm obsessed with him. I've followed him for years. The other one would be Serena Williams.

Closer to home, Fiona Dunne. She played camogie for Wexford and with my local team Oulart.

I was lucky enough to play alongside her at club level

and win county titles with her. She inspired so many of us to pick up the hurl.

What is your favourite smell?

My mother Breda's freshly-baked brown bread. It's definitely the best brown bread I've ever eaten. If anyone is looking for the recipe, let me know.

When was the last time you cried?

My wedding day. We got married in December 2021 and just the week before, we had to cut our numbers and rearrange a lot of stuff. But when the day itself arrived, everything just went according to plan.

As my dad walked me up the aisle and as I was getting closer to Brendan, I became very, very emotional.

I was trying not to ruin the makeup but the tears were

flowing.

It was the best day of my life.

What traits do you least like in other people?

Telling lies, and rudeness.

What traits do you least like about yourself?

I am overly critical of myself. I just always want to do better. But I can be too harsh, too nit-picky.

Do you pray?

I do. Especially in times of need. I pray to St Anthony when I lose something. He's definitely done me a few favours over the years.

What quote inspires you and why?

Maya Angelou: 'I've learned that people will forget what you said. People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

Nicole Glennon

Return to club play after the defeats

CAMOGIE

■ Mary Newman

AFTER the disappointment two All-Ireland final defeats, club championship is now the focus.

The board is fortunate to have SE Systems on board again and they recently committed for another three years to being the main championship sponsors for all the adult championships.

The company have backed Cork camogie superbly and board chairperson Mairead Donovan expressed the county's thanks to John O'Leary and SE Systems.

SE SYSTEMS INTERMEDIATE: This competition features two groups, one of seven and one with six teams, with the two top in each making the semi-finals scheduled for Saturday, October 8.

Action begins on Wednesday when Na Piarasigh head to Ballyhea to meet Milford at 7.30pm. This year Milford have taken a step down as they are in transition. They still have Cork senior Ashling Thompson to lead the way and the likes of Eadaoin Goggin, Laura Stack and Katie Galvin.

Na Piarasigh will have Cork senior captain Amy Lee between the posts and she will be driving her side on to get a win. Carrigaline and Clonakilty meet on Wednesday in Bandon at 7.30pm.

Clonakilty reached the league final where they lost out by two points to a very strong Aghabullogue.

Aoife O'Flynn Meade, Ciara White, Clionda Nagle and Katie O'Driscoll battled to the finish for Clonakilty and if they can keep the momentum that they built they will trouble any side. Carrigaline will look to their Cork intermediate player Rachel O'Shea.

One of the sides tipped to take the trophy is Blackrock and they get their quest for the title up and running when they take on Brian Dillon's on Friday in Castle Road. Backboned by three Cork intermediates, Hayley Ryan, Michelle Murphy and Kaitlin Hickey, take on their city rivals led by Cork intermediate Niamh O'Leary.

Also on Friday, league winners Aghabullogue face Watergrasshill in Blarney at 7.30pm and will look to Cork senior Cliona Healy.

Newtownshandrum, who lost out in the league semi-final, take on Valley Rovers on Saturday in Castle Road at 6.30pm and the same evening it's a North Cork local derby between Ballyhea and Charleville, in Buttevant at 7.30pm.

SE SYSTEMS JUNIOR A: There are 10 clubs graded Junior A in a round-robin league format with the top two in each group contesting the semi-finals.

Round one starts tonight with Castlelyons and Mallow meeting in Kilavullen and St Vincent's take on Cobh in Aghada. On Wednesday, Tracton face Sliabh Rua and Ballinhasig will battle Ballinora.



Sinead Mills of Seandún, and Lorraine Dineen of Carbery. Picture: Jim Coughlan.

Seandún squad impresses in opening day win over Carbery

Seandún 4-21
Carbery 1-6

CAMOGIE

■ Linda Mellerick

DESPITE missing a number of their championship winning team of 2021, Seandún's replacements put their hand up for a starting position for the remainder of the championship after a strong opening round performance in Castle Road, in their big win over Carbery in the senior camogie championship on Sunday afternoon.

Featuring a number of debutants, a number from Cork's U17 development squad, a strong second-half display had the result in no doubt, once substitute Erin Curtin hit Seandún's first goal on 49 minutes to bring the score to 1-15 against 1-5.

A strong work ethic, particularly up front where Seandún hounded Carbery's defence when in possession, they were good value for their six-point half time lead.

It was Carbery that took the lead, Mairead Crowley pulling home after a high crossfield ball was saved by Amy Lee.

The speedy Millie Condon up front ran at Seandún, but the city side were swarming and good distribution, particularly by Roisin DeFaoite and Susan Kate at midfield, put Seandún on the attack, and some lovely stick work by Sinead Mills and Laurant Homan saw Seandún lead by double scores, 0-12 to 1-3.

Carbery made the early running at the start of the second half, but couldn't match it on the scoreboard due to intense Seandún pressure.

Nicole Crean, unerring from placed balls, and fast, direct ball inside led to Seandún piling on the scores against a

Carbery team that made every effort.

Seandún's substitutes were as impressive as what was coming off the pitch, Curtin in particular.

In all, 11 players found the target for the city side.

There was no let up from Seandún as panellists' put their hand up.

Crean, Maeve Coffee, and Curtin again found the net, with Seandún signalling a strong intent to retain their title.

Scorers for Seandún: N Crean 1-7 (0-5 1-2 '45), S Mills 0-3, L Homan 0-3, E Curtin 2-0, M Coffey 1-2, C Coleman, E O'Donoghue, L O'Neill, M Scannell, S K Brosnan, R De Faoite (f) 0-1 each.

Carbery: M Crowley 1-1, K Dineen 0-3 (0-1 '45), C Murphy, M Murphy 0-1 each.

SEANDÚN: A Lee (Na Piarasigh); N Ring (St Vincent's), L McKeogh (Bishopstown), N O'Connor (Na Piarasigh); M Scannell (Bishopstown), R De Faoite (Blackrock); E Sharpe (Brian Dillon's); S K Brosnan (do), N Crean (St Vincent's); C Coleman (Na Piarasigh), M Coffey (Blackrock), L Homan (St Vincent's); S Mills (Brian Dillon's), L O'Neill (Bishopstown), E O'Donoghue (Bishopstown).

Subs: E Curtin (Blackrock) for E O'Donoghue (42), E Brady (Brian Dillon's) for N Crean (52), A Coleman (Na Piarasigh) for L Homan (54), E O'Connor (Brian Dillon's) for N O'Connor (63).

CARBERRY: C Ni Bhuachalla (Barrycroft); A Whelton (Clonakilty), L Collins (Clonakilty), E Sexton (Kilbrittain / Timoleague); L Dineen (do), E O'Donovan (Kilbree), A Crowley (Kilbrittain / Timoleague); M Dulley (Ballinascarthy), M Barrett (do); K Dineen (Kilbrittain / Timoleague), C Murphy (Kilbree), M Condon (Ballinascarthy); R Ni Bhuachalla (Barrycroft), C Crowley (Ballinascarthy), M Crowley (Kilbree).

Subs: L Dineen (Kilbrittain / Timoleague) for A Whelton, N McCarthy (Kilbree) for L Dineen (41), A Crowley (Kilbree) for E Sexton (36), N Kennedy (Clonakilty) for M Crowley (52).

Referee: Andrew Larkin.



Emily O'Donoghue of Seandún, and Ellen Sexton of Carbery.



Seandún's Laura O'Neill and Carbery's Michelle Dulley battle for a high ball during their Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Castle Road. Picture: Jim Coughlan

Club championships just the tonic for players after All-Ireland defeats

CAMOGIE

■ Linda Mellerick

THE senior club camogie championship started in earnest following the All-Ireland final defeats.

It's the best medicine for players, getting back on the horse and it lifts their spirits again.

Already, inter-county managers are at the games trying to spot new talent.

The intermediate and junior club championship have also started. There are eight round two games down for decision over the next week, starting tomorrow and running through until next Saturday.

The standard wasn't great in the opening games that I saw, but that's always the case in the first round.

Despite a number of months training and playing challenge matches it seems to take a while for teams to get motoring in the championship.

I'm not sure the 7.30pm starts will work next week. Is it just me or have the nights closed in very suddenly?

At 8.30pm in the St Finbarr's v Enniskeane game last Wednesday it was pretty dark with still almost 15 minutes to play.

The round 3 games will transition to the weekends. Few clubs have floodlights and they are expensive to run even if they do have them.

It was great to see Orla Cronin playing with Enniskeane and Linda Collins, back from Dubai, lining out in Courcy Rovers' draw with Inniscarra. Two players who Cork manager Matthew Twomey will be hoping to be available to him next year.

While the All-Ireland final losses were disappointing, undoubtedly Cork will be in the final mix again next season.

Galway's intermediate championship winning side now step up to senior, and they'll start their intermediate rebuilding process again.

Will Cathal Murray stay on? He has been there since the end of Galway's 2018 league campaign after a plethora of management turnovers and squad unrest.

Making an immediate impact, he was ratified again in 2020 as both the senior and intermediate manager, winning the senior title in 2019 and 2021 and the intermediate decider in 2022.

He has mastered the link between Galway's minor, intermediate, and senior squads during that period, something I feel in Cork we could be better at.

I think that needs to be looked at for 2023. There are a number of senior panellists who have no interest in playing intermediate.

They're afraid that if they go down, they won't get back up. That to me signals that you're only along for the senior ride.

Why would you want to sit on the senior bench when you could be on the field at intermediate level, improving all the time?

In addition, unless you are a particularly talented minor the step up to senior is too much and the middle ground, while you are still physically and mentally developing in the game, is the intermediate side.

I've seen players regress while sitting on the bench, particularly when they don't participate in their club leagues either.

We've nothing to be ashamed of in losing both All-Irelands by such small margins and there isn't much wrong in Cork camogie, but I think we can do better with our blending and management need to be patient and tougher here.

I mentioned last year that Cork were further ahead in terms of transition than Galway or Kilkenny.

You could see their retirements coming down the track. Kilkenny lost a few but have still won two All-Irelands in three years and you'd imagine Galway's Sarah Dervan and Niamh Kilkenny have a decision to make during the coming weeks.

Brian Dowling did a great job with Kilkenny. He spent a couple of seasons under Ann Downey before taking over the top position in 2020, winning the title that year and following it up with another win two weeks ago.

Will he also now step aside on a high?

The commitment at this level is massive, nothing short of 30-40 hours a week, the work that no one sees.

So, could we see two key managers step away? Matthew Twomey was ratified for two years so hopefully there's no movement there, albeit he will be on the lookout for a new coach.

Offaly were relegated from senior for 2023 and so will contest the intermediate championship next year.

While giving a poor senior showing in recent years, a change of management, a couple of intermediate championships wins, and they've got the bile again, so they'll be a threat along with Derry, who Cork pipped in the semi-final.

But All-Irelands are never easily won and that's why we love them.



Inniscarra's Joanne Casey hits a point recently. Picture: Larry Cummins

Casey fires over late free to save Inniscarra

Inniscarra 0-11
Courcey Rovers 1-8
SENIOR CAMOGIE
Mary Newman

A never-say-die attitude saw Inniscarra fight back to grab a draw in a tough SE Systems senior championship camogie clash in Coachford last night.

Courcey Rovers led from the throw-in and kept their noses in front until the 63rd minute, but Joanne Casey, as she has so often done in the past, rescued Inniscarra with a last-second pointed free.

Courcey's will be disappointed they didn't see it out, but all credit Inniscarra, who upped their game in the second half and battled back to grab a share of the spoils.

Courcey Rovers used their sweeper well, with Aishling Moloney winning a lot of possession and sending long ball forward to their inside line of inter-county players Saoirse McCarthy, Fiona Keating, and former Cork captain Linda Collins.

Keating had the ball in the net inside two minutes after she collected a pin-point pass from Linda Collins.

Joanne Casey replied with an Inniscarra point, but with Courceys piling forward on the break, Saoirse McCarthy turned over possession and slotted over.

Inniscarra should have found the net on 12 minutes after Rena Buckley's long delivery was flicked narrowly wide by Aileen Sheehan and with both sides converting a free, it was advantage Courceys by four points.

Inniscarra began to push forward more and as a result they began to open up the Courcey defence.

Ellen Crowley fired over two points and with Katie O'Mahony adding one, the gap was down to a point, but Courceys had three points in a row to lead by four at the break.

Inniscarra pressed from the restart and with the sides swapping points twice, Courceys maintained their lead.

Inniscarra lost their inter-county senior Katie O'Mahony with an injury seven minutes into the half but they rallied superbly and winning all the possession around the middle they were now the dominant side and squeezed up and attacked relentlessly.

Joanne Casey led the fight back with a superb long range point and with Aileen Sheehan and Casey adding points the Courcey's lead was down to a point.

They were thankful to keeper Sinead O'Reilly, who made a superb save to deny Inniscarra a goal that would have clinched it for them.

Undeterred, Inniscarra came again and pressing the Courcey defence they won a free.

Up stepped Joanne Casey and she confidently slotted over to level matters and with the puck out came the full time whistle.

Scorers for Inniscarra: J Casey 0-6 (0-4fs), E Crowley, A Sheehan 0-2 each, K O'Mahony 0-1.

Courcey Rovers: F Keating 1-1, J Crowley 0-3 (F's), L Collins 0-2 each, S McCarthy, C O'Neill 0-1 each.

INNISCARRA: C Buckley, A O'Regan, C King, J Burke, R Buckley, E Looney, A Kavanagh, S O'Callaghan, C Looney, M Lyons, K O'Mahony, A Mc McCarthy, E Crowley, J Casey, A Sheehan.

Subs: R Quigley for A McCarthy (h/t), B Holland for K O'Mahony (inj 37), A Dineen for S O'Callaghan (43), I Golden for C Looney (52), A Mc McCarthy for J Burke (inj 57).

COURCEY ROVERS: O'Reilly (c); G O'Reilly, A Hannon, G Hannon; A O'Reilly, A Moloney, C Hayes; Elaine O'Reilly, J Crowley, Eimear O'Reilly, Lorraine Collins, R Moloney, S McCarthy, F Keating, Linda Collins.

Subs: E Maguire for R Moloney (h/t), C O'Neill for L Collins (inj 39).

Referee: Frank O'Dwyer (St Finbarr's).



St Finbarr's Meabh Cahalane goes up against Enniskeane's Aisling O'Driscoll in the Cork senior camogie championship clash. Pictures: Jim Coughlan

St Finbarr's ease to win



CAMOGIE

Linda Mellerick

St Finbarr's 3-13
Enniskeane 2-5

A convincing win for St Finbarr's as they took their first three points of the SE Systems senior championship after this first round tie against Enniskeane in Castle Road last night.

Looking fitter, livelier, and faster, they led by 2-6 to 1-2 at half-time and continued their control into the second half.

With Ilana Keegan, Ciara Golden, and Maeve Cahalane in form outfield and Keeva McCarthy pushing up for the second half, some nice moves involving McCarthy, Orlaith Cahalane, and Ella Wigginton Barrett saw the city side hit some lovely scores.

From the throw-in, Meabh Cahalane and Orla Cronin locked horns at midfield. The middle of the pitch saw the bulk of the early half action with St Finbarr's on top, giving good supply into space to the pacey Orlaith Cahalane, who had two points either side of an Emma Olden point to lead 0-3 to 0-1 by the 10th minute, Enniskeane's return a free by Orla Cronin.

Keeva McCarthy, playing a deep role, was in the thick of the action around the middle. The Barrs defence were coping well with any threat and with Orlaith Cahalane taking over the free-taking duties, the Barrs led by four before Eimear Hurley got their opening goal.

When Cahalane won possession and beat four defenders to hit the net on 29 minutes, followed by a McCarthy point, the game looked to be running away from Enniskeane. They worked hard and dispossessing the Barrs in defence, Daire O'Brien hit the net to narrow the gap to seven at the break.

Under the management of Kilkenny's Elaine Alyward, Enniskeane had a number of absentees coming into the



St Finbarr's Keeva McCarthy battles with Enniskeane's Aisling O'Driscoll at Castle Road.

game most notably Danielle Carroll, who is ill, and they struggled. But they never gave up.

A notable absentee from the St Finbarr's lineup was Gemma O'Connor, their most decorated player and the first name on their team sheet for 20 years. It's unsure if she'll play any part this year.

Lynda O'Connell remains on the panel at 41 years of age and entered the fray on 60 minutes. What service she has given to her club and county over the years.

The three Cahalanes form the backbone now of this young side, with young Orlaith coming of age with the Cork minors this year.

Sorcha McCartan, with a couple of injury-free months behind her, didn't get a start, displaying the scoring strength in depth the Barrs have.

St Finbarr's dominated the restart, hitting five further points.

The interplay between McCarthy and Cahalane was exciting, and they shared the opening four points of the second half, with Emma Olden getting their fifth.

The few shots on target Enniskeane were getting sailed wide but they kept plugging away.

Their spirit was rewarded when again O'Brien pounced on a defensive error to

get her second goal.

It's an area which will concern the Barrs mentors that against the run of play they conceded two goals that they were in control of.

Tara Sheehan followed the goal with a point, McCarthy replied before another two Enniskeane points kept a steady gap of just seven points.

On 60 minutes, however, an excellent team move involving McCarthy, Cahalane, and Eimear Hurley saw the latter hit her second goal of the night to clinch a strong win, McCarthy hitting a long-range point to end the night.

Scorers for St Finbarr's: O Cahalane 1-5 (0-1 f), K McCarthy 0-6 (0-1 45), E Hurley 2-0, E Olden 0-2

Enniskeane: D O'Brien 2-1, O Cronin 0-3 (f), T Sheehan 0-1

ST FINBARR'S: C Hurley, S Punch, A Egan, G Cahalane; I Keegan, M Cahalane, A O'Neill; C Golden, A Shannon; K McCarthy, O Cahalane, E Wigginton Barrett; E Olden, E Hurley, N Olden

Subs: C Lavery for N Olden (48); L O'Connell for S Punch (60)

ENNISCANE: K Corcoran; H Broome, C Nyhan, K McCarthy; D O'Neill, E O'Driscoll, A O'Driscoll; L Munix; O Cronin; L Corcoran, S Curtin, O Coughlan; T Sheehan; S O'Driscoll, D O'Brien

Subs: C Duggan for K McCarthy (h/t), M Hillard for S O'Driscoll (40)

Referee: John Horgan (Glenn Na Laol)



Fiona Keating scored a goal for Courcey Rovers against Inniscarra. Picture: Piaras O Midheach/Sportsfile

'Libby's developed into a superb full back'

BY MATTHEW HURLEY

KILKENNY GAA great Elaine Aylward has hailed St Colum's Libby Coppinger for her performance in the All-Ireland senior camogie final.

Aylward, who lives locally in Enniskeane, has been impressed by Coppinger's development into a 'superb full back'. The Carbery woman was one of Cork's top performers in the recent 1-13 to 1-12 defeat to Kilkenny at Croke Park.

'I think Libby Coppinger had a huge battle with Miriam

"You need role models that you can really aspire to" – Elaine Aylward, Kilkenny camogie legend

Walsh, as does everyone who takes on Miriam at full-back,' 2009 Camogie All-Star Aylward told the *Star Sport Podcast*.

'Both in the semi-final and final, I thought Libby had a really great game and I think she's

really developed into a superb full back for Cork.

'It was a position they struggled with when Laura Tracey moved out to centre back to replace Gemma O'Connor. There was a bit of a void at full back for a while but Libby has really developed into that role and been a really solid number three.

'They had fine performances all over the field but I think Libby Coppinger and Katrina Mackey were the two that really stood out,' said Aylward.

St Colum's dual star Coppinger is one of several Carbery

players who have impressed for Cork in recent years. Enniskeane's Orla Cronin was named on the 2020 Camogie All-Stars team. Ciara O'Sullivan is flying the Newcestown flag at senior level.

'You need role models that you can really aspire to, ones you can see down in your local pitch I suppose. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday morning or whatever it is. Libby, Orla (Cronin) and Ciara O'Sullivan of Newcestown certainly are those kinds of players,' Aylward explains.

'When a young girl in Enniskeane or Colum's, or Newcestown, wherever it is, sees Orla Cronin down in the field or sees Libby Coppinger, she realises that it's quite possible.

'It really is a tangible dream to be able to play for Cork and they're there for the little bit of experience as well. They'll be huge players for their clubs when they come back into the setup over the next couple of months.

'It's huge to have those real life role models in a club,' Aylward concluded.



Dual star Libby Coppinger.

Gutsy Carbery fall away in last quarter against champs

SEANDÚN 4-21
CARBERY 1-6

BY MATTHEW HURLEY

IT WASN'T the start to their county championship campaign that Carbery were hoping for.

The West Cork team suffered a heavy defeat in their opening Group D match against reigning county senior champions, Seandún, in Castle Road on Sunday.

'We were up against a very strong opposition. It was a huge jump for such a young team,' Carbery coach Mary Sexton said.

To add to the difficulty of the task, Carbery were without two Cork camogie stars, Libby Coppinger and Kate Wall. The latter should be back for the Avondu game this Sunday.

It was Carbery that took the lead with the very first score of the game. Mairead Crowley scored a goal after a high cross-field ball was saved by Amy Lee initially.

Up front the speedy Millie Condon ran at Seandún, but the city side was swarming and good distribution put Seandún on multiple attacks. They lead by double scores at half time, 0-12 to 1-3.

'We started off nicely, probably got a goal against the run of play,' said another Carbery coach, Tony Coppinger.

'They then tagged on a few scores but coming up to half time, we were reasonably pleased. They then got a few vital scores at the start of the second half and we fell away then.'

The West Cork division made the early running at the start of the second half but couldn't match it on the scoreboard due to intense Seandún pressure.

'It was a huge jump for such a young team' – Mary Sexton, Carbery coach

Going into the second-half water break, it was 0-14 to 1-5. Seandún took control as they hit 4-7 without reply as Carbery tired.

'During that fourth quarter, I think the girls' heads went down and they had given up hope at that stage,' admitted Sexton.

Coppinger said, 'The 4-7 really killed us. Those late scores and the fact we brought on a few late subs.'

That strong last-quarter display from the city divisional side put the result in no doubt once substitute Erin Curtin hit their first goal on 49 minutes, 1-15 to 1-5. Nicole Crean, unerring from placed balls, and fast, direct ball inside led to Seandún piling on the scores against a Carbery team that made every effort. Crean, Maeve Coffee and Curtin again

found the net with Seandún signalling a strong intent to retain their title.

'We told them (the players) afterwards to keep their heads up. The score didn't reflect their effort. They tried and tried and it just didn't work for us,' added Coppinger.

'We missed a few scores, dropped the ball short a few times. We'd be confident that the girls are learning.'

Coppinger is reasonably confident going into the Avondu game.

'We'd obviously like to get



Carbery's Michelle Dullea in action against Seandún in their county senior camogie championship opener on Sunday.

(Photos: David Ribeiro)

Clara Crowley in action for Carbery.

out of the divisional side of things, if we didn't meet Seandún in the first game, we might have

had

a better chance (of progressing),' he said.

'We're still a young squad though and our plan is to build in the next couple of years. Anything we get over the next year or two would be bonus territory.'

It's not just the next game or indeed the championship that's being focused on, it's about giving the players' game time.

'With the panel you have, you want to give every girl a

chance to play senior camogie that probably won't get a chance with their club. We're trying to get as much game time into the younger girls as possible,' Coppinger concluded.

Scorers

Seandún: N Crean 1-7 (5f, 2, 45); S Mills 0-3; L Homan 0-3; E Curtin 2-0; M Coffee 1-2; C Coleman; E O'Donoghue; L O'Neill; M Scannell; SK Brosnan; R De Faoite (f) 0-1 each.

Carbery: Mairead Crowley 1-1; Kaitlyn Dineen 0-3 (145); Caoimhe Murphy; Margaret Murphy 0-1 each.

Seandún: A Lee; N Ring; L McKeogh; N O'Connor; M Scannell; R De Faoite; E Sharpe; SK Brosnan; N Crean; C Coleman; M Coffee; L Homan; S Mills; L O'Neill; E O'Donoghue.

Subs: E Curtin for E O'Donoghue

(42); E Brady for N Crean (52); A Coleman for L Homan (54); E O'Connor for N O'Connor (63).

Carbery: Caoimhe Ní Bhuachalla (Barryroe); Aoife Whelton (Clonakilty); Louise Collins (do); Ellen Sexton (Kilbrittain/Timoleague); Lorraine Dineen (do); Emilee O'Donovan (Kilbree); Aine Crowley (Kilbrittain/Timoleague); Michelle Dullea (Ballinascorthy); Molra Barrett (do); Kaitlyn Dineen (Kilbrittain/Timoleague); Caoimhe Murphy (Kilbree); Millie Condon (Ballinascorthy); Róisín Ní Bhuachalla (Barryroe); Clara Crowley (Ballinascorthy); Mairead Crowley (Kilbree).

Subs: Margaret Murphy (St Colum's) for A Whelton (ht); Niamh McCarthy (Kilbree) for L Dineen (ht); Aine Crowley (Kilbree) for E Sexton (36); Niamh Kennedy (Clonakilty) for M Crowley (52).



Siobhan Hutchinson of Éire Óg pulls away from Ballincollig's Eanna O'Connell during the SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship match in Grenagh. Picture: Howard Crowdy

Dominant Éire Óg cruise to victory over Ballincollig

Éire Óg 1-15
Ballincollig 0-9

CAMOGIE

■ Olan Allen

ÉIRE Óg got their SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship campaign off to a winning start with a deserved win over rivals Ballincollig at Grenagh's excellent new pitch.

The winners dominated the opening half, but solid defending by the Village meant that Éire Óg had only a six-point lead at half-time. However, a goal in the opening minute of the second half for the Ovens side never saw them being troubled on the scoreboard thereafter.

From the throw-in, a great move involving Leah Weste and Miriam Healy saw Ballincollig take the lead with a point from Sam Coomey, but after that, the Village side were chasing the game, as Éire Óg took control.

Emma Crowley levelled the scores a minute later after being set up by Isobel Sheehan. Then Sheehan and Crowley combined again for Sheehan to put her side ahead after five minutes.

It was constant pressure from the Ovens side as Sheehan and Ciara Beechinor were posing problems every time, they ran at the Ballincollig defence. This resulted in Ballincollig conceding frees which Margaret Herlihy punished by hitting four frees in the opening half.

Solid defending by the Ballincollig full-back line of Megan O'Leary, Marlay Tamaud, and Ciara O'Donovan kept Ballincollig in the game.

Ballincollig came more into the game approaching half-time as excellent work by Coomey and Elaine Casey resulted in points from Casey and a Lauren Cooper free left Éire Óg leading by 0-9 to 0-3 at the short whistle. A goal from Siobhan Hutchinson

on the restart ended Ballincollig's hopes of a comeback after Cooper played her in. Ballincollig net minder Ana Hartnett brought off a point-blank save as Casey bore down on goal.

Frees from Cooper and Healy and a point from play by Ashley Lovett saw Ballincollig enjoy a period of dominance as Healy and Coomey began to take control in the middle of the park, and Chloe Hennigan hit two excellent points.

Hutchinson responded with three excellent points in the final quarter for the Ovens side and Laura Cleary added two as Éire Óg dashed any hopes of a late Ballincollig revival, to run out deserving winners.

Éire Óg will be happy with the win and the bragging rights but will face tougher tests in the coming weeks if they are to be serious challengers, while Ballincollig will have to show a big improvement if they are to leave their mark on the championship.

Scorers for Éire Óg: S Hutchinson 1-2, M Herlihy 0-4 f, E Crowley, I Sheehan 0-3 each, L Cleary 0-2, A McSweeney 0-1.

Ballincollig: C Hennigan 0-2, L Cooper 0-2 f, M Healy (f), S Coomey, E Casey, L O'Farrell, A Lovett 0-1 each.

ÉIRE ÓG: R Murray, E Buckley, F Murphy, R Murphy, R Sheehan, O Lynch, ME Desmond, S Hutchinson, I Sheehan, C Beechinor, E Crowley, L Cleary, A Barry, M Herlihy, A McSweeney.

Subs: M O'Donovan for Crowley (36), O Beechinor for Desmond (53 in).

BALLINCOLLIG: A Hartnett, M O'Leary, M Tamaud, C O'Donovan, L Weste, S Buckley, E O'Connell, L O'Farrell, M Healy, S Coomey, L Cooper, E Casey, A Lovett, C Hennigan, N O'Brien.

Subs: C O'Brien for Lovett (44), O Boland for Weste (58), Lovett for Cooper (59 in).

Referee: A Dorgan (Watergrasshill).



Tara McCarthy of Glen Rovers in a tussle with Katrina Mackey, Douglas, at Castle Road, Cork.

Picture: Jim Coughlan

Glen too good for Douglas

CAMOGIE

■ Mary Newman

Glen Rovers 8-21
Douglas 1-4

THE final scoreline shows the gulf in class between the sides as Glen Rovers steam-rolled Douglas in the SE Systems Senior Camogie championship at Castle Road on Thursday night.

One must have sympathy for the Douglas management as their side were totally out of their depth but credit to their young side they gave their all against a far more experienced and talented side.

For coach Ken St Ledger it was a tough night at the office. St Ledger said: "First of all well done to the Glen they have a good young side and will pose many teams problems in this championship."

"We are a side in transition as we lost eight of last year's squad and to be honest we had a number of young girls out there tonight who have missed the opportunity to play at Junior level as we are so short of players."

It was evident early doors that Douglas were going to struggle in this game as the outstanding Emma Murphy opened with two classy points. Murphy has a great engine and looking at her in this game maybe the Cork Camogie Senior selectors will rue not introducing her sooner in their All-Ireland defeat to Kilkenny.

Caoimhe McCarthy did open the Douglas scoring account in the ninth minute but for the next 11 minutes they were blitzed by the rampant Blackpool outfit.

The floodgates opened when a tame Aisling Wallace dropped over the head of the Douglas with the milky sun possibly hampering her judgement.

Another impressive Glen forward in the shape of Katie Walsh was allowed solo 50 yards unchallenged in the 14th minute before placing her shot to the roof of the net.

Ironically the same player was allowed similar space a minute later before unleashing a ferocious shot to the corner of the net.

Despite getting a real pounding Douglas almost raised their first green flag when



Emma Murphy, Glen Rovers, battles with Emma Cantillon, Douglas.

Picture: Jim Coughlan

the hard working Katrina Mackey got in behind the Glen defence only to see her shot come off the right post.

The hard working Mackey did manage to add two points before the break but in the closing eight minutes the Glen added another three goals.

Denise Luby who worked hard pounced on a Wallace assist as she drilled a shot into the roof of the net.

The industrious Murphy followed up with another touch of class to score the fifth goal but in truth the young Douglas side had no structure or experience in defence as they allowed their opponents far too much space.

The one positive trait among the Glen forwards is their pace and accuracy and although Inniscarra will be far tougher opponents in the next round robin-game they are sure to test the credentials of the Muskerry side.

The sound of the half time whistle was met with relief by the young Douglas side as they knew they had a mountain to climb in the second half when trailing 6-13 to 0-3.

It was evident the Glen intensity wasn't there in the second half but the class of Murphy saw her score a second goal in the 39th minute.

The biggest cheer of the night came three minutes later when Mackey showed true grit to drill an unstoppable shot past the Glen keeper. That's as good as it got for Douglas as Walsh completed her hat-trick with 10 minutes remaining but the Glen coach Mike Boland paid tribute to the Douglas side.

Boland said: "The bottom line is that Douglas lost a number of key senior players but despite having an inexperienced team they never stopped trying over the hour."

"There were many positives in our play but a few negatives we have to work on as we know our next game against Inniscarra will be a far tougher test and we are not looking beyond it."

Scorers for Glen Rovers: K Walsh 3-4, E Murphy 2-6, A Wallace 2-4 D Luby 1-3 (0-2-4), N O'Riordan 0-4.

Douglas: K Mackey 1-3 (0-2-4), C McCarthy 0-1.

Glen Rovers: L O'Riordan, C Martin, K Falvey, L O'Sullivan, E Meara, L Cunningham, T McCarthy, K Walsh, E Murphy, A Wallace, N O'Riordan, D Luby, A O'Rourke, N O'Brien, E Akirakole.

Subs: M Martin for E Arkinile (0-1), I O'Meara for N O'Brien (45).

Douglas: R Swanton, S Mulrooney, A Curtin, A Baldwin, J Donegan, M Kenny, E Cantillon, C Nason, K Mackey, D Harrington, C St Leger, A Walsh, C Murphy, A Cremin, J Leo.

Referee: Cathal McAllister (Aghada).



Ballincollig's Marley Tamaud's dears under pressure from Éire Óg's Margaret Herlihy. Picture: Howard Crowdy



Seandún's Emily O'Donoghue gets away from Carbery's Michelle Dullea and Ellen Sexton. Picture: Jim Coughlan

Condon's late point gives Carbery draw

Carbery will be hoping to bounce back from defeat to Seandún

EIGHT more games from Sunday in the SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship. Eight first-round games took place up to Thursday evening and it's straight into round two for all clubs.

With the extended club season, the format has changed.

Rather than an opening, losers, and third rounds giving many clubs just two games, the new round robin-format guarantees them four which is great for club players.

The top two will emerge from the three groups with one advancing from the divisional group.

Then the best of the third-placed club groups will complete the right quarter finalists.

For that reason, getting a good scoring average is important.

At the time of writing, Imokilly had beaten Carrighoun, Seandún had a big win over Carbery, Ballygarvan defeated Newcestown and Fr O'Neill's fell to Cloughduv with St Finbarr's v Enniskeane, Glen Rovers v Douglas, and Ballincollig v Éire Óg all meeting in the last couple of days. Carbery will be disappointed with their heavy defeat to Seandún.

To be fair, they were missing key players such as Maggie and Libby Coppinger, and Kate Wall. They'll hope to fair better against Avondhu who should be strong with players from Mallow, Fermoy, Charleville, and Ballyhea. Equally, Seandún were missing seven of their championship winning side for their opening round and yet still clocked up 4-21. It wasn't a polished performance, the panel has yet to meet in a training capacity, so you'd expect them to improve as the season goes on.

A number of new players put their hands up which will have delighted the selectors.

Imokilly hit 18 points against Carrighoun with Vivienne Gleeson, Avril Beirne and Ava Meaney on target. That's good

CAMOGIE

■ Linda Mellerick

scoring, but Seandún will be favourites for this one.

Glen Rovers Inniscarra should be a good battle. Lauren Callanan, however, could be out for up to five weeks having received a knock in the All-Ireland final and suffering from concussion. Glen's best player, her loss is immense.

Killeagh should take the points against a Douglas side that will rely too much on Katrina Mackey. It isn't clear at this point if Pam Mackey will line out for her club this season and Julia White has called it a day.

Sarsfields will be favourites against Fr O'Neill's who worked hard against Cloughduv in round one, but they'll need more scoring forwards to make an impact. Four games in their first year at senior will massively stand to them.

Cloughduv and Newcestown should be a close encounter. A good opening round win for Cloughduv which they needed to boost their confidence while Newcestown suffered a one-point defeat to Ballygarvan. But expect a spirited return from them.

St Catherine's, without Finola Neville, will face a tough challenge from Enniskeane. It's unclear if Orla Cronin will have recovered from her injuries to line out and that will have a big say in the outcome.

SE Systems senior county championship second round

Sunday: Carbery v Avondhu Castle Road 4pm.

Monday: Seandún v Imokilly Castle Road 7.30pm

Friday: Glen Rovers v Inniscarra Ballymaw, Ballinora 7.15pm; Douglas v Killeagh Carrigtwehill 7.15pm; Fr O'Neill's v Sarsfields Castle Road 7.30pm.

Saturday: Cloughduv v Newcestown Coachford, 4pm; St Finbarr's v Éire Óg Castle Road 4.45pm; Enniskeane v St Catherine's Castle Road 7pm

CAMOGIE

■ Mary Newman

Carbery	4-12
Avondhu	2-18

IT was honours even in the divisional section of the SE Systems Senior Championship at a sun-baked Castle Road after a last-second Millie Condon strike gave Carbery a share of the spoils.

Two Kate Wall first-half goals helped give Carbery a slender one-point advantage at the interval when they led 2-7 to 2-6 and, despite Avondhu taking the lead on three occasions in the second half, Carbery stayed on their heels and were full value for a draw.

It was level at two points apiece after five minutes, but Carbery opened up a six-point lead with points from Siofra Patwell, Moira Barrett, and two from Caoimhe Murphy before Patwell set up Wall for the game's opening goal.

Avondhu responded with an Eimear Duignan point and with Cliona O'Callaghan grabbing a goal, the lead was down to two.

Rachel Harty hit a point, but we had to wait 14 minutes for the next score before Wall struck a second goal.

The response was instant with Amy O'Sullivan firing a superb effort to the Carbery net to leave a point between the sides.

Siofra Patwell and Fiona Nelligan traded points before the break as Carbery enjoyed a one-point lead.

On the resumption it was nip and tuck; Wall struck for her third goal to put Carbery four clear, but five points without reply edged Avondhu back in control.

Patwell levelled matters before substitute Aoife O'Flynn-Meade put Carbery back in front with a goal, again Avondhu answered the challenge; O'Callaghan with two points either side of a Harty point and it was level again.

The pendulum swung Carbery's way with Condon and Patwell pointing, but they couldn't find the extra gear to go further ahead as Avondhu again hit four without reply to go back in front.

With three minutes remaining Carbery had to dig deep; two points in a row from Patwell and Condon had them level again, but Avondhu responded and it looked as if O'Callaghan's point might be the winner but Condon had other ideas as she confi-



Carbery's Emilee O'Donovan and Michelle Dullea tackling Avondhu's Cliona O'Callaghan in yesterday's camogie clash on Castle Road. Picture: Denis O'Sullivan

dently fired over to earn her side a draw and it was no more than they deserved.

Scores for Carbery: K Wall 3-1, S Patwell 0-4 (0-2 f), A O'Flynn-Meade 1-0, C Murphy, M Condon 0-3 each, M Barrett 0-1.

Avondhu: C O'Callaghan 1-8, E Duignan 0-4, A O'Sullivan 1-0, R Harty, F Nelligan 0-2 each, L Stack, K Kilcommins (45) 0-1 each.

CARBERY: C Ní Bhucalla (Barryroe); A Whelton (Clonakilly), L Collins (Clonakilly), E Sexton (Kilbrittan/Timooleague); A Crowley (Kilbrittan/Timooleague), E O'Donovan (Kilbree), N McCarthy (Kilbree); M Dullea (Ballinascarthy), M Condon (Ballinascarthy); C Crowley (Ballinascarthy), C Murphy (Kilbree), A Whelton (Clonakilly); S Patwell (Ballinascarthy), K Wall (Kilbrittan/Timooleague), M Murphy (St Colum's).

Subs: A O'Flynn-Meade (Clonakilly) for M Murphy (1-1), A Mahony (Kilbrittan/Timooleague) for A Whelton (48).

AVONDHU: B Ganley (Mallow); R Killeen (Ballyhea), C Carroll (Milford), T Coleman (St Fanahan's); R Brosnan (Buttevant), A O'Sullivan (Mallow), A O'Keefe (Charleville); K Kilcommins (Ballyhea), C Collins (Newtownshandrum); E Duignan (Mallow), R Harty (Ballyhea), L Stack (Milford); C Harty (Ballyhea), C O'Callaghan (Newtownshandrum), F Nelligan (Charleville).

Sub: C Clancy (St Fanahan's) for C Harty (35).

Referee: Cathal McAllister (Aghada).



Carbery's Lorraine Dineen and Avondhu's Laura Stack battle for possession. Picture: Denis O'Sullivan



Laura O'Neill, Seandún, tackles Michelle Dullea, Carbery during the championship game. Picture: Jim Coughlan

O'Connor leads way with brace



CAMOGIE

Linda Mellerick

Seandún 5-20
Imokilly 0-14

ANOTHER high-scoring Seandún display saw them run out convincing winners in the SE Systems divisional group senior championship tie against Imokilly in Castle Road last night.

A fast-paced game with Imokilly served up an entertaining first half but despite Imokilly giving a spirited performance, the second half was a one-sided affair, with Seandún picking off score after score, presenting some great teamwork and long-range points.

The eight-point advantage Seandún held against the wind at half-time didn't reflect the outfield battle but classy moments from an impressive forward line saw them hit three goals.

Amy O'Connor got their first on seven minutes before a Hayley Ryan-Sinead Mills-Lauren Homan move saw the latter billow the net on 15 minutes.

A minute later Mills won a 50/50 battle to again hit the net.

Aoife Healy, Ciara Walsh, and Ali Smith were driving the East Cork side, but Roisín de Faoite and Susan Kate Brosnan were having fine games from the back for Seandún.

Katelyn Hickey at midfield and a pacy and skilful forward line pushed Seandún into control.

The sides swapped points in the early exchanges before O'Connor's goal gave Seandún a 1-3 to 0-3 lead and the city side continued to dominate the scoreboard but a strong last four minutes saw Imokilly hit four points on the bounce, two from Smith and one each from Vivienne Gleeson and Avril Beirne.

Following on from their 4-21 scoring spree against Carbery, Seandún had a full-strength panel to choose from and their high scoring stats continued.

1-3 inside the opening 1- minutes of the second half had Seandún holding a 4-12 to 0-11 commanding lead, Amy O'Connor again the goal scorer.

Great work defensively and impressive points from Katelyn Hickey and O'Connor again kept coming before



Imokilly's Dara Kiniry is tackled by Seandún's Nicole O'Connor during the SE Systems Cork senior camogie championship at Castle Road last evening. Pictures: Eddie O'Hare

substitute Erin Curtin got Seandún's fifth goal with just minutes remaining.

Scorers for Seandún: A O'Connor 2-6 (0-1 4S), K Hickey 0-6, L Homan, E Curtin 1-1 each, S Mills 1-0, N Crean 0-3 (f), H Ryan 0-2, L O'Neill 0-1

Imokilly: A Smith 0-8 (0-4f), A Beirne 0-2, V Gleeson, A Healy, D Kiniry, L Murray 0-1 each.

SEANDÚN: A Lee (Na Piarasigh); N O'Leary (Brian Dillon); L McKeogh (Blackrock); N O'Connor (Na Piarasigh); S K Brosnan (Brian Dillon); R De Faoite (Blackrock); M Scannell (Bishopstow); K Hickey (Blackrock); N Crean (St. Vincents); L Homan (do); M Murphy (Blackrock); C Coleman (Na Piarasigh); A O'Connor (St. Vincents); H Ryan (Blackrock); S Mills (Brian Dillon)

Subs: M Coffey (Blackrock) for C Coleman, E Buckley (Na Piarasigh) for N O'Connor (h/t), L O'Neill (Bishopstow) for N Crean, E Curtin for L Homan (4f), M McCarthy (Nemo Rangers) for A Lee (5f).

IMOKILLY: C Lane (Castlemartyr); L Hogan (Middleton); J Doyle (Youghal); A Fouty (Watergrasshill); Y Abernethy (Middleton); A Healy (Aghada); C Cashman (Cobh); C Walsh (Carrigrohilly); D Kiniry (Dungourney); A Beirne (Castlemartyr); L Wallace (Middleton); C Morrison (Castleyons); V Gleeson (Middleton); A Smith (Aghada); A Meaney (Cobh).

Subs: L Murray (Bride Rovers) for A Beirne (h/t), E Fitzgerald (Watergrasshill) for L Hogan (4f), A McGrath (Aghada) for A Fouty (4f), M Horgan (Carrigrohilly) for A Meaney (5f)

Referee: John Horgan (Glenn na Laoi).



Seandún's Nicole Crean is tackled by Imokilly's Aoife Healy during the SE Systems Cork senior camogie championship at Castle Road.

Impressive Kilbree win Carbery U15 camogie title

KILMEEN-KILBREE: 115 children attended the club's Cúil Camp. The children had a great week, had great fun, made new friends and improved their skills all at the same time. Coaches at the camp were Shane O'Donovan, Áine Crowley, Mike Keohane, Rachel Deasy, Mary Murphy, Kate O'Donovan, Caoimhe Murphy, James Hodnett, Emer Dineen, Aife O'Neill, Cian Murphy, Oisín O'Sullivan and Peter Whelton. The camp coordinator, Marcella Collins, did incredible work before and during the camp. On Thursday, two Kilbree girls brought silverware to the camp to the delight of the children. Kate O'Donovan had won the Minor A All-Ireland football title with Cork. Caoimhe Murphy has won the Minor A Camogie All-Ireland in 2022.

The girls answered many questions and posed for photos with the children. Kevin O'Donovan (Cork GAA CEO) visited the children also. Kevin chatted to each group, gave them expert coaching advice and presented every child with a photo.

Club players on the Carbery camogie team that drew with Avondhu include Emily O'Donovan, Caoimhe Murphy and Niamh McCarthy. Congratulations to Oisín Harrington, who was part of the U15 Cork West football team that won the Adam Mangan U15 shield final against Meath. The Kilbree junior camogie team played away against Barryroe in the first round of the Junior B county championship. This was a close exciting encounter. Kilbree managed to finish strong in the last ten minutes.

The final score was Kilbree 0-21 Barryroe 2-7. They meet Aghada in the next round.

The junior footballers have qualified for the Carbery JBFC semi-final. They recently defeated Bantry Blues in Drimoleague by 1-19 to 0-5, in the second round championship. Shane O'Donovan converted a penalty for Kilmeen. Congratulations to Óige Scannell, Kevin Keohane, Shane Scannell and selector Sean O'Donovan who were part of the Carbery team that defeated Duhallow. The U15 camogie girls recently defeated Clonakilly in the semi-final of the Carbery competition. The final was played against Ballinascorthy in Rossmore on Friday evening. Kilbree recorded a good win on the night and there were great scenes of delight at the final whistle.



The Kilbree U15 camogie team that defeated Bal in the Carbery final played in Rossmore.

Ice-cool Condon rescues draw for Carbery with last-gasp equaliser

Cork star Kate Wall hits hat-trick as Carbery picks up first Group 4 point

CARBERY 4-12
AVONDHU 2-18

BY MATTHEW HURLEY

BALLINASCARTHY rising star Millie Condon hit a last-gasp point to earn Carbery a draw in their SE Systems senior championship Group 4 clash against Avondhu in Castle Road.

Carbery coach Tony Coppinger was delighted with the result.

'It was in the dying seconds, really, and it could have went against us, but credit to Millie, she stepped up and scored the last couple of points,' Coppinger said.

'In fairness to Millie, she stepped up and put it over, which is a great sign of her.'

The West Cork side, coming off the back of an opening group loss to Scandún, played to the very end and got their just rewards.

'The draw was deserved because they fought right to the end; that's a great sign of a team,' Coppinger said.

'You'd be hopeful that the starting 15 would battle and battle. Even the subs that came on, they all put in a good performance on the day.'

It was level at 0-2 apiece after five minutes but Carbery opened up a six-point advantage with scores from Siofra Patwell, Moira Barrett and two from Caoimhe Murphy. Patwell then set up Kate Wall for the opening goal.

Avondhu responded with an Eimear Duignan point and with Cliona O'Callaghan grabbing a goal, the lead was down to two.

Rachel Harty then hit a point but we had to wait 14 minutes for the next score before Wall



The Carbery senior camogie team that took on Avondhu in the county championship.

'The draw was deserved because they fought right to the end'
— Tony Coppinger, Carbery coach

raised a second green flag. The Kilbrittain/Timoleague star didn't play in the 4-21 to 1-6 loss to Scandún but her impact here was evident.

'Once we hit the ball into Kate, she was able to do damage,' Coppinger explained. 'She got her bunch of goals there. That was a great boost to us because it kept us in the game.'

Amy O'Sullivan responded, firing a superb effort to the Carbery net to put a point between the sides. Patwell and Fiona Nelligan traded points before

the break as Carbery had their noses just in front, 2-7 to 2-6.

On the resumption, it was nip and tuck all through. Wall struck for her hat-trick to put Carbery four points clear but five points without reply edged Avondhu back ahead.

Patwell levelled matters before substitute Aoife O'Flynn-Meade put Carbery back in front with another goal. Cliona O'Callaghan hit two scores either side of a Rachel Harty point and it was back to level pegging. The pendulum swung Carbery's way with Millie Condon and Patwell pointing but they couldn't find the extra gear to go further ahead as Avondhu again hit four without reply to go back in front.

With three minutes remaining Carbery had to dig deep, two points in a row from Patwell and Condon had them on

level terms again.

O'Callaghan's point might have been the winner but Condon had other ideas as she confidently fired over to give her side a deserved draw.

With Cork star Libby Coppinger expected back for the next match against Carrigdhoun on September 4th, things are on the up for the West Cork team. Their final group game is against Imokilly on September 18th, Carbery camogie are sponsored by Clonkilly Black Pudding while Rowa/Rowex is their underage sponsor.

Scorers

Carbery: K Wall 3-1; S Patwell 0-4 (2f); A O'Flynn-Meade 1-0; C Murphy, M Condon 0-3 each; M Barrett 0-1.

Avondhu: C O'Callaghan 1-8; E Duignan 0-4; A O'Sullivan 1-0; R Harty, F Nelligan 0-2 each; L Stack,

K Kilcommins (45) 0-1 each.

Carbery: C Ní Bhucalla (Barryroe); A Whelton (Clonkilly); L Collins (do); E Sexton (Kilbrittain/Timoleague); A Crowley (do); E O'Donovan (Kilbree); N McCarthy (do); M Dullea (Ballinascorthy); M Condon (do); C Crowley (do); C Murphy (Kilbree); M Barrett (Ballinascorthy); S Patwell (do); K Wall (Kilbrittain/Timoleague); M Murphy (St Colum's).

Subs: A O'Flynn-Meade (Clonkilly) for M Murphy (ht); L Dineen (Kilbrittain/Timoleague) for N McCarthy (36); A O'Mahony (Kilbrittain/Timoleague) for A Whelton (48).

Avondhu: B Ganley; R Killeen; C Carroll; T Coleman; R Brosnan; A O'Sullivan; A O'Keefe; K Kilcommins; C Collins; E Duignan; R Harty; L Stack; C Harty; C O'Callaghan; F Nelligan.

Sub: C Clancy for C Harty (35).
Referee: C McAllister (Aghada).



Two goals: Daire O'Brien.

Enniskeane will look to bounce back from defeat

ST FINBARR'S 3-13
ENNISKEANE 2-5

ENNISKEANE will have to play catch-up in Group 3 of the SE Systems senior championship after losing their opening game to St Finbarr's.

The Carbery side is joined by the Barrs, Éire Óg, Ballincollog and St Catherine's in this five-team group, with the top two progressing to the quarter-finals, while there is one bonus place up for grabs for the best placed club team from the groups.

Enniskeane now know they have work to do in their games ahead, with St Catherine's next up this Saturday, August 27th, in Castle Road.

St Finbarr's led 2-6 to 1-2 at the break in this opening game, thanks to goals from Eimear Hurley and Cork minor star Orlaith Cahalane. Enniskeane were thrown a lifeline when Daire O'Brien hit the back of the net before the break, but they were still seven points down against a Barrs team that was motoring well.

Try as they might in the second half, Enniskeane couldn't eat into the St Finbarr's lead, but O'Brien did strike for her second goal while Orla Cronin and Tara Sheehan tagged on points. Right at the end Eimear Hurley struck for her second goal to round off a convincing Barrs win, but Enniskeane has the chance to bounce back this weekend.

Scorers

St Finbarr's: O Cahalane 1-5 (1f); K McCarthy 0-6 (145); E Hurley 2-0; E Olden 0-2.

Enniskeane: D O'Brien 2-1; O Cronin 0-3 (f); T Sheehan 0-1.

St Finbarr's: C Hurley; S Punch; A Egan; G Cahalane; I Keegan; M Cahalane; A O'Neill; C Golden; A Shannon; K McCarthy; O Cahalane; E Wigginton Barrett; E Olden; E Hurley; N Olden.

Subs: C Lavery for N Olden (48); L O'Connell for S Punch (60).

Enniskeane: K Corcoran; H Browne; C Nyhan; K McCarthy; D O'Neill; E O'Driscoll; A O'Driscoll; L Mannix; O Cronin; L Corcoran; S Curtis; D Coughlan; T Sheehan; S O'Driscoll; D O'Brien.

Subs: C Duggan for K McCarthy (ht); M Hillard for S O'Driscoll (40).
Referee: John Hoggan (Glenn na Laoi).

Newcestown fightback comes up just short

BALLYGARVAN 2-6
NEWCESTOWN 1-8

A LATE rally by Newcestown came up just short in their SE Systems camogie senior championship Group 2 opener against Ballygarvan.

Newcestown's Cork senior star Ciara O'Sullivan was to the fore in this game and hit 1-1 in the early minutes as the Carbery side moved 1-2 to 0-1 ahead. Grace Ryan was also on target. Ballygarvan hit back with a Tara Crowley goal before Izzy O'Regan nudged them in front, and they led 1-3 to 1-2 at the break.

Ballygarvan kept their noses in front during the early stages of the second half and were then boosted by a Catriona Kelly penalty that stretched their lead to 2-6 to 1-4 at the three-quarter mark.

Newcestown never stopped trying, and point by point, thanks to O'Sullivan and Aisling O'Donovan, they staged a late rally to close to a single point, but Ballygarvan held out.

Next up for Newcestown is a group clash against Cloughduv in Coachford this Saturday (4pm), while they will also play Sarsfields on September 11th and Fr O'Neill's on September 18th.

Scorers

Ballygarvan: T Crowley 1-1; C Kelly 1-0 (1-0 pen); I O'Regan 0-3; C O'Leary (f); J Sheehy 0-1 each.

Newcestown: C O'Sullivan 1-5 (5f); A O'Donovan 0-2; G Ryan 0-1 (f).

Ballygarvan: S Ahern; S O'Donovan; S Lyons; K Dorney; T Crowley; C O'Leary; E O'Regan; R O'Regan; J Sheehy; C Kelly; M Buckley; M Kelleher; R Crowley; L Kieley.
Sub: L Casey for L Kieley (60).

Newcestown: O Dineen; A Wilson; A O'Sullivan; R Hallahan; E Tarrant; C Kingston; M Kenneally; M O'Donovan; C O'Sullivan; G Ryan; A O'Donovan; C Ahearne; A O'Sullivan; M Lynch; E Murphy.
Sub: L Jennings for E Murphy (55).
Referee: Nicky Boland (Blackrock).



Ciara O'Sullivan scored 1-5 for Newcestown.

Sheehan, Beausang on fire for Killeagh

CAMOGIE

Rory Noonan

Killeagh 6-17
Douglas 0-10

KILLEAGH were far too strong for Douglas in their SE Systems senior championship clash at Carrigtwohill last night.

The East Cork side led from start to finish and long before the full-time whistle sounded this was over as a contest.

Their Cork senior contingent of Hannah Looney, Chloe Sigerson, and Laura Treacy, along with Cork intermediate keeper Stefanie Beausang were all in top form, but Rachel Sheehan outshone them all, particularly in the first half. She was outstanding all through and by half time had three goals to her name, with Beausang also prolific.

Douglas never gave up, their Cork star Katrina Mackey leading by example, with Alicia Cremin and Chloe Nason also prominent.

Sheehan opened the scoring for the winners when she raised a green flag, Beausang adding a point from a free. The latter was on target again, before Sheehan got her second goal as the winners led 2-2 to no score after six minutes.

Mackey got Douglas off the mark from a free but Killeagh kept the pressure on, Looney hitting two in a row. Beausang and Treacy raised white flags, before Cremin got Douglas' second score. Killeagh were not hanging around, Sheehan getting her third goal of the half to make it 3-10 to 0-2.

She added a point before Mackey got another for Douglas, but again Killeagh were quick to cancel it out with Sigerson on target from a free.

Mackey got Douglas' fourth point but Beausang notched Killeagh's fourth goal as they led 4-12 to 0-4 at half time.

Any thoughts of a Douglas comeback were quashed in the first minute of the second half when Beausang got their fifth goal, Sheehan raising a white flag from the restart. Chloe St Leger pulled a point back for an improved Douglas.

Mackey hit three in a row, Ciara Daly responding for Killeagh. Leah McEvoy rounded off the scoring with Killeagh's sixth green flag.

Scorers for Killeagh: R Sheehan 3-2, S Beausang 2-8 (0-5 f), L Treacy, H Looney 0-2 each, L McEvoy 1-0, C Harney, C Sigerson (f), C Daly 0-1 each.

Douglas: K Mackey 0-8 (0-4 f), A Cremin, C St Leger 0-1 each.

KILLEAGH: KM Cullinane; E Treacy, A Walsh, A Kelly Budds; N Ni Chaoimh, K Ahern, L Treacy; C Harney, C Barry; C Sigerson, H Looney, R Sheehan; A Fitzgerald, C Daly, S Beausang.

Subs: L McEvoy for H Looney (34), S Kent for A Fitzgerald (44), N O'Connor for R Sheehan, R Fogarty for C Daly (both 48).

DOUGLAS: R Swanton; A Baldwin, A Curtin, R Sheehan; E Cantillon, C Nason, S Mulrooney; M Kenny, K Mackey; C St Leger, A Cremin, D Harrington; C McCarthy, J Leo, A Walsh.

Subs: A Cottrell for A Baldwin (40), A Murphy for R Sheehan (50).

Referee: Denis Motherway, St Fanahan's.

Inniscarra too strong for Rovers



CAMOGIE

Linda Mellerick

Inniscarra 1-20
Glen Rovers 2-10

A **STRONG** Inniscarra performance withstood two late Glen Rovers goals to win their SE Systems second-round senior championship tie with seven points to spare.

They led by five at the break and were in a comfortable position when, five minutes into the second half, Aileen Sheehan hit the net to give them a 1-14 to 0-8 advantage.

The Glen had started steadily, Emma Murphy given too much space where she grabbed two points inside four minutes. It was point for point, Glen Rovers 0-4 to 0-3 in front after seven minutes. Inniscarra found their rhythm and got four points on the bounce from Ellen Crowley (2), Aileen Sheehan, and Joanne Casey.

Crowley was causing problems with her speed at right corner-forward, winning a lot of possession, and physically Inniscarra were stronger up front. A Glen purple patch with Lydia Cunningham, Emma Akinkolie, and Murphy doing well and the sides were level again after 18 minutes.

The Glen's short puck-outs at times were catching them, two points offered up, and a third which they were lucky didn't result in a goal. Across the remainder of the half, Inniscarra opened up a five-point lead.

Without Katie O'Mahony, who awaits the results of an MRI, that loss was cancelled out with Glen Rovers' Lauren Callanan still out due to a concussion suffered in the All-Ireland intermediate final. Key players.

The Glen lost their shape in the third quarter as they chased the game, balls hit aimlessly into free Inniscarra defenders. Emma Murphy was too deep to cause Inniscarra trouble, winning ball but relying on Katie Walsh inside to finish the job — Walsh was marshalled by an extra Inniscarra defender; Lydia Cunningham was the floater at the other end for the Glen.

Inniscarra pushed into an 11-point lead, seven scorers on the board.



Glen Rovers' Lydia Cunningham closes in as Inniscarra's Claudia Keane fires a shot in their senior camogie championship clash last evening. Picture: Jim Coughlan

Murphy pushed up, bore down on goal and was dragged to the ground. Denise Luby hit the resultant free to the bottom right-hand corner and it gave the Glen something to fight for. Minutes later another good Glen move and Katie Walsh, under pressure, hit a rasper to the net. But it was too late to deny Inniscarra a strong win.

Scorers for Inniscarra: A Sheehan 1-3, J Casey 0-6 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), C Keane 0-4, E Crowley 0-3, R Quigley 0-2, A O'Regan, R Murphy 0-1 each.

Glen Rovers: D Luby 1-4 (1-3 f), K Walsh 1-1, E Murphy 0-3, E Akinkolie 0-2.

INNISCARRA: C Buckley, C Looney, C Ring, A Dineen; R Buckley, E Looney, A Kavanagh; A O'Regan, M Lyons; R Murphy, C Keane, A Sheehan; J Casey, R Quigley, E Crowley.

Subs: S O'Callaghan for R Murphy (48), A McCarthy for R Quigley (57), B Holland and R O'Mahony for M Lyons and A Dineen (60).

GLEN ROVERS: L O'Riordan; K Falvey, A O'Rourke, E O'Meara; L O'Sullivan, L Cunningham, T McCarthy; N O'Brien, C Martin; K Walsh, E Murphy, E Akinkolie; N O'Riordan, D Luby, A Wallace.

Subs: M Martin for N O'Brien (38), I O'Meara for A Wallace (55).

Referee: William Wallace (Midleton).



Glen Rovers' Katie Walsh turns from Inniscarra's Rebecca Murphy.

Sarsfields claim impressive win against Fr O'Neill's

Sarsfields 2-11
Fr O'Neill's 0-7

CAMOGIE

John O'Shea

SARSFIELDS were impressive in their victory over Fr O'Neill's in the SE Systems Cork senior camogie championship clash at Castle Road on Friday.

Sars got the opening score of the game courtesy of Lucy Allen, her then scoring a well-taken effort from play in the tenth minute. The back of the net was next hit for Sars by Cliona Lynch from long range.

At the quarter of an hour mark, Sarsfields held a decent advantage at 1-2 to 0-0. Fr O'Neill's attempted to get attacking in the first half, but the Sars defence were working impressively to keep them at bay.

The scores continued to come from a Sars perspective. Ella Woods got a neat score following a fine collective move, while that was added to points from Orraith Mullins and Lynch. Fr O'Neill's opened their

scoring account through Yvonne Murphy's points in the latter stages of the first half.

At the break, Sarsfields held a commanding lead at 1-6 to the 0-2 of Fr O'Neill's.

When the action got back underway for the second half, Sars continued to slot the scores over the crossbar as Lucy Allen and Ella Woods pointed.

To their credit, Fr O'Neill's refused to throw in the towel and found further scores including through Murphy and Clodagh Finn. As the game headed into the final ten minutes, Sars found the back of the net. Handed a neat pass, Saoirse Desmond maintained her composure and blasted into the back of the net.

Despite a late Fr O'Neill's fightback, Sarsfields saw proceedings out to a successful conclusion.

Scorers for Sarsfields: C Lynch 1-1, L Allen (0-2 f) 0-4, S Desmond 1-0, E Woods 0-3, O Mullins 0-2, M McCarthy 0-1.

Fr O'Neill's: Y Murphy (0-4 f) 0-5, C Finn, E Fitzpatrick 0-1 each.

SARSFIELDS: M Lynch; E Casey, E Murphy, T Elliott; C Lynch, O McAllen, M Mullins; A Fitzgerald, C Mullins; E Woods, L Allen, K Sheehan; O Mullins, M McCarthy, H Herlihy.

Subs: A McNamara for McAllen (15, inj), S Desmond for McCarthy (46).

FR O'NEILL'S: N Nagle; G O'Neill, C McGrath, S Murphy, R Steele, S Harrington, A Higgins; E Fitzpatrick, N Cowhig; C O'Brien, Y Murphy, K O'Riordan; A Dalton, C O'Doherty, C Finn.

Subs: K Cullinane for O'Doherty (46).

Referee: Fionn O Murchu.



Fr O'Neill's Kayla O'Riordan battles Sarsfields' Emma Casey. Picture: Howard Crowley



Seandún's Roisin De Faoite is tackled by Imokilly's Dara Kiniry during the SE Systems Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Castle Road.
Picture: Eddie O'Han

Seandún and Imokilly impress in divisional half of senior championship

WE'RE 10 games in of the senior club championship, with another six pending this weekend before round three starts on Thursday next.

With an abundance of games, I obviously don't get to see them all but from what I have seen to date the fastest-paced game was Seandún-Imokilly last Monday evening.

The first half was excellent, Imokilly putting in a really good show. But three Seandún goals, two inside a minute midway through the half put paid to any potential upset. The second half was a foregone conclusion as Seandún racked up the scores.

If Imokilly can get and maintain something here, they'll be very competitive in time. Katelyn Hickey, I feel is having her best season, at 27 years of age. She is deceptively fast, covered a huge amount of ground Monday night and picked off six excellent points from play.

Maeve Scannell of Bishopstown also impressed and captain Susan Kate Brosnan dropping back a bit excelled. Up front Seandún can look very classy, showing teamwork that took them a while to get into last year but twelve months on they're more familiar.

Sinead Mills may not clock up the scores as much as others, but she is an incredibly unselfish player and gives some really smart and fast passes, her pass to Lauren Homan for Seandún's second goal was very stylish. As a player your spirits are lifted if a sub comes on that is as good as what started, and Blackrock's Erin Curtin provides that.

Of course, there are tougher games down the track, but Seandún's priority is getting out of their divisional group where just one team advances compared to two from the club groups. And of course, that makes sense as you couldn't have the potential of an all-divisional county final.

Young Orlaith Cahalane was a joy to watch in St Finbarr's win over Enniskeane. Her partnership with Keeva McCarthy telepathic.

I've always felt that Keeva is more of an outfield player than a dedicated forward. Constantly moving and in flight suits her better than a short sprint off the mark.

She roamed deep in their opening half, pushing up a little in the second but was a free spirit as such and played

CAMOGIE

■ Linda Mellerick

very well. She looks strong and fit. Cahalane sprints wing to wing, the Barrs ensuring there is space in front of her on either side.

The 8-21 to 1-4 hammering by Glen Rovers of Douglas didn't do anyone any good. Not the Glen and certainly not Douglas. That must have been an endless hour for them, and no player goes out to suffer humiliation. At this stage I think Douglas need to take a step back, maybe even two, to rebuild.

It doesn't matter what level you're playing at. If you get a couple of wins it buoys up the group. If in addition to that you have structured and competitive training the girls will respond. Winning a junior championship means as much to a particular group as winning a senior title and I think Douglas need to get that bite back.

You don't even have to win the championship, but you have to be competitive, you have to have a chance. Douglas will have played Killeagh last night and I hope the outcome was somewhat better for them.

Ballincollig are another side that need to think about their future. They lost to Éire Óg, 1-15 to 0-9 and while that isn't a demolition by any means, Éire Óg at this moment in time wouldn't be considered in the top five, albeit expect that to change in the coming seasons with a strong underage.

I recall Ballincollig's 4-14 to 1-8 defeat to Courcey Rovers last year and subsequent 3-16 to 0-10 loss to Douglas.

There is a big gap between the top teams and the others in this championship. Happens in a lot of championships I suppose. Group A holds Glen Rovers, Inniscarra, Killeagh, Courcey Rovers and Douglas so Douglas have it tough. With two emerging to the quarter-finals and a third from the best pick of third place in Groups A, B and C there will be no mercy when it comes to piling on the scores.

For and against that I feel as it possibly does stop managements from giving their subs a run even when the game is theirs. Group B and C look to be pretty competitive with Sars and St Finbarr's probably favourites to top them. Seandún to top Group D.



Ballinascorthy's U12 camogie girls enjoyed a memorable day out at this year's Tesco Camán to Croke as they played in Croke Park last weekend. Back from left, Caoimhe Barrett, Sinead Callaghan, Elise Walsh, Meabh Collins, Ayla Bishop, Clara Cashman, Rachel Buttimer, Aisling Kingston, Fiadh Pattwell, Emily Walsh and Rachel Prochniak. Front from left, Leah Buttimer, Aileen Murphy, Claire Higgins, Kitty May Walsh, Sarah Walsh, Kate Donegan, Éala Pattwell, Keiko Niikura, Ruby McCarthy and Sinead Walsh.



The Courcey Rovers U16 B Plate League champions are (back row, from left) Sarah Galvin, Leah Galvin, Sadhbh Napier, Roisin Griffin, Sarah Moloney, Anne-Marie Moloney, Sinead Hynes, Emma O'Donovan (captain), Tara Hipwell, Pamela O'Donovan, Carly Helbrow and Ciara O'Donoghue. Front (from left): Lauren Crowley, Aoife Cahalane, Hannah Coakley, Aine O'Donoghue, Sarah O'Sullivan, Chloe O'Donovan, Lily Murphy, Lisa Nield and Alanna Crean.

Douglas Factfile

Membership: 3,000 across the GAA, camogie and ladies football sections.

Number of teams: 130

Major GAA honours: 1997 Premier Intermediate Football; 2000 Intermediate Hurling; 2004, 2013, 2019 Premier Minor football; 2015 Premier Minor Hurling; 2008 Kelleher Shield; 2009 Premier Intermediate Hurling; 2016 U21 Hurling; 2017 U21 Football.

Camogie honours: Junior A County 1980, 2005; Senior B County 2007; Senior A County 2008, 2011; Senior A League 2008, 2015; Minor County 2008, 2009, 2010; Féile Cork 2002-2006, 2008, 2009, 2014; Féile na Gael All-Ireland; 2004-2006, 2009.

LGFA honours: 2011 Junior C County; 2013 Junior A Munster 7s; 2013 Junior B County League; 2013 Junior B County;

2018 Minor B; 2019 U21 B County; 2019 Junior A League; 2019 Minor A Mid Cork League; 2020 Junior A County runners-up.

Famous players: Eoin and Alan Cadogan, Shane Kingston, Sean Powter, Kevin Flahive, Ronan McCarthy, Katrina and Pamela Mackey.

Facilities: 4 x full-size grass, 2 x grass training areas, wall, Astro, clubhouse, function room.

Early goals set Saints up for a big win

CAMOGIE

Mary Newman

St Catherine's	5-6
Enniskeane	0-9

A BLISTERING opening quarter where they hit three goals laid the foundations for St Catherine's as they opened their SE Systems Senior Camogie campaign in Castle Road with a victory over Enniskeane.

For all of that, their keeper Yvonne O'Neill was in inspired form, denying their opponents time and again.

In an action-packed opening 10 minutes, Catherine's scored three goals and Enniskeane drove a penalty wide.

Orla Cronin had given Enniskeane an early lead, but two Aoife Hurley goals and one from Aine O'Regan really rocked the West Cork side.

Cronin's penalty went wide, with O'Neill twice denying them a goal from play with two superb saves.

Laura Hayes was in superb form at centre-back for St Catherine's, as she drove her side forward and distributed excellent ball.

At midfield, experienced campaigner Maire Murphy was strong and efficient and they hit their fourth goal before the break when Ciara Dunning fired low to the net.

From here on Enniskeane steadily began to eat into the Catherine's lead, Cronin (2) and Tara Sheehan with one cut the deficit in between a Hurley point.

Again the brilliant O'Neill denied Enniskeane with an excellent save and with the sides swapping points before the short whistle it was 4-3 to 0-6 in St Catherine's favour.

The second half was a much closer affair as the Enniskeane defence were now much tighter and scores were a lot harder to come by.

Twice the sides swapped point Hurley with two for Catherine's and Sinead Hurley and Orla Coughlan for Enniskeane kept the scoreboard ticking, but the cushion of their first-half goals was vital.

As the clock ticked towards full time again O'Neill had to be at her best to ensure her clean sheet was kept intact and when Hayes got on the end of a long-delivery and finished to the net for the fifth goal.

Scorers for St Catherine's: A Hurley 2-2, L Hayes 1-3 (0-3 f), A O'Regan 1-1, C Dunning 1-0.

Enniskeane: O Cronin 0-4 (0-3 f), T Sheehan 0-2, L Mannix, S Hurley, O Coughlan 0-1 each.

St Catherine's: Y O'Neill, S M Clancy, C Motherway, AM Rohan, R O'Callaghan, L Hayes, N O'Regan, M Murphy, C Dwyer, M Rohan, E O'Brien, C Dunning, E Roynane, A Hurley, A O'Regan. Subs: M O'Keefe for SM Clancy (42), S Barry for E Roynane (56).

Enniskeane: K Corcoran, H Browne, C Nyhan, L Duggan, D O'Neill, E O'Driscoll, A O'Driscoll, L Mannix, O Cronin, L Corcoran, O Coughlan, S O'Driscoll, D O'Brien, S Curtis, T Sheehan.

Subs: S Hurley for L Corcoran (29), C Duggan for H Browne (14), M Hillard for S O'Driscoll (42).

Referee: William Wallace (Aghada).

Cloughduv make it two from two

CAMOGIE

Mary Newman

Cloughduv	2-15
Newcestown	0-5

A COMFORTABLE win for Cloughduv in the SE Systems Cork Senior Championship tie in Coachford on Saturday to give them two wins from two.

Any hopes Newcestown had of getting something from the game were gone within nine minutes of the second half where the accuracy of Lisa Lynch from frees (3) and 1-1 from the industrious Niamh McNabola gave Cloughduv a 2-9 to 0-3 lead.

An even battle outfield in the opening half, Cloughduv's support play up front particularly between Rachel Hurley, Niamh McNabola, and Niamh O'Leary saw them capitalise more than their opponents to lead 1-4 to 0-1 after 20 minutes. Lynch got Cloughduv off the mark on two minutes with a well-worked goal.

A crafty O'Leary pass found Aoife Barry-Murphy whose strike was blocked by keeper Orla Dineen for Lynch to tap home. Another Lynch point five minutes later before a Ciara O'Sullivan free got Newcestown's first point on nine minutes. Then three good Rachel Hurley points gave Cloughduv a six-point cushion.

Attacks

Newcestown were making intermittent attacks but weren't getting the return. As they began to advance more, they were denied an Aoife O'Sullivan goal by a brilliant Ciara O'Leary point-blank save. On 27 minutes O'Leary made another great save denying Ciara Ahearne which must have frustrated Newcestown.

Defensively Cloughduv were doing well with Julie Verling, Laura Bateman, and Aisling Kelleher breaking out with good ball. Ciara O'Sullivan and Ciara Ahearne were working hard for Newcestown. Cloughduv led by 1-5 to 0-2 at the short whistle and but for the two O'Leary saves, the game could have been level.

Newcestown's efforts, which failed to count on the scoreboard, took a lot out of them in the intense heat. As the game wore on Cloughduv were on top in most areas. Amy Sheppard came on for Niamh O'Leary at halftime and had a good thirty minutes.



Cloughduv's Niamh McNabola being chased by Newcestown's Rachel Hallahan in the SE Systems Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Coachford. Picture: Denis Minihane



Newcestown's Claire Kingston racing clear of Cloughduv's Niamh O'Leary. Picture Denis Minihane

Niamh McNabola was a thorn in Newcestown's side for the afternoon, her goal well-taken after being allowed the advantage, and Hurley was playing deeper and winning good ball. Defensively Cloughduv withstood anything

Newcestown threw at them and with minutes to go again O'Leary got a touch to a goalmouth scramble to deny them.

Brieger Corkery was introduced with about 10 minutes remaining and

showed that she hasn't lost her touch with two good points.

The game was stop-start with too many 'throw-ins' but that won't worry Cloughduv. They've two good wins from two and that will give them confidence ahead of their third-round clash with Sarsfields.

Scorers for Cloughduv: L Lynch 1-5 (0-4 f), N McNabola 1-4, R Hurley 0-3, B Corkery 0-2, A Sheppard 0-1.

Newcestown: C O'Sullivan 0-2, C Ahearne 0-2, G Ryan 0-1.

Cloughduv: C O'Leary, A Buckley, L Buttimer, J Verling, L Bateman, A Kelleher, A Corkery, A Barry Murphy, C Hughes, R Hurley, M Corkery, N McNabola, C Sheppard, N O'Leary, L Lynch. Subs: A Sheppard for N O'Leary (14), B Corkery for C Sheppard (55).

Newcestown: O Dineen, A Wilson, A O'Sullivan, S Kelleher, R Hallahan, C Kingston, M Kennelly, M O'Donovan, E Murphy, C Ahearne, C O'Sullivan, G Ryan, A O'Sullivan, A O'Donovan, M Lynch. Subs: C O'Toole for M Lynch (40), A Buckley for A Wilson (45).

Referee: Adam Cummins (Sliah Rua).

St Finbarr's simply far too strong Éire Óg in one-sided match

St Finbarr's	3-23
Éire Óg	0-7

CAMOGIE

Mary Newman

ST FINBARR'S were in control throughout this SE Systems Senior Championship clash in Castle Road. Éire Óg battled hard but they were unable to match their opponents who were stronger in all sectors.

From the throw-in they scored, through Hannah O'Leary, who transferred from Ballincollig this season, and while Ciara Beechinor replied for Éire Óg, against the wind they had a job on their hands trying to contain the pace of Orlaith Cahalane and Ella Wigginton Barrett. Cahalane scored, followed by a long-ranger from Sorcha McCartan.

Aoife O'Callaghan responded but with Meabh Cahalane, Ciara Golden and Aoife O'Neill dominant, the Barrs defence gave away very little.

Gaining a grip around the middle the Blues picked

off points and five in a row without reply had them in the driving seat at the end of the opening quarter.

Beechinor scored again for Éire Óg but a Keava McCarthy point and three in a row from Hurley left them a mountain to climb even before an Eimear Hurley goal on 29 nine minutes put St Finbarr's 12 points in front.

Margaret Herlihy converted an Éire Óg free before the break as the Blues led 1-12 to 0-4.

Well in control, the favourites continued to call the shots all through the second half. This despite the huge effort from an Éire Óg team that never left their heads drop. Cahalane, O'Leary and Wigginton Barrett slotted over four points before Emma Cleary had one for Éire Óg.

Two goals in as many minutes from Emma Olden and Nicole Olden effectively killed the game as the Blues ran out extremely comfortable winners and with two successive victories are clearly one of the contenders for Seandún's title.

Scorers for St Finbarr's: E Hurley 1-6, O Cahalane 0-7 (0-2 f, 0-1 45), E Olden 1-2, N Olden 1-0, E Wigginton Barrett, S McCartan, H O'Leary 0-2 each, K McCarthy 0-2 (0-1 45).

Éire Óg: M Herlihy 0-2 (0-1 f), C Beechinor 0-2, A O'Callaghan, L Cleary, M Gleeson 0-1 each.

St Finbarr's: C Hurley, A O'Neill, A Egan, G Cahalane, I Keegan, M Cahalane, C Golden, A Shannon, S McCartan, K McCarthy, E Wigginton Barrett, H O'Leary, E Hurley, E Olden, O Cahalane.

Subs: L O'Connell for I Keegan (38), C Lavery for A Shannon (40), N Olden for K McCarthy (40).

Éire Óg: R Murray, E Buckley, F Murphy, R Murphy, O Lynch, R Sheehan, ME Desmond, A O'Callaghan, A McSweeney, C Beechinor, I Sheehan, L Cleary, M Gleeson, M Herlihy, O Beechinor.

Subs: C Herlihy for O Lynch (40), O Lynch for R Murphy (14), 57).

Referee: Niall O'Neill (Midleton).

Games at all levels kick off

CAMOGIE

■ Mary Newman

Games at all levels are under way in the SE Systems intermediate camogie championship.

In group one, Aghabullogue and Na Piarsaigh got their campaigns off to winning starts.

In group two Blackrock, Ballyhea, and Valley Rovers made great starts with first-round victories; there was one draw, with Carrigaline and Clonakilty sharing the points in their meeting in Bandon.

Goals proved vital as Na Piarsaigh grabbed four to overcome Milford 4-7 to 0-7 in Ballyhea.

In an exciting, high-scoring clash in Bandon, it was honours even as Carrigaline were on target with 2-15 to Clonakilty's 4-9.

Aghabullogue were impressive in hitting 2-18 to Watergrasshill's 0-2 in the other round-one game in group one.

In group two, Blackrock signalled their intentions with a strong performance in beating Brian Dillon's.

Ballyhea were too strong for their near-neighbours Charleville, while in a tight, hard-fought contest, Valley Rovers had a goal to spare over a fancied Newtownshandrum side, 1-10 to 0-10.

Round two will see Milford taking on Carrigaline, and Aghabullogue meeting Kilbrittain/Timoleague.

Clonakilty will be in action against Na Piarsaigh, Valley Rovers and Blackrock is the big game in group two, while Ballyhea take on Brian Dillon's.

It's an all North Cork meeting of neighbours Newtownshandrum and Charleville.

In the SE Systems junior A championship, there are just two groups.

In group one, Tracton had a 3-8 to 0-6 victory over Sliabh Rua and Castlelyons defeated Mallow.

In group two, St Vincent's had too much strength for Cobh.

In the second game in the group, Ballinhassig welcomed back former cork senior Eimear O'Sullivan to their ranks as they overcame a fancied Ballinora on 3-12 to 3-5.

Round two of the Junior A championship will see Ballinora bid for their first win as they take on St Vincent's, Ballinhassig will be hoping to make it back-to-back wins when they



Imokilly's Dara Kiniry breaks from Seandun's Nicole O'Connor during the SE Systems Cork senior camogie championship at Castle Road. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

meet Ballinascorthy, while Tracton and Mallow meet Sarsfields' second adult team.

U14 AND U16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the return to school upon us and summer holiday over, the U14 and U16 championships are beginning and the groups and fixtures were sent to clubs and last weekend round one of the U14 got under way. Premier U14 is four groups: Group one Aghabullogue, Douglas, Éire Óg and Bandon, Group two Inniscarra, Bishopstown, Kilbrittain/Timoleague, and Newtownshandrum, Group three Middleton, Ballincollig, Glen Rovers, and St Finbarr's, Group four Sliabh Rua, Ballinhassig, Sarsfields.

U14 A

In U14 A, there are four groups of four: In group one its Blarney, Cobh, Valley Rovers, Carrigaline, and Rockban, group two is Clonakilty, Killeagh, Ballyhea, and Enniskeane, group three Castlemartyr, St Catherine's, Ballygarvan and Newcestown, group four Cloughduv, Youghal, Tracton and Sarsfield2.

U14 B

Group one: St Fanahan's, Ballinora, Courcy Rovers, Na Piarsaigh, and Kilworth; group two, Milford Fr O'Neill's, Inniscarra2, Carrigaline 2 and Mallow; group three, St Vincent's, Carrigtwohill, Blackrock, Ballincollig 2 and St Colum's; and in group four its Nemo Rangers, Watergrasshill, Banteer, and Erin's Own.

U14 C

Group one: Passage West, Aghada, Millstreet and Kinsale; group two Barryroe, Kildorrey, Bride Rovers and Castlelyons; group three, Buttevant, Fermoy, Kilbree and Ballinascorthy; group four Dungourney, Grenagh, Charleville, and Brian Dillon's.

PREMIER U16

Four groups of four in premier under 16: Group one is Glen Rovers, Ballincollig, Kilbrittain/Timoleague and Rockban, group two is Ballinora, Inniscarra, Newtownshandrum and Ballinhassig.

Group three: Sarsfields, Newcestown, Middleton and Enniskeane, and group four Éire Óg, Cloughduv, Clonakilty, and Douglas.

Enniskeane on back foot after second group defeat

ST CATHERINE'S 5-6
ENNISKEANE 0-9

IT'S back-to-back defeats for Enniskeane in the SE Systems senior camogie championship.

The Carbery club was hoping to bounce back from their opening Group 3 loss to St Finbarr's when they took on St Catherine's at Castle Road in their second round-robin game.

Enniskeane were rocked by a St Catherine's goal blitz in the opening half and they trailed 4-3 to 0-6 at half time. Orla Cronin, from a free, had nudged Enniskeane into an early lead but the Saints reeled off three goals in quick succession to take control. Enniskeane also missed a penalty, sending it wide, before St Catherine's added their fourth goal before half time.

Aoife Hurley, who finished with 3-2, scored two goals in that opening half for the winners, while Aoife O'Regan and Cliona Dunning also hit the back of the net.

The gap was just too big for Enniskeane to claw back in the second half, Hurley completing her hat-trick, and the West Cork side is on the back foot in the group after those two losses. Next up is Ballincollig this Saturday, September 3rd, before a final group game against Éire Óg on September 17th.

In the same group last weekend St Finbarr's hammered Éire Óg by 3-23 to 0-7, with Eimear Hurley (1-6) and Orlaith Cahalane (0-7) leading the rout. Next up for the Barrs is St Catherine's this Saturday.

Scorers

Enniskeane: Orla Cronin 0-4 (3f); Tara Sheehan 0-2; O Coughlan, Laura Mannix, Sinead Hurley 0-1 each.

St Catherine's: Aoife Hurley 3-2; Aoife O'Regan 1-1; Laura Hayes 0-3f; Cliona Dunning 1-0.

Enniskeane: Kate Corcoran; Louise Duggan, Celine Nyhan, Hazel Browne; Aisling O'Driscoll, Emma O'Driscoll, Danielle O'Neill; Laura Mannix, Orla Cronin; Lauren Corcoran, Orla Coughlan, Siobhan O'Driscoll; Daire O'Brien, Sinead Curtin, Tara Sheehan.

Subs: Sinead Hurley for Lauren Corcoran; Clara Duggan for Hazel Browne, Molly Hillard for Siobhan O'Driscoll.



Kevin Cummins, Cummins Sports, award sponsors, presents Siobhan Callanan, ladies football and Aoibhin O'Neill, camogie, with their awards. Also included are: Ann Walsh, ladies football female liaison officer, and Tracy Sheehan, secretary Cork Camogie board. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Gráinne Murnane, Red FM, media partners, presents the July award to Aimee Corcoran, ladies football and Sinead Hurley, camogie U16 team. Also included are: Martin O'Brien, Rebel Óg; Sinead Lohan, football mentor; and Donie Daly, manager camogie team. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Newcestown hoping for a miracle

Two Group B defeats in a row leave Carbery club in need of big favours

CLOUGHDUV 2-15
NEWCESTOWN 0-5

GER McCARTHY REPORTS

NEWCESTOWN'S search for a first senior camogie championship win of the 2022 campaign goes on following a heavy defeat to Cloughduv last Saturday.

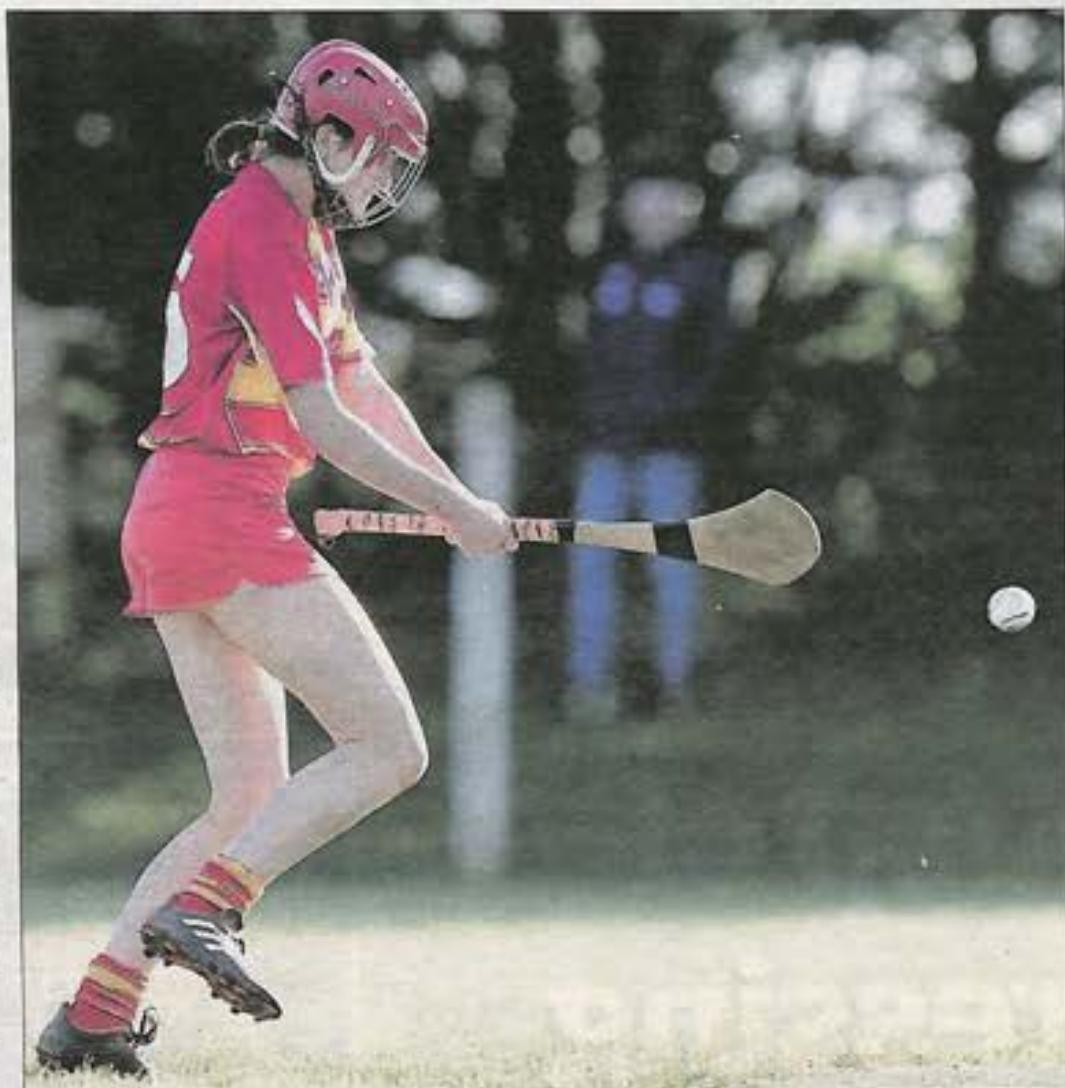
The West Cork club was second best to a sharper Cloughduv side who netted a goal in either half en route to a deserved Group B victory.

'Obviously after losing two games in a row we are going to be relying on other results,' Newcestown captain Maeve Lynch told *The Southern Star*.

'There will have to be a bit of a miracle for us to come out of the group. We (Newcestown) are not going to hang our heads. This championship is still ongoing. We are going to drive on for the next two games, try and get a win under our belts and see what happens from there.'

'Anything is possible as it is a very hard senior championship to call. All the teams in our group are extremely good.'

Coming off a narrow loss to Ballygarvan, the concession of a second-minute goal against Cloughduv put Newcestown immediately on the back foot. Failing to convert two huge goal chances, the West Cork side trailed 1-5 to 0-2 at the break prior to conceding an-



Aoife O'Sullivan and Newcestown had no answer to Cloughduv in last weekend's clash.

other goal early in the second period. Though they worked hard, two scores from open play was never going to be enough for Newcestown who face Sarsfields and Fr O'Neill's in their remaining Group B fixtures.

Lisa Lynch's expertly-finished second-minute goal set the tone for a dominant Cloughduv display. Aoife O'Sullivan saw a goal-bound effort blocked in reply. The West Cork side trailed 1-1 to 0-1 after Lynch and Ciara O'Sullivan (free) traded scores.

A Rachel Hurley brace in-

creased Cloughduv's advantage as a hard-hitting match saw Newcestown's Maria Kenneally yellow carded following an off-the-ball incident.

Cloughduv goalkeeper Ciara O'Leary produced the first of two world-class saves to deny Aoife O'Sullivan a certain goal after 18 minutes. Rachel Hurley's third consecutive score made it a six-point game before Ciara Aherne split the posts at the opposite end. Aherne was prevented from adding a goal by another spectacular Ciara O'Leary stop before Niamh Mc-

Nabola made it 1-5 to 0-2 at the interval.

A Ciara O'Sullivan free reduced the deficit immediately after the restart but it was Cloughduv who dominated the third quarter.

Lisa Lynch converted two quick-fire frees prior to Niamh McNabola forcing her way through and firing into the net after 33 minutes. Lisa Lynch (free) and McNabola scores put the result beyond doubt, 2-9 to 0-3, with 20 minutes remaining.

A stop-start fourth quarter

'It is a rebuilding process but there is huge potential there' – Maeve Lynch, Newcestown captain

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Our Star: Cloughduv goalkeeper **Ciara O'Leary** gets the nod for her two vital saves and excellent distribution.

Star moment: Niamh McNabola's superbly finished second-half goal ended any hope of a Newcestown comeback.

Talking point: A slow start and failing to convert two glorious goal opportunities cost Newcestown. Second best on the day, the West Cork club requires a major upturn in fortune in their two remaining Group B matches.

What's next? Newcestown take on Sarsfields in their next Group B outing on September 11th.

saw Newcestown reduce the deficit courtesy of Ciara Aherne and Grace Ryan (free). Once again Cloughduv responded with Lynch and McNabola restoring their team's 12-point lead.

Former Cork All-Ireland and All-Star dual winner Briege Corkery came off the bench and contributed two quality scores. Another substitute, Amy Sheppard, and Niamh McNabola completed the scoring as Cloughduv ran out convincing 2-15 to 0-5 winners.

'It is a savage championship. The standard of senior (club) camogie in the county is extremely high this year and there are no easy groups,' Maeve Lynch added.

'Unfortunately, Newcestown is a team going through a bit of a transition at senior (level) right now. We are a very young panel so it is all about bleeding as many of those girls as possible in the senior championship.'

'A lot of our girls are only making their senior championship debuts this year. There is huge potential within the Newcestown senior panel though. We are building for the next couple of years.'

'It is a rebuilding process but there is huge potential there,

great players coming through and every single one of them has proven they are up to the challenge.'

Scorers

Cloughduv: Lisa Lynch 1-5 (4f); Niamh McNabola 1-4; Rachel Hurley 0-3; Briege Corkery 0-2; Amy Sheppard 0-1.

Newcestown: Ciara O'Sullivan 0-2 (2f); Ciara Aherne 0-2; Grace Ryan 0-1 (1f).

Cloughduv: Ciara O'Leary; Aisling Buckley, Laura Buttiner, Julie Vering; Laura Bateman, Aisling Kelleher, Aileen Corkery; Aoife Barry Murphy, Ciara Hughes; Rachel Hurley, Maire Corkery, Niamh McNabola; Clodagh Sheppard, Niamh O'Leary, Lisa Lynch.

Subs: Aoife Twomey for Laura Bateman (25), Amy Sheppard for Niamh O'Leary (1st), Briege Corkery for Clodagh Sheppard (49).

Newcestown: Orla Dineen; Aibhinn Wilson, Aoife O'Sullivan, Siobhan Kelleher; Rachel Hallahan, Claire Kingston, Maria Kenneally; Maebh O'Donovan, Emma Murphy; Ciara Aherne, Ciara O'Sullivan, Grace Ryan; Aoife O'Sullivan, Aisling O'Donovan, Maeve Lynch.

Subs: Colette O'Toole for Maeve Lynch (39), Alice Buckley for Aibhinn Wilson (45).

Referee: Aidan Cummins (Slabh Rua).

O'Driscoll hails Enniskeane's influx of youth

BY KIERAN McCARTHY

THE future is bright for the Enniskeane senior camogie team, insists captain Aisling O'Driscoll.

The Carbery club is still fighting in this year's senior county championship and have their final Group C game on Monday night, 19th, under lights in Cloughduv (7.30pm).

Enniskeane are chasing third place in their group, and take on Eire Og in a crunch game.

With the best third-placed team from the three club groups to progress to the knockout stage, Elaine Aylward's Enniskeane know what they need to do on Monday night.

'We need to win to finish third,' captain Aisling O'Driscoll told the *Star Sport Podcast* after Enniskeane's impressive 3-21 to 0-4 win against Ballincollig that got them back on track after losses to St Finbarr's and St Cath-

'You want that competition for places' – Aisling O'Driscoll, Enniskeane captain

lines. 'Out of the three groups it's the best third-placed team that goes through, and I think it's on scoring difference so we need another good performance against Eire Og.'

Enniskeane will take a lot of positives from their huge win against Ballincollig and, looking at the bigger picture, it's encouraging to see the club's next generation take their place in the senior team alongside established players like O'Driscoll, Orla Cronin and Louise Duggan.

This is Enniskeane's second year at senior level, having won the Cork intermediate title in 2020, so the team is finding its feet at the top tier and acclimatising to these new heights.

'We have so many young girls coming up, we have some 16-years-olds on the team and they are pushing us all,' O'Driscoll explains.

'There is huge potential and it's just to bring that out now and to gel as a group. The influx of young players is brilliant, that's a credit to the underage section and all the people involved in Enniskeane camogie. You want the younger girls coming up, there is only so much the older players can do and you want that competition for places.'

Molly Hilliard came off the bench and scored 1-1 against Ballincollig. Daire O'Brien scored 2-2. Her sister Eimear is another to watch. Sinead Hurley in attack and Emma Hurley in defence are another two young



Enniskeane's Eimear O'Brien.

guns showing what they can do, and all under the watch-

ful eye of manager, Kilkenny great Elaine Aylward. The 2009 All-Star has been living in Enniskeane since 2016, involved in a coaching role with the club since 2017, and has now stepped up to take the reins of the senior side.

'Elaine has been with us from intermediate up to senior. She has built such a good relationship with all of us, we all respect her so much,' captain O'Driscoll says.

'She is so knowledgeable and every bit of information that she gives, we take it all on-board. We are so blessed to have her knowledge, her wisdom and the experience that she has, having played at senior level with her club and with Kilkenny as well. When Elaine speaks everyone listens.'

Meanwhile, Newcestown lost, 3-19 to 1-5, against Sarsfields last weekend.

Killeagh fight back to claim a draw

CAMOGIE

■ Linda Mellerick

Glen Rovers 2-11
Killeagh 1-14

GLEN ROVERS and Killeagh drew at Castle Road on Saturday evening in an entertaining SE Systems third-round senior championship tie.

A brilliantly executed Emma Murphy goal, on 58 minutes, looked to have given the Glen the win, but a Chloe Sigerson free and an Aoife Walsh goal three minutes into additional time got the draw for Killeagh.

The game was level six times in the opening half.

Key players on both sides were placed in defensive roles.

Emma Murphy, surprisingly, lined out at centre back.

Chloe Sigerson hung around the half-back line and midfield, while Laura Treacy and Niamh Ni Chaoimh flanked the defensive wings and Hannah Looney midfield.

Killeagh relied on those players to run into attacking territory where the pass broke down, the Glen defence on top, in particular Kelly Falvey.

Killeagh's defence was also coping well, but the Glen looked the more threatening.

They had a couple of goal chances, but Kate Mary Cullinane was alert and flexible.

Lisa O'Riordan was called into action in the Glen goal on 16 minutes. Nicole O'Brien broke the point cycle with a goal after a fine move involving Tara McCarthy and Nora O'Riordan.

They led by four, but Killeagh finished the half strongly to leave it 1-7 to 0-9 at the break.

The sides were level again on 41.

Aisling Wallace was doing tremendous work out the field. Glen would lead by two, but couldn't shake the Killeagh challenge.

Where the Glen had a number of wides in the first half, now it was Killeagh that struck six to prevent them taking the lead.

The Glen pushed Emma Murphy up.

It was the right move. She struck 1-2.

The Glen thought they had it, but Killeagh finished strong again to leave it all square.

Scorers for Glen Rovers: N O'Brien 1-4 (0-1 f), E Murphy 1-2 (0-1 f), M Martin 0-2, N O'Riordan (f), L Cunningham, L O'Sullivan (f) 0-1 each.

Killeagh: S Beausang 0-6 (0-4 f), A Walsh 1-0, H Looney, L McEvoy 0-2 each, L Treacy, K Ahern, C Harney, C Sigerson (f) 0-1 each.

GLEN ROVERS: L O'Riordan; C Martin, A O'Rourke, K Falvey; E O'Meara; E Murphy, T McCarthy; L Cunningham, L O'Sullivan; A Wallace, K Walsh, E Akin-koile; M Martin, N O'Brien, N O'Riordan.

Subs: S Murphy for E Akin-koile (56), D Luby for N O'Riordan (63).

KILLEAGH: KM Cullinane; E Treacy, A Walsh, A Kelly Budds; N Ni Chaoimh, A Fitzgerald, L Treacy; C Harney, C Barry; C Sigerson, H Looney, R Sheehan; K Ahern, S Beausang, C Daly.

Subs: S Kerr for A K Budds (5-5), L McEvoy for A Fitzgerald (47).

Referee: John Horgan (Gleann na Laoi).

Leaders Seandún go three for three



CAMOGIE

Linda Mellerick

Seandún 3-11
Avondhu 0-5

SEANDÚN and Avondhu were heavily depleted for their SE Systems Camogie Championship tie in Blarney yesterday afternoon.

Seandún were missing players such as captain Susan Kate Brosnan, Katelyn Hickey, Lauren Homan, Nicole Crean, and Hayley Ryan, Avondhu without the injured Ashling Thompson, Cork intermediate players Kate Kilcommins and Rachel Harty, plus many more. In fact, Avondhu had just a panel of 15 for the day.

Avondhu had a strong wind in their favour for the opening thirty minutes. They were level with Seandún ten minutes in on 0-2 apiece, regretful of a few wides in the swirling wind.

Seandún led 0-7 to 0-3 at the break, coming back out with the strong wind at their backs. Within three minutes Erin Curtin had the ball in Avondhu's net, a long accurate cross field ball from Amy O'Connor finding Curtin who sidestepped three defenders to coolly finish.

A young Avondhu didn't give up the chase, the nifty Fiona Nelligan unlucky for a few scores, but Seandún had the efficient Amy Lee in goal.

Points from Mills and O'Connor stretched Seandún's lead to 1-11 to 0-5 with 52 on the clock, but two goals inside four minutes from O'Connor put an impossible gap between the two sides.

Sinead Mills provided the pass after good work for O'Connor's first, before Seandún were awarded a penalty which O'Connor duly slotted home.

It's three wins from three for the city divisional side, with a final game against Carrighoun to be played in group D.

They have nine points at the top of the group, Imokilly on three with two games left to play, but even if favourites Seandún lose to Carrighoun it's hard to see their high scoring average being matched with a +70 advantage over Imokilly presently.

Scorers for Seandún: A O'Connor 2-9 (1-8 pen, 0-5 f), E Curtin 1-0, E O'Donoghue, S Mills 0-1 each.

Avondhu: C O'Callaghan 0-3 (0-2 f), C Collins, F Nelligan 0-1 each.

SEANDÚN: A Lee (Na Piarasigh); N O'Leary (Brian Dillon), L McKeogh (Blackrock); S Homan (St. Vincents); M Scannell (Bishopstown), R De Faole (Blackrock), A Allen (Na Piarasigh); E Buckley (Na Piarasigh); E Sheehan (do); C Coleman (do), A O'Connor (St. Vincents), S Mills (Brian Dillon); E Curtin (Blackrock), E O'Donoghue (Bishopstown), A Ring (Na Piarasigh).

Subs: E O'Connor (Na Piarasigh) for C Coleman (inj. 37), E Coleman (Blackrock) for A Ring (46), A Coleman (Na Piarasigh) for S Homan (53), C O'Donoghue (Bishopstown) for E Curtin (56), G Kearney (Nemo Rangers) for E O'Donoghue.

AVONDHU: B Ganley (Mallow); A O'Sullivan (do), T Coleman (St. Fanahans), J Guiney (Mallow); R Brosnan (Buttervant), L Doyle (Charleville), M Noonan (Newtownshandrum); C Collins (do), C O'Sullivan (do); M Shirnick (Buttervant), C O'Callaghan (Newtownshandrum), E Duggan (Mallow); F Nelligan (Charleville), A Tobin (Mallow), A O'Keefe (St. Fanahans).

Referee: Colm Vaughan (Blarney).



Seandún's Michelle Murphy makes a break forward during the SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship match against Avondhu in Blarney. Picture: Howard Crowley

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Referee: Colm Vaughan (Blarney).



Avondhu's Thea Coleman about to catch the sliothar despite some attention from Seandún's Lauren Homan. Picture: Howard Crowley

Seandun junior A champs Douglas surrender crown

St Michael's Douglas 2-11
Douglas 0-8

THE Seandun junior A football champions have surrendered their crown, defeated by St Michael's, who won the title in 2019, in their semi-final at Ballinlough. In an even opening half, Douglas were unlucky not to convert two goal-scoring opportunities, while in a low-scoring second half, St Michael's goals were decisive.

St Michael's opened the scoring with a point from a free by Paul Cronin, but this was cancelled out when Conor O'Donovan converted a free for Douglas. Eoin Buckley got the game's first point from play for St Michael's, but Douglas had unanswered points by Liam Dineen and Cathal Myers. Buckley then equalised with a point from a mark for St Michael's, before Douglas found themselves on the back foot.

St Michael's had three points without reply, in-

cluding a free by Cronin, before Douglas responded with a point from a free by O'Donovan.

FOOTBALL

■ John Leonard

St Michael's had two unanswered points before O'Donovan converted his third free. Tom Grainger added a point for St Michael's in stoppage time approaching the break, to give his side an interval lead of 0-9 to 0-5. St Michael's continued to pin Douglas back in the opening minutes of the second half and Cronin increased their lead with a point four minutes after the restart. Wayward kick-outs were costly for Douglas and one of these fell to Cronin, who drilled home the game's opening goal, five minutes later.

Douglas responded, courtesy of a point from Myers, and this was followed by a free from O'Donovan. St Michael's had Douglas back on the defensive

for the final quarter. Cronin tagged on a point from play and their second goal came when Simon Falvey capitalised on a rebound from Douglas substitute goalkeeper, Lorcan Healy. Douglas got their only score of this period courtesy of a point from a free by O'Donovan.

Scorers for St Michael's: P Cronin 1-5 (0-2 f); S Falvey 1-1; E Buckley 0-3 (0-1 mark); T Grainger, E de Burca 0-1 each.

Douglas: C O'Donovan 0-5 f; C Myers 0-2; L Dineen 0-1.

St MICHAEL'S: M O'Connell; C Hanley, A O'Driscoll, S Ahern; O McAdoo, B Cain, F Leahy, T Grainger, E de Burca; D Shovin, M Drummond, S Falvey; P Cronin, E Buckley, D O'Sullivan.

Subs: D Cronin for O'Sullivan (inj.), P Lenaghan for Drummond (both 41); R O'Shaughnessy for Buckley (53).

DOUGLAS: P Scannell; N Lynch, C Kenny, S Gearney; D Curtin, K Flanagan, F O'Luainigh; C Myers, L Dineen; C O'Donovan, F Sheehan, B Power; D O'Callaghan, M Mason; S St Leger.

Subs: A Dumpy for Nason (5-5); D McSweeney for O'Callaghan (41); L Healy for Scannell (47).

Referee: Paddy O'Sullivan (Bishopstown).

Enniskeane outclass battling Ballincollig

Enniskeane 3-21
Ballincollig 0-4

ENNISKEANE blitzed Ballincollig in the SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship in Belgooly yesterday.

Both sides were in search of their first win of the campaign, but the West Cork side had too much strength in all sectors for a Ballincollig outfit that battled hard but could never match the intensity of their opponents, who are managed by former Kilkenny All Star Elaine Alward.

Enniskeane made the early running, and two first-half goals from Daire O'Brien soon had them in control.

Cork senior Orla Cronin was unerring from frees and managed to hit five in the opening half.

They were added to by one from play each through Tara Sheehan, Orla Coughlan, Laura Mannix, and Sinead Curtin.

Ballincollig had two Patricia Buttimer points and one a piece from Olivia O'Leary and Elaine Casey as they tried in vain to stay in touch with a lively Enniskeane as wasteful shooting proved costly.

From the restart, Enniskeane continued to



St Finbarr's Aisling Shannon breaks from Éire Óg's Gara Beechinor.

Racking up the scores against weaker teams can make big difference

WE'RE three weeks into a busy senior club championship season, with some clubs having two games behind them, others just one but another busy few days between today and Monday with seven games listed.

In Group A, Inniscarra top on four points from two games played. Glen Rovers sit behind them on three points with Killeagh lying in third on scoring difference of -6 to the Glen but the Glen have two games played and Killeagh have one.

Both sides have played Douglas, the side that all seem to be racking up big scores against.

I think there's a bit of unfairness in this. With the best of the group's third place finishers getting a quarter-final slot it will probably come down to scoring difference and some groups contain weaker teams than others, so they are at an advantage in getting the higher scoring average.

Courcey Rovers sit in fourth on one point, their draw with Inniscarra providing that digit. Watching Inniscarra against the Glen that draw was a good result and Rovers have three games left so will be hoping to rise to the heights of 2020. They play Douglas this afternoon.

CAMOGIE

■ Linda Mellerick

mogie they are in a softer group. They are strong there's no doubting that with Grainne, Maeve and Orlaith Cahalane, Keava McCarthy, Sorcha McCartan, Ella Wigginton Barret, Aoife O'Neill and Aisling Egan, the backbone of a strong squad.

With the Cahalane brothers in fine form for their hurling counterparts it's a great family story. Will St Finbarr's do the double this year?

Next up is the Barrs v St Catherine's. The Barrs will be favourites, but it is important that Catherine's get a good scoring average here.

Group D is our divisional group and Seandún not only lead on points but hold a +55-scoring average over Imokilly who have just one game behind them. Seandún with two wins from two. Avonduh sit third. Seandún play Avonduh tomorrow and if they win they'll probably be home and hosed. They are missing a few key players for it, but their panel should be strong enough to cope and with Ashling Thompson now gone and I understand Rachel Harty is also unavailable for Sunday it probably balances out

CAMOGIE

■ Mary Newman

dominate and they picked off scores with relative ease.

Five without reply stretched their lead thanks to Orla Cronin, Tara Sheehan, and Laura Mannix, who all picked off points as the Ballincollig defence came under huge pressure.

A goal from substitute Molly Holland effectively gave Ballincollig no way back into this contest.

Cronin landed another three points on the trot, followed by scores from Sheehan, Molly Hillard, and two from O'Brien. It sealed an impressive victory for Enniskeane.

For their part, Ballincollig will be bitterly disappointed at taking such a heavy beating, having already been outclassed by rivals Éire Óg. With a relatively young side lining out at senior level, many making their debuts, this was always going to be hard this season.

Enniskeane, after losing out last weekend to in-form St Finbarr's, will be happy going into

the next round with a victory under their belts.

Scorers for Enniskeane: O Cronin 0-10 (0-7 f), D O'Brien 2-2, M Hillard 1-1, T Sheehan, L Mannix 0-3, O Coughlan S Hurley 0-1 each.

Ballincollig: P Buttimer 0-2 (0-1 f, 0-1 45), E Casey, O O'Leary 0-1 each.

ENNISKEANE: K Corcoran, C Duggan, E O'Driscoll, L Duggan, D O'Neill, C Nyhan, A O'Driscoll, L Mannix, S Curtin, O Coughlan, O Cronin, S O'Driscoll, T Sheehan, S Hurley, D O'Brien.

Subs: D Carroll for C Duggan (12), M Hillard for O Coughlan (35), M Browne for D Carroll (45), L Corcoran for S Curtin (50).

BALLINCOLLIG: A Hartnett, S Keane, M Tarnaud, C O'Donovan, L Weste, S Buckley, LM O'Farrell, O O'Leary, P Buttimer, O McCarthy, S Coomey, L Cooper, O Hennigan, E Casey A Lovett.

Subs: O Keating for S Keane (h-1), S McCarthy for C Hennigan (h-1), K McCabe for O McCarthy (59), K Kirby for A Lovett (59).

Referee: Diarmuid Kirwin (Éire Óg).



Enniskeane's Orla Cronin looks to get clear of Ballincollig's Sarah Buckley.

Picture: Denis Minihane.

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Cork Senior championship: Enniskeane 3-21 Ballincollig 0-3, Glen Rovers 2-11 Killeagh 1-14, Courcey Rovers 11-22 Douglas 0-2, St Finbarr's 1-14 St Catherine's 0-8, Fr O'Neill's 3-13 Ballygarvan 0-17, Seandún 3-11 Avonduh 0-5.

The Glen-Killeagh is the second game in Castle Road today should be a cracking contest.

Group B and Cloughduv sit top with six points, two wins from two. They'll face a tougher test on Monday against Sarsfields who are second placed with just one game played. I had expected Sars to score more than 2-11 against Fr O'Neill's. I'm interested in seeing them perform this year.

Looking through this group which also contains Ballygarvan and Newcestown, you'd expect Sars to top it and the second-place battle being between Ballygarvan and Cloughduv. Based on results to date Cloughduv would be favoured based on a 2-15 to 0-5 win over Newcestown where Ballygarvan won 2-6 to 1-8. But first rounds are never an indicator of true form.

Group C and St Finbarr's are well in front, just three points ahead of St Catherine's and Éire Óg. Catherine's having just one game played.

The Barrs have high scores to their credit but considering their standing in Cork club ca-

If Imokilly win all of their remaining games and Seandún lose to either Avonduh or Carrighoun they could top but they would need a massive jump in scoring difference to overtake the city side. Avonduh drew their only game against Carbery. I can't see a shock coming from here.

The intermediate championship is also in full swing. Blackrock are favourites to win it this year and it wouldn't be before time. It's a tough competition to get out of. I'd have a special interest in Brian Dillon's and so go to their games when I can. The club always struggles for underage numbers.

You talk about player fall-out though. I was coaching Dillon's from 2012 to 2015. From our U16 winning side of 2012 only five players are still playing.

Those girls are only 24 or 25 now as we were a young U16 team. Of the 2015 side that won the intermediate championship and league double, 19 no longer play, of which only five or is age and family related. That's so disappointing to see.

St Finbarr's win thrilling contest

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St Finbarr's 1-14
St Catherine's 0-8

THE strong wind blowing in Castle Road made life difficult for both sides in this SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship clash.

St Finbarr's, playing with it to their backs in the opening half, built up an 11-point interval lead, putting so much pressure on the St Catherine's defence they had to try and stem the tide by dropping back an extra player.

As a result, Catherine's found it hard to get scores when they did attack and they relied on the accuracy of Laura Hayes, with three frees, to keep them in touch.

It was a game of two halves — with St Catherine's outscoring their opponents five scores to three in the second half but thanks to the foundation they laid in the opening period, the Blues still had nine points to spare at the end of this contest.

The Barrs lost corner-forward Eimear Hurley just 13 minutes in with an arm injury but her departure saw the introduction of veteran campaigner Gemma O'Connor, featuring for the first time in championship action this season.

At that stage, they led 0-5 to 0-2, Hannah O'Leary and Sorcha McCartan with two points each along with one from Keeva McCarthy, which ensured they were in control early on.

St Catherine's were denied a goal by Ciara Hurley, who just got a vital touch on Aoife Hurley's attempt and with Hannah O'Leary pointing, the Barrs stretched their lead before Emma Olden goalied on 14 minutes after a good move via Orlaith Cahalane.

Up 1-11 to 0-3 at the break, the second half was all about securing the win for the Barrs.

They sat deep and matched anything the Saints threw at them.

With the wind picking up and the rain arriving it made life difficult for everyone, not least the team chasing a big deficit.

Hayes continued to be St Catherine's standout player as she worked hard to get her sides into the game.

Strong defending from a St Finbarr's



Keeva McCarthy, St Finbarr's puts the sliothar into the forward line against St Catherine's in the SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship; match at Castle Road, Cork, yesterday. Picture: Larry Cummins

side who had excellent performers in Nicole Olden and Aoife O'Neill, meant they were never a real hint at a comeback.

Scorers for St Finbarr's: H O'Leary, S McCartan, O Cahalane (0-2 f) 0-3 each, E Olden 1-0, G O'Connor 0-2, I Keegan, K McCarthy, N Olden 0-1 each.

St Catherine's: L Hayes 0-8 (0-6 f, 0-1 45).

St FINBARR'S: C Hurley, S Punch, A Egan, A O'Neill, I Keenan, M Cahalane, C Golden, N Olden, A Shannon, K McCarthy, S McCartan, H O'Leary, E Hurley, E Olden, O Cahalane.

Subs: G O'Connor for E Hurley (inj 13), E Wigginton Barrett for E Olden (49), C Lavery for K McCarthy (50), A O'Heilly for I Keegan (53).

St CATHERINE'S: Y O'Neill, M Murphy, C Motherway, AM Rohan, SM Clancy, L Hayes, C Dreeper, M O'Keefe, E O'Brien, M Rohan, N O'Regan, C Dunning, E Ronayne, A Hurley, A O'Regan.

Subs: S Barry for E Ronayne (45), L O'Donnell for N O'Regan (47).

Referee: Simon Stokes (Tullylease).



Laura Hayes, St Catherine's accelerates away from Keeva McCarthy of St Finbarr's, at Castle Road yesterday. Picture: Larry Cummins

Courcey Rovers run riot in an uneven contest

Courcey Rovers 11-22
Douglas 0-2

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IT WAS tough for Douglas in Castle Road, as Courcey Rovers ran riot in this SE Systems Camogie Championship.

Rovers scored seven goals in the second half, having led 4-15 to 0-1 at halftime. But with scoring difference important for clubs looks to reach the quarter-finals, they had to keep their foot on the pedal and Douglas were aware of that.

Douglas started without six of the players that lined out for them in their previous two defeats. Full credit to those that put on the black, white and green striped jersey and kept working to the end.

With no relegation in the championships, which clubs voted for, it is up to Douglas to make the decision to step down and rebuild.

Courcey Rovers have got another three points; their tally now four, with a win and a draw behind them. Other than that, they didn't learn much from this game. Their teamwork and vision was impressive.

They raced into a 3-6 to 0-0 lead after 10 minutes, Eimear O'Reilly winning good ball at right corner-forward and feeding Fiona Keating, who hit two before O'Reilly herself took on the task and hit Courcey's third.

Jess Kavanagh was unavailable for selection this year for Douglas and their number one was missed. On this occasion, Rachel Swanton did her best, but the onslaught was fast and furious from a Rovers side that were dominant all over the pitch.

Credit to Katrina Mackey who always gives 100% to her club and she once again tried her best here to stem the tide. With Saoirse McCarthy, Keating, Jacinta Crowley from placed balls, and O'Reilly in top flight, along with a point from Christine O'Neill, they got all of Rovers' first-half scores.

Courceys face Glen Rovers next weekend in the fourth of five group games.

Scorers for Courcey Rovers: S McCarthy 4-6, F Keating 4-4, Eimear O'Reilly 3-1, J Crowley 0-10 f, C O'Neill 0-1.

Douglas: K Mackey 0-2 f.

COURCEY ROVERS: S O'Reilly, L Crowley, G Hannon, A Hannon, O Twomey, A Moloney, A O'Reilly, Elaine O'Reilly, J Crowley, E Maguire, Lorraine Collins, C O'Neill, F Keating, Eimear O'Reilly, S McCarthy.

Subs: G O'Reilly for E Maguire (40), AM Collins for C O'Neill (50).

DOUGLAS: R Swanton, A Baldwin, A Cornell, F McCarthy, A Murphy, A Curtin, E Cantillon, A Walsh, K Mackey, C St Ledger, L O'Brien, D Harrington, C McCarthy, J Leo, K Twomey.

Subs: A Cremin for A Murphy (22), C McAndrew for A Baldwin (22).

Referee: Anthony O'Regan (Youghal).

Silverware for Inagh-

Inagh-Kilnamona 2-13
Newmarket-on-Fergus 1-5

Derek Dormer

AN ELEVEN point winning margin doesn't tell the real tale of a stop start Division 1 Final. In a physical contest that was close than the scoreboard suggests the game itself never really ignited as a spectacle with far too many frees preventing a natural flow to the contest. Referee Fergal O'Brien had no option but to blow his whistle such was the frequency of indiscretions by both teams. On almost every occasion to his credit he played advantage trying to let the game develop but it wasn't to be. Not that this was a dirty game, far from it in fact, but it was hotly contested with neither side prepared to give an inch as one would expect with silverware on the line.

The opening ten minutes saw Inagh-Kilnamona race into a four points to one lead courtesy of two Aoibhin Ryan points and fine efforts from Amy Keating and Claire Commane with Laura McMahon converting a placed ball for Newmarket.

In the thirteenth minute Ann Marie Hayes raced onto a ball before expertly firing low into the bottom corner for the game's first goal and the equalising score levelling the contest for what turned out to be the last time at 0-4 to 1-1.

Adrian Telford's side responded in devastating fashion outscoring their opponents 1-3 to a solitary point for the remainder of the half the goal being a tremendous strike from player of the match Aoibhin Ryan. Ryan

cut inside from the left touchline evading two defenders before striking on the run into the far right hand corner. The best score of the half came from Newmarket though when Niki Kaiser who was their most impressive player burst through the centre playing a superb off load to Laura McMahon who executed on the run off her left hand side. Kaiser's performance has to get special mention as she was all over the field constantly breaking up play and launching Newmarket attacks. At the interval Inagh-Kilnamona deservedly led 1-7 to 1-2.

The second period was a real slow burner with only three scores in eighteen minutes, all Inagh-Kilnamona points courtesy of two Amy Keating frees and a fine Laura Rynne point.

Newmarket tried valiantly to get back in the contest, trailing by eight they went for the jugular forcing Rebecca Keating into producing three saves one of which was a sensational full length dive deflecting a tremendous thirty yard Laura McMahon strike onto the upright. Newmarket kept coming and kept looking for that goal to get back into the tie. However they might have been better served if they had tapped over some points and tried to close the gap. It wasn't to be though and when Fiona Lafferty found Aoibhin Ryan with a perfect handpass this game was over as a contest with Ryan dispatching her second major with aplomb.

For the winners Aoibhin Ryan excelled along with Amy Keating Laura Rynne and Laoise Ryan while for the losers Niki Kaiser was superb along with Laura McMahon and Kaci Toomey. Af-

terwards Clare Camogie Chairperson Joe Donnell presented the trophy to Captain Fiona Lafferty.

Inagh-Kilnamona Rebecca Keating, Eimear Cotter, Michaela Roughan, Laura Rynne, Laoise Ryan, Sinead Quinn, Cathy Cullinan, Sinead Power, Hannah Shannon, Amy Keating, Fiona Lafferty, Jane Fitzgerald, Aoibhin Ryan, Helen Hehir, Claire Commane
Subs Danielle Griffin for Helen Hehir 40 mins, Hazel O'Connor for Laura Rynne 56 mins, Orla Vaughan for Hannah Shannon 57 mins, Caoimhe Devitt for Jane Fitzgerald 58 mins, Caoimhe Longe for Eimear Cotter 58 mins, Amy Shannon for Aoibhin Ryan 60 mins

Scorers Aoibhin Ryan 2-3(2f), Amy Keating 0-4(3f), Claire Commane 0-2, Laura Rynne 0-2, Fiona Lafferty, Jane Fitzgerald 0-1 each

Newmarket-on-Fergus Lauryn Flaherty, Aoife Crimmins, Carol O'Leary, Aislinn Keogh, Brid Enright, Aine O'Brien, Lucy Enright, Katie O'Flanagan, Jennifer Kelly, Michelle McMahon, Laura McMahon, Kaci Toomey, Isabel Coffey, Niki Kaiser, Ann Marie Hayes
Subs Sinead White for Lucy Enright 41 mins, Meave Begley for Isabel Coffey 47 mins, Grace McMahon for Lauryn Flaherty 50 mins, Elizabeth Gough for Brid Enright 53 mins

Scorers Ann Marie Hayes 1-0, Laura McMahon 0-3(2f), Kaci Toomey 0-2

Referee: Fergal O'Brien

Kilnamona



Inagh-Kilnamona's Aoibhin Ryan in action against Newmarket-on-Fergus's Aoife Crimmins and Clodagh Costelloe.

Photography by Natasha Barton



Ballincollig, winners of the Declan Crowley camogie cup at the Ballinhassig tournament

Ballinhassig underage memorial tournament is a huge success

THE Declan Crowley Memorial U10 tournament organised by Ballinhassig, now in its 20th year, honours the memory of one of the club's camogie club mentors who passed away at a young age.

It is the highlight of the year for U10 players and the clubs lucky enough to be invited to attend look forward to it each year.

Thus it has gone from strength to strength.

The event usually signals that the return to school and the last Saturday in August is always the traditional date for the tournament and last Saturday was the day.

It's amazing how the years have flown by, many of the current Cork senior and Intermediate players would have participated in the Ballinhassig tournament and clubs always look forward to a great day hosted by the club.

It was a delight to see so many former Ballinhassig club players, former mentors and parents of players past and present rallying around and lending a hand and there was as always a great sense of fun and enjoyment as club mentors from all clubs meet and mingled for the annual event.

The competition is nine a-side with panels of 15 players and there is no restriction on substitutions with games played for ten minutes a-side with a five minute interval.

The Ballinhassig club emphasising to all mentors and parents attending that the Camogie association's policy on learning and fun through the playing of Go-Games with the day a celebration and remembrance those who gave so much to Camogie in their club.

The Declan Crowley Memorial Cup is the big prize for the winners but the competition has grown to such an extent that there are now three sections to it, and three finals as the clubs also play for the Joan Lucy Shield and the Tony Jeffers Shield.

Participating teams were the host club Ballinhassig, Valley Rovers, Courcy Rovers, Tracton, Eire Og, St Finbarr's, Ballincollig, Glen Rovers, Sliabh Rua, Barryroe, Ballygarvan and Bandon.

From 9.30am teams as-

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sembled and games got under way at 10.30am sharp and with three pitches in operation games ran consecutively and despite the scorching heat, the twelve teams battled it out for honours and there was fierce determination as the youngsters give it their all to reach the various semi-finals.

After a hectic morning of matches by 2pm the scene was set for the semi-finals and in the Declan Crowley Cup it was Ballinhassig versus Valley Rovers and Tracton versus Ballincollig.

The Joan Lucy Shield saw Eire Og meeting St Finbarr's and Ballygarvan playing Bandon.

In the Tony Jeffers Plate it was Courcy Rovers against Barryroe and Glen Rovers meeting Sliabh Rua.

The excitement was fierce as the sides battled it out and when the full time whistles went it was down to the last six teams.

In the Declan Crowley Cup it was Ballincollig who took on Valley Rovers in the final.

The Joan Lucy Shield final was between St Finbarr's and Ballygarvan and the Tony Jeffers Shield final had Glen Rovers taking on Barryroe.

With three pitches in operation all finals threw in at the same time and the cheering could be heard loud and clear as they young players battle for every single ball.

In the Declan Crowley Cup Ballincollig overcame Valley Rovers, St Finbarr's were victorious over Ballygarvan and Glen Rovers overcame Barryroe.

Billy Jordan of BJ Automations, who is a long time sponsor and former mentor with the club made the presentations to the winning captains and players from the teams.

Billy spoke about the tournament and how special a day it has become and more importantly the friends that have been made down through the years and to huge cheering from all participants the curtain came down on another successful day in Ballinhassig.

Well done to all.



Corofin's Captain Aleisha Malone is presented with the Division 3 shield from Clare Camogie PRO Brid MacNamara

Photograph by Natasha Barton

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR RELEGATION FINAL

Prayers from the Faithful

Eoin Brennan

All-Ireland Senior Camogie Relegation Final
Clare v Offaly at Moneygall
GAA, Saturday 3pm
(Liz Dempsey, Kilkenny)

HOW exactly Clare find themselves in this unenviable situation considering their provincial championship promise that got them within a whisker of a Munster Senior title is a head-scratcher for another day. After all, as anyone that has spiralled into any relegation play-off can testify to, it doesn't matter what happened before or how big your reputation is, it's all about getting a result by whatever means possible.

You see, on paper Clare should have too much for an Offaly side that have really struggled this season. Susan Earner's squad began with four successive National League Division 1 reverses to Tipperary, Dublin, Down and Galway by an average of 14 points and their fortunes didn't improve for the championship as a 17 point opening round pummeling at the hands of newcomers Antrim in their own home patch set the tone for a forgettable campaign.

Losing former All-Star Michaela Morkan to retirement before a ball was pucked certainly

didn't aid Offaly's confidence but despite being their second successive brush with relegation from the All-Ireland Senior Championship, the Faithful County have performed best when their backs have been firmly to the wall.

A case in point came in early April when managing to secure their sole competitive victory in eleven matches in a straight winners-takes-all relegation clash with Limerick by 2-7 to 1-6.

So while Clare can legitimately feel aggrieved to have been faced with an gruelling and ultimately detrimental six week championship schedule between provincial and national action and aside from a sobering reverse to Cork, there was only a puck of the ball in their remaining group ties against Tipperary, Wexford, Dublin and Waterford, the bottom line is that they need to stop the rot on Saturday.

Aside from a recent minor knee procedure for Muireann Scanlon, Clare have a clean bill of health for their last chance saloon showdown. And if they require any further motivational tool, the fact that it takes place in Moneygall, the scene of Offaly's last great escape in the league should ensure that Conor Dolan and John Carmody's side will not possess a shred of complacency in their bid to retain their senior status for a 15th year.



Courcey Rovers Christine O'Neill is tackled by Killeagh's Stefanie Beausang in their SE Systems Cork Senior Camogie Championship at Ovens. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Killeagh show they have plenty of mettle with rearguard effort

Killeagh 2-10
Courcey Rovers 1-10

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A THRILLING contest in the SE Systems Senior Championship in Ovens saw Killeagh take the spoils as they clung on for dear life to their goal advantage despite huge Courcey Rovers pressure in the seven minutes of added time.

Twice they came close to levelling the game but the East Cork side held out.

A rip-roaring opening 30 minutes saw the sides go at it hard and tough from the throw-in. Killeagh had raced into a five-point lead before Courceys got on the scoreboard and over the hour it was level on five occasions. Ultimately, a strong closing quarter where Killeagh hit two goals ensured they stay in the hunt for a place in the quarter-finals ahead of the final group games across the coming days.

All over the pitch, both sides had top-class performers. Laura Treacy was dominant at midfield for Killeagh, Chloe Sigerson commanded their defence and Niamh Ni Chaoimh played a huge role also.

Courceys relied on the lion-hearted Linda Collins while Saoirse McCarthy and Aisling Moloney gave it their all.

Having opened up that five-point gap, Killeagh were slowly reeled in and with McCarthy hitting the score that got Courceys all square just before half time. Killeagh had the final say with Stefanie Beausang free, 0-6 to 0-5 ahead at the break.

The second half was fast and furious and four times the sides were level. On 45 minutes Ellen Maguire gave Courceys the lead for the first time but the Killeagh response was

superb.

Rachel Sheehan won a great ball far out on the wing and it was Ciara Daly who got the vital touch on her delivery to grab the opening goal. Laura Treacy drove them on with an excellent point but back came Courceys with Fiona Keating turning over Killeagh and off-loading to Linda Collins to finish to the net.

Led by Chloe Sigerson and Treacy, Killeagh went long again with Stefanie Beausang snaring a long Treach delivery to make no mistake from close range, four points separated the sides and it looked all over.

Jacinta Crowley pointed a free but as the game entered injury time Killeagh looked safe. Courceys came at them in waves battling for an equaliser however.

Collins forced a superb save from Mary Kate Cullinane. Then Fiona Keating laid off a pass to Collins, whose shot hit the side netting.

The Killeagh defence resolute did enough from there and the final whistle soon sounded.

Scorers for Killeagh: S Beausang 1-6 (0-6 f), C Daly 1-0, C Harney 0-2, C Sigerson, L Treacy 0-1 each.

Courcey Rovers: L Collins 1-3, J Crowley 0-4 (0-3 f), S McCarthy, F Keating E Maguire 0-1 each.

KILLEAGH: KM Cullinane; E Treacy, A Walsh, S Kerr; N Ni Chaoimh, C Sigerson, C Barry; L Treacy, H Looney; C Harney, K Aherne, M McEvoy; C Daly, R Sheehan, S Beausang.

COURCEY ROVERS: S O'Reilly (c); A Hannon, G Hannon, O Twomey; G O'Reilly, A Moloney, L Crowley; Elaine O'Reilly, S McCarthy, E Maguire, J Crowley, C O'Neill; L Collins, Eimear O'Reilly, F Keating.

Sub: AM Collins for Eimear O'Reilly (49).
Referee: Colm Vaughan (Cill na Martra).



Mairead Corkery, Cloughdub, breaks from Ellen O'Regan, Ballygarvan, in their Cork Senior Camogie Championship game at Castle Road. Picture: Jim Coughlan

Turmoil after walkovers

ROUND four of the SE Systems senior camogie championship threw a few spanners in the works last weekend.

To the point that at the time of writing it remained unclear how the cards would fall.

Ballincollig, Carrighoun and Avonduh all gave walkovers to St Finbarr's, Seandún and Imokilly, respectively.

You'd forgive the divisional sides somewhat for their position.

Carrighoun and Avonduh perhaps felt their chances of qualifying were unrealistic with Seandún in full control in that divisional group and players possibly decided that they needed to focus on their clubs alone.

So, they struggled to field.

But Ballincollig is a different story.

For a club unable to field and withdraw from a senior championship game, it's a sorry state of affairs and it has thrown group C into chaos.

Does it now mean that all previous games that Ballincollig played become null and void?

Seems like it. It was St Finbarr's last game, and such is their dominance in group C they won't be caught as leaders.

But what if they were relying on those Ballincollig points or scoring average?

Finishing first or second in the group does make a difference as the quarter final draw will seed first v second, i.e., first placed teams in one bowl, second placed in another.

St Catherine's needed their game against Ballincollig for a chance to advance so they can't be penalised for that.

As the table sits second place is still all to play for between St Catherine's, Eire Óg and Enniskeane.

If Eire Óg beat Enniskeane they're through and even if all Ballincollig results were removed, then Eire Óg would still finish second and all is good with the world.

If, however Enniskeane beat Eire Óg they'll advance. But if Enniskeane beat Eire Óg and you take the Ballincollig results out of the equation then I think St Catherine's will advance on scoring difference.

It could also affect the best of the third

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Linda Mellerick

placed positions. I was wrong last week in that I thought the one advancing third placed team was based on scoring difference.

It's points first then scoring difference so removing all Ballincollig results could also have a negative impact here for those fighting teams.

But I won't try and work out all those permutations yet. We'll know it all after this weekend.

What a campaign it has been for Cloughdub. They lost both championship games in 2021 and have won three from four here.

This is an example of how good the round robin system is. They've had four games and you can see the improvement as the games went on. There are big gaps between the top teams and others as I've mentioned previously and it's something the board will reflect on, I'm sure once the championships are over.

We only recently removed the 'senior b' grade. This was in effect the intermediate grade but with 'senior b' not recognised outside of Cork the winners couldn't represent Cork in Munster.

That fell to the intermediate winners who were in effect Cork's third string club side, and they obviously were out of their depth in Munster.

If a Premier and Senior A competition comes in like our Cork GAA colleagues, it's more or less the same as 'senior b' in that it will have no standing in Munster.

Maybe that matters to some, not to others.

The Glen's fourth round loss to Courcey Rovers by a goal could see them eliminated.

If Killeagh took the points against Courcey's on Thursday last, they'll overtake the Glen into third spot, which may be enough to see them through depending on



Sarsfields' Amy McNamara tries to get away from Cloughdub's Rachel Hurley in their Senior Camogie Championship clash at Castle Road. Picture: David Keane

how the other groups play out.

You'd expect Inniscarra to have a high scoring victory over Douglas which could place them first in group A but only if Rovers fall to Killeagh.

The scoring difference needed to finish first in that scenario is a big ask of Inniscarra.

Group B and Sars and Cloughdub are secured. Sars will be favourites over Ballygarvan tomorrow, but it won't be easy based on the spirited Ballygarvan performance last Sunday evening against Cloughdub.

If Fr O'Neill's beat Newcestown and Ballygarvan shock Sarsfields they'll finish on six points which could see O'Neill's do battle with Ballygarvan for third place on scoring difference.

This weekend's fixtures: Iniscarra v Douglas, Castle-road Sat 2pm. Newcestown v Fr O'Neill's Sat Carrighow-hill 6pm. Imokilly v Carbery, Castleroad, Sunday 5.15pm. Ballygarvan v Sarsfields, Blarney, Sunday 5pm. Eire Óg v Enniskeane, Monday, Cloughdub 7.30pm.



Courcey Rovers' Christine O'Neill and Killeagh's Chloe Sigerson tussle for the sliotar. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Sarsfields see off brave Ballygarvan

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Sarsfields	3-17
Ballygarvan	4-8

SARSFIELDS made it four wins from four but a young Ballygarvan, with only one victory under their belt, can be hugely proud of their performance in this SE Systems Senior Camogie clash in Blarney.

All through they played with huge intensity and made Sars fight to the end for their victory.

Ballygarvan could consider themselves a bit unlucky to have trailed by five points, 1-8 to 1-3, at the interval after an opening 30 minutes where they matches the favourites in all sectors. Player for player they worked hard and their defence was superb as they stood firm against a lot of pressure.

Up front, Ballygarvan had plenty of possession but the Sarsfields defence closed them down and never allowed them much time to get in that vital final strike.

Ballygarvan led by four points inside five minutes of the throw-in, Molly Kelleher with a point opening their account before the impressive Tara Crowley billowed the net with a powerful strike for the opening goal.

Sarsfields settled and got themselves into the game Orlaith Mullins hit two points in a row, Lucy Allen added one and with two converted frees they edged ahead. Ballygarvan continued to make it hard as their defence continued to work hard, yet two Lucy Allen points stretched the Sarsfields lead to three points.

When Kaitlin Sheehan collected a long delivery from defence she made no mistake finishing to the net to push the gap out to six.

Still, Ballygarvan refused to wilt Rachel O'Regan pointed before Tara Crowley tested Molly Lynch with an attempt on goal, Catriona Kelly pointed the resulting 45 but it was Sarsfields who finished the half with an Orlaith Mullins point.

Sarsfields started the second half with two fast Mullins points and after Lucy Allen hit the net it looked as if the floodgates would open.

Credit Ballygarvan who kept working hard. Cliona O'Leary converted two long-range frees before Rachel O'Regan asked huge questions of the



Who has the sliothar? The Ballygarvan and Sarsfields players reach out for possession in Sunday's game.

Picture: Howard Crowdy

Sars defences and raised a green flag. Sarsfields added five points without reply only for Ballygarvan's Molly Kelleher to grab a goal.

Sars hit back with one from Kate Fennessy but the final say was with a spirited Ballygarvan as Rachel O'Regan secured her second goal.

Sarsfields march into the quarter-finals, with the draw to be made on Monday night, but for Ballygarvan a proud display as their campaign ends.

Scorers for Sarsfields: L. Allen, K. Sheehan 1-4 each, O. Mullins 0-4, C. Lynch 0-4 (0-2 f), K. Fennessy 1-0, C. Mullins, C. Casey, E. Woods (f) 0-1 each.

Ballygarvan: R. O'Regan 2-1, M. Kelleher 1-1, C. Kelly 0-3 (0-1 45, 0-1 f), T. Crowley 1-0, C. O'Leary 0-2, I. O'Regan 0-1.

SARSFIELDS: M. Lynch, E. Casey, E. Murphy, T. Elliott, A. McNamara, A. Fitzgerald, M. Mullins, C. Mullins, C. Lynch, E. Woods, L. Allen, O. Mullins, S. Desmond, K. Sheehan, H. Herlihy.

Subs: C. Casey for E. Woods (1-1), K. Fennessy for H. Herlihy (1-1), R. Roche for E. Murphy (1-1), M. Sheehan for O. Mullins (50).

BALLYGARVAN: S. Aherne, S. O'Donovan, S. Lyons, E. Casey, E. O'Regan, C. O'Leary, K. Dorney, J. Sheehy, R. O'Regan, I. O'Regan, C. Kelly, M. Buckley, T. Crowley, M. Kelleher, L. Casey.

Subs: K. O'Sullivan for E. O'Regan (52), S. J. Brady for S. O'Donovan (52), D. Lyons for E. Casey (54), A. O'Mahony for S. Aherne (58).

Referee: Dave O'Connell (Glen Rovers).



Ballygarvan's Sinead Lyons pulls away from Lucy Allen and Katlyn Sheehan of Sarsfields. Picture: Howard Crowdy



POWERING THROUGH: Sarsfields' Orlaith Mullins attempts to pull away from Ballygarvan's Cliona O'Leary during the SE Systems senior camogie championship match in Blarney. Sarsfields progressed to the quarter-finals after winning 3-17 to 4-8 to make it four wins from four in the group stage. Picture: Howard Crowdy

Éire Óg qualify for quarter final slot

CAMOGIE

■ Mary Newman

Éire Óg	1-12
Enniskeane	1-9

ÉIRE ÓG booked their place in the last eight of the SE Systems senior camogie championship with a three point victory over Enniskeane in Cloughduv last night.

It was level pegging at the break 1-6 a piece.

Enniskeane were fast off the mark as they settled into the game with Oral Cronin pointing a long range free before stretching her side's lead with a second point from play.

Enniskeane troubled the Éire Óg defence and when Tara Sheehan evaded three tackles and finished to the net Enniskeane led by five points after just seven minutes.

Emma Crowley got Éire Óg off the mark with a point.

Daire O'Brien replied but Éire Óg began to test the Enniskeane defence. Emma Cleary was doing huge work and with Siobhan Hutchinson and Isobel Sheehan on top in the corners Éire Óg won vital possession and in an excellent move Cleary and Hutchinson combined before offloading to Margaret O'Herlihy, who finished superbly to the net.

Éire Óg now had the upperhand and four points without reply edged them in front as Shauna Sheehan and Laura Cleary hit one each side of two scores from Margaret Herlihy.

Enniskeane began to push forward. Orla Cronin struck two magnificent long range points, Tara Sheehan had one as the advantage swung in Enniskeane's favour but the final say of the half was with Margaret Herlihy pointing a free to tie the sides up.

In the second half, Enniskeane raced into a three point lead with Tara Sheehan, Orla Cronin, and Laura Mannix on target. Éire Óg came back, Isobel Sheehan with two points and one from Caoimhe Henchy that had the sides on level terms. Éire Óg took the lead, Marie Cronin flicking a fast free to the unmarked Emma Crowley who duly pointed.

Roisin Murphy and Siobhan Hutchinson added a point each to put them three clear. Enniskeane won a penalty, but a superb save from Rachel Murray denied Orla Cronin as Éire Óg held out for victory.

Scorers for Éire Óg: M. Herlihy 1-3 (0-2 f), I. Sheehan, E. Crowley 0-2 each, L. Cleary, S. Sheehan, C. Henchy, R. Murphy (f), S. Hutchinson 0-1 each.

Enniskeane: O. Cronin 0-5 (0-2 f), T. Sheehan 1-2, D. O'Brien, L. Mannix 0-1 each.

Éire Óg: R. Murray, F. Murphy, A. O'Callaghan, R. Murphy, O. Lynch, R. Sheehan, M. E. Desmond, A. McSweeney, M. Gleeson, S. Sheehan, E. Crowley, L. Cleary, I. Sheehan, M. Herlihy, S. Hutchinson.

Subs: C. Henchy for M. Herlihy (43), O. Beechinor for O. Lynch (50).

Enniskeane: K. Corcoran, D. Carroll, E. O'Driscoll, L. Duggan, D. O'Neill, C. Nyhan, A. O'Driscoll, S. Hurley, L. Mannix, S. O'Driscoll, O. Cronin, O. Coughlan, T. Sheehan, S. Curtin, D. O'Brien.

Sub: M. Hilliard for S. Curtin (43).

Referee: Fionn O' Murchu (Valley Rovers).



Eire Og's Aoife O'Callaghan wins the sliotar from St Finbarr's Ella Wiggington Barrett during the SE Systems Cork senior camogie championship at Castle Road. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Camogie championship games continue at pace in various grades

CAMOGIE championship games at all levels have taken centre stage over the last few weeks and the concluding stages are in sight.

INTERMEDIATE

In the SE Systems Intermediate championship, we are down to the concluding rounds and in Group one last season's defeated finalists Aghabullogue are on top with four games played and with four wins under their belt, they are almost certain of qualifying.

They have two games remaining against Millford and Clonakilty and on from Aghabullogue will be expected to take the points in both of these clashes. Clonakilty have five games played and with one to game to come against Aghabullogue they are in second place. They have three wins and one draw, so they will be looking for a results against Aghabullogue to maintain and hold their second place position and book a semi-final place.

Hot on their heels are Na Piarasigh with four games played and two to go against Watergrahill and Kilbrittain / Timoleague and having three wins they are on nine points, just one behind Clonakilty, but a result in either game will put them in a good position and pending the Clonakilty versus Aghabullogue result, Na Piarasigh are poised to take the second place spot. In group two, Blackrock are on top with three games played and three wins to their credit.

They have games to come against Newtownshandrum and Charleville. Ballyhea are in joint second on the same number of points as Blackrock but with four games played, having lost out to Blackrock, they will be looking for a win in their last game against Valley Rovers, who are on six points with just that one game remaining.



Sarsfields Lucy Allen and Fr O'Neill's Niamh Cowhig keep their eyes on a loose ball during the SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship match at Castle Road. Picture: Howard Crowley

CAMOGIE

Mary Newman

Newtownshandrum, with a game to play are also on six points.

Their clash with Blackrock is a vital one for them. If they get a win and Ballyhea were to lose, Newtownshandrum could grab that second spot. The semi-finals have been fixed for Saturday 8th October in Castle Road with the first game at 1pm and the second Game at 4pm.

JUNIOR

In the SE Systems Junior A championship, in Group one, Tracton and Castle Lyons are joint top but Tracton have a game still to be played against Mallow where a win will give them the top spot. Sarsfields 2 and Sliabh Rua are on three points each and must play each other, but the result won't alter the table as neither can catch Tracton or Castle Lyons.

In Group two, Ballinora and Ballinhassig are joint leaders and Ballinhassig have a game still to be played against St Vincent's, but with Ballinascorthy and St Vincent's both on three points, with a game each to play, the result of both game won't alter the table, other than a win would see Ballinhassig take the top spot. A date for the semi-finals was not confirmed at time of going to press.

Under 14/16

The Premier U14 and U16 championships are down to semi-final stages.

In the U16 Premier 1 Cup Semi Final Ballinhassig will meet Eire Og and Sarsfields play Kilbrittain/Timoleague.

In the Premier 1 plate semi-finals, Glen Rovers meet Middleton and it's Inniscarra versus Cloughduv.

In U16 Premier 2 cup semi-final action Newtownshandrum play Ballincollig and Clonakilty meet Newcestown.

The Premier 2 Plate semi sees Rockban versus Enniskeane and Ballinora versus Douglas.

In the Premier 1 U14 cup semi-finals Sarsfields will meet Newtownshandrum and Eire Og play Middleton.

The P1 plate semi final is Glen Rovers versus Inniscarra and Sliabh Rua against Douglas.

In the P2 Cup Kilbrittain/Timoleague play Aghabullogue and Ballinhassig meet Ballincollig.

In the P2 plate competition Bandon are through to the final and they will meet the winners of the St Finbarr's versus Bishopstown game.



Meabh Cahalane, St Finbarr's, in action on the half-back line line against St Catherine's in the SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship at Castle Road. Picture: Larry Cummins

It's down to the quarter-finals...

CAMOGIE



Linda Mellerick

WE are at the quarter-final stage of the senior camogie championship.

Inniscarra and Cloughduv did battle last night, St Finbarr's, Killeagh, Sarsfields, and Courcy Rovers are in action today, in Castle Road, and Seandún and Eire Og meet on Monday next in Cloughduv.

All four games were down for consideration this weekend, but with football clashes and other matters, the board accommodated the change to Friday and Monday.

The group stages offered up some good clashes, some runaway victories, and a few walkovers.

Walkovers are never good and while clubs and divisions did everything in their power to field, they didn't and will incur sanctions.

There are a number of repercussions when teams don't field.

It was fortunate that the withdrawals didn't affect the group placings and the teams that advanced would have done so regardless. But it compromises the competition and some clubs didn't get the games they should have got.

But we're at the knockout stages now and today is going to be a great afternoon in Castle Road.

Then there's a two-week break before the semis on October 9 and the final on Sunday, October 23.

Eire Og and Cloughduv will be very pleased with their campaign.

They'll want to keep going, but are the underdogs and if their runs end here, then so be it.

Both teams improved as the campaign went on, in particular Eire Og, who took the scalp of St Catherine's, which was a big one, and they also beat Enniskeane.



Courcy Rovers's Aisling Moloney is tackled by Douglas' Denise Harrington during the SE Systems Cork senior camogie championship at Castle Road. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Disappointment for Douglas, Ballincollig, St Catherine's, Ballygarvan, Enniskeane, and Newcestown.

Ballygarvan will be disappointed to have got just one win from four, including their defeat to debutants Fr O'Neill's. Likewise Newcestown.

Group A, as predicted, provided the best of the third-placed teams, so three emerged from that group: Inniscarra, Killeagh, and Courcy Rovers. That was certainly the group of death, with Glen Rovers and Douglas losing out.

Maybe if Douglas weren't in that group and hadn't suffered such heavy defeats it wouldn't have shown up the massive gap between them and the cream of the crop. Ballincollig likewise in group C.

The off-season is always an interesting time on the inter-county stage to see who is leaving managerial set-ups and who is coming in.

Brian Dowling is set to take charge of the Kilkenny senior camogie team for a fourth consecutive year.

Dowling has overseen a successful peri-

od since his appointment after the 2019 season. A two-time All-Ireland winner with the Kilkenny hurlers, Dowling took over from Ann Downey, having previously served as a coach and selector. Unsurprisingly, it was unanimously ratified at a recent Kilkenny board meeting.

Interviews took place recently in the search for the new Tipperary senior manager.

The position became available in July, when Bill Mullaney stepped down after five years in charge.

Tipperary camogie PRO Geraldine Kineane said there had been great interest in the role and they were putting together a panel for the interview process, which commenced a couple of weeks ago.

Waterford's manager, Derek Lyons, has stepped down from his position after two seasons in charge of their senior side.

The grapevine is that the players influenced his decision. That's a surprise, as Lyons guided Waterford this year to their first All-Ireland semi-final appearance since 1959.

They produced a strong showing in July in Croke Park, losing out to Cork by 0-15 to 0-10 in the county's first last four showing in 63 years.

In 2021, Waterford contested the quarter-final stage, losing to Tipperary 0-17 to 0-11.

We have yet to hear if Cathal Murray will remain as Galway manager.

He was ratified for a three-year team in 2020, so his time is up, but if he puts his hand up it'll be snatched off.

He has done wonders for Galway camogie and winning the intermediate title this year was a nice consolation for him, after losing the senior semi-final to Kilkenny.

Matthew Twomey remains at the helm in Cork.

Ashling Thompson gets her knee operation next week. Matthew will be all over that and with Linda Collins back home and available for next season and hopefully Orla Cronin also back to her best, Cork are there or thereabouts again, after losing by a point in a thrilling final two months ago.



Niamh McNabola, Cloughdub, tries to block the shot of Lisa Kiely, Ballygarvan.

Picture: Jim Coughlan

Inniscarra are still pushing



CAMOGIE

Linda Mellerick

CHAMPIONSHIPS really kick into life when they get to the knockout stages and that's where we're at in the SE Systems Senior Camogie quarter-finals over the next four days.

Inniscarra and Cloughdub meet to-night, St Finbarr's v Killeagh and Sarsfields v Courcey Rovers tomorrow in Castleroad and on Monday its reigning champions Seandún against Eire Óg.

Finalists for the last six seasons, winner of three in a row between 2016-2018, Inniscarra keep coming to the well and take on a Cloughdub side that have really done themselves proud in 2022.

Inniscarra will be firm favourites, Cloughdub will give this one a massive effort. Runners-up to Sars in Group B, Cloughdub took nine points from a possible twelve with wins over Fr O'Neill's, Newcestown and Ballygarvan, table toppers Sars their only defeat.

Scoring 4-54 and conceding 6-29 Cloughdub will need to considerably tighten up at the back to prevent Joanne Casey, Aileen Sheehan and Ellen Crowley doing damage. Inniscarra had just three games in group A due to the walkover given by Douglas.

Their first-round draw with Courcey Rovers gave them a good standing for their second-round defeat of Glen Rovers and a third-round one-point victory over Killeagh, all three games providing strong competition with notable victories.

St Finbarr's and Killeagh and Sars-Courceys should be two great games on Saturday afternoon.

The Barrs are tipped as potential champions and with their hurlers also in a strong position that will add to their momentum. They have talent spread throughout with a strong forward division of Keeva McCarthy, Orlaith Cahalane and Sorcha McCartan, all inter-county players, and Ella Wigginton Barrett also in fine form.



Sarsfields' Amy McNameara clears her lines under pressure from Cloughdub's Rachel Hurley.

Add in the fact that Gemma O'Connor has returned and is lining out at full forward, and it'll take a really good defence to stop them. Aisling Egan, Grainne Cahalane, Illana Keegan, and Aoife O'Neill all led by Maeve Cahalane in defence, and you see the strength in depth they have.

Killeagh know a hard task awaits but they have answered the call so far. Their fightback against Glen Rovers in round two gave them a strong belief and they followed up that victory with just a one-point defeat to Inniscarra and a three-point victory over Courcey Rovers. So, they'll head into tomorrow's game confident that if they dig deep, they can create an upset.

Killeagh finish strong and it's important they don't let the Barrs get too much of a head start before they settle. Stephanie Beausang is in form up front, Mary Kate Cullinane is competent between the posts with Clara Daly, Laura Treacy, Hannah Looney, and Chloe Sigerson the outfield drivers. This one should be enthralling.

Sarsfields topped group B which was expected at the start of the campaign. They're a young side and they'll face a similar one tomorrow in Rovers, who were hugely disappointing in 2021 after setting the championship alight in 2020.

Sars are without Katie Barry, their dependable full-back, who is abroad, in addition to the injured Olivia McAllen and those losses are hard to replace. Orlaith Mullins is having an impressive championship. Lucy Allen and Katelyn Sheehan will also need watching.

Rovers are strong in most lines, their forward line lethal when on form and Sars will need to block the supply from the running Saoirse McCarthy and the finish of Fiona Keating and Linda Collins to advance.

Lastly, Seandún and Eire Óg will do battle on Monday evening. What a great season Eire Óg have had finishing second in Group C, their victory over St Catherine's the one where people stood up and took notice and they followed that up with a three-point victory over Enniskeane, not always an easy hour.

Seandún of course will be favourites for this one, the only slight concern for Seandún being that it's three weeks since their last game.

SE Systems Camogie quarter-finals
 Inniscarra v Cloughdub, MTU, Friday, 8pm.
 St Finbarr's v Killeagh, Castle Road, 2.45pm, Castle Road.
 Sarsfields v Courcey Rovers, Castle Road, 5.30pm.
 Seandún v Eire Óg, venue TBC, 8pm, Monday.

Barrs see off Killeagh to advance to semi-finals

Camogie

Therese O'Callaghan

St Finbarr's advanced to meet Seandún or Eire Óg in the last four of the SE Systems Cork senior camogie championship at Castle Road on Saturday.

They always looked the most likely winners, this quarter-final was ultimately decided in a wind-assisted opening half during which the Barrs pounced for goals in the 3rd, 14th and 25th minutes.

While Killeagh put it up to them in the second-half closing the gap to three points, the south city side who have former county manager Paudie Murray in their backroom team, held out for victory.

St Finbarr's, shorn of their injured captain Meabh Cahalane, got the best possible start when Nicole Olden put the sliotar in the net after a mere three minutes.

And when the same player scored her second goal approaching the quarter-hour mark, the Togher club had opened up a 2-1 to 0-3 lead.

Gemma O'Connor picked out Olden for the first major, while Ciara Golden was heavily involved in the second.

Killeagh, with Laura Treacy working very hard throughout and with points from Stephanie Beausang, Chloe Sigerson, and Hannah Looney, were in with a shout early in the second quarter, 2-3 to 0-6.

But 1-3 without reply left St Finbarr's in a commanding position at the break, 3-8 to 0-9. The third green flag was raised by Gemma O'Connor — returned from overseas duty with the Defence Forces — even if it was fortuitous, they were full value for their eight point advantage.

When Sigerson converted a penalty in the 42nd minute following a foul on Clara Daly and Looney added a point, the margin was a more manageable four.

Killeagh's second goal, courtesy of Beausang five minutes from the break, brought them right back into contention, 3-11 to 2-11. They too were short one of their key players in Aoife Walsh, who missed out through injury.

St Finbarr's kept the scoreboard ticking over with two points from Cahalane (the second a penalty) in the 66th and 68th minute, both frees won by Eimear Hurley.



Killeagh's Caoimhe Harney can't block St Finbarr's Emma Olden.

Enniskeane exit the camogie championship

BY MATTHEW HURLEY

THE GROUP stages of the SE Systems Cork senior camogie championships reached its conclusion last weekend. It wasn't a good weekend for the Carbery/Carrighoun clubs as only Newcestown managed to win.

Enniskeane lost their last group game. They were knocked out of the championship after losing to Éire Óg 1-12 to 1-9 in Cloughduv.

To make this even more heart-breaking, Enniskeane had two strong leads in the match.

Both sides had enjoyed periods of dominance in this

game, but it was Enniskeane who started off quickest. Orla Cronin pointed a long range free before stretching her sides lead with a second point from play. Tara Sheehan then evaded three tackles before firing to the net, stretching the margin out to five.

At this point, it looked like Elaine Aylward's team were going to run away with victory but back came Éire Óg with 1-4 unanswered, 1-6 each at half time.

The West Cork side did hit the first three points of the second half but didn't score again in the match as Éire Óg hit the last 0-6 and emerged with the win.

Cronin scored 0-5 (2f) of Enniskeane's total, Sheehan got 1-2 while Daire O'Brien and Laura Mannix also got on the score-sheet.

Coursey Rovers also lost, in a thriller against Killeagh last Friday 2-10 to 1-10 but still progressed through as group runners-up. The match was level on five occasions, showing how tight this encounter was.

Courseys relied on the lion-hearted Linda Collins while Saoirse McCarthy and Aishling Moloney gave it their all. Two late goals from Stefanie Beausang and Ciara Daly ultimately killed Courseys off in a very good game.

Collins did have a late shot saved by the Killeagh goalkeeper before then hitting the side net with another effort. Collins did score 1-3 though for the Ballinspittle club, Jacinta Crowley hit 0-4 (3f) while McCarthy, Fiona Keating and Ellen Maguire also got scores.

Despite the loss, Courseys still have a quarter-final to look forward to next weekend. Newcestown beat Fr O'Neills 1-12 to 1-7 but the win wasn't enough to progress out of the group. Orla Barrett got the Newcestown goal while Maeve Lynch was impressive in hitting 0-4. Cork star Ciara O'Sullivan also struck 0-4 (2f) while Colette Desmond

(0-2), Méabh O'Donovan (0-1) and Ciara Ahearn (0-1) also hit the target.

It was a good way to end the season for Newcestown and they will go again next year. Elsewhere, Sarsfields hammered Ballygarvan 3-17 to 4-8, Lucy Allen and Kaitlin Sheehan got 1-4 to propel the Imokilly side to the quarter-finals. Meanwhile both Inniscarra v Douglas and Carbery's encounter with Imokilly were cancelled.

The quarter-finals of the championship commence this weekend. First up it's Inniscarra against Cloughduv in MTU Cork Sports Stadium on Friday 23rd September at 8pm.

There's also a double header in Castle Road on Saturday 24th. St Finbarrs face Killeagh at 2.45pm while Courseys have a huge task in beating Sarsfields at 5.30pm.

The other quarter-final pits Seandún up against Éire Óg, date and time for that one TBC at the time of going to print.

The semi-final will have Courseys, if they beat Sars, playing the winner of the Inniscarra-Cloughduv clash while St Finbarrs/Killeagh face Seandún/Éire Óg. Both those games are scheduled for Sunday October 9th in a Castle Road double header, while the final will be on Sunday October 23rd.

Late Sheehan scores win it

CAMOGIE

■ Mary Newman

Inniscarra 0-14
Cloughduv 1-8

IT took three Aileen Sheehan injury-time points in two minutes for Inniscarra to book their place in SE Systems Senior Camogie Championship semi-final at Munster Technology University. They were pushed to the limit by a spirited Cloughduv.

Indeed, Cloughduv will look back and rue the three missed frees in the opening half, while Inniscarra were grateful for the reliability of Joanne Casey, who was, as ever, unerring as she slotted over five frees, to go with her two from play.

Inniscarra came in as raging favourites, having made the last five finals, but huge credit must go to the underdogs, who showed huge heart, determination, and guts.

Trailing by four points at the interval, Cloughduv were level inside 10 minutes of the restart, driven on by their captain, Lisa Lynch, who contributed 1-5.

Inniscarra responded well and edged back in front again, but still Cloughduv dug deep and pushed them back into their own half and they again showed huge character to get back on level terms.

As 60 minutes loomed, extra time looked inevitable, but somehow Inniscarra found that extra gear and it was the experienced Sheehan who landed a stunning three points from play to decide it.

Cloughduv dominated the opening quarter, but failure to convert opportunities was costly. Despite having the majority of possession, they were unable to make headway against a resolute Inniscarra, who coped with a lot of pressure.

Niamh McNabola and Lisa Lynch worked hard and secured a lot of ball, forcing Inniscarra to drop back and defend deep.

Casey scored a point to put Inniscarra into an early lead, before two points from captain Lisa Lynch edged Cloughduv in front.

As the game entered the second quarter, Inniscarra settled through points



Inniscarra's Rena Buckley clashes with Niamh McNabola of Cloughduv. Picture: Howard Crowley

from Claudia Keane and Casey.

Twice the sides swapped scores, but finishing the half stronger, Inniscarra stretched their lead through Ellen Crowley and Casey. They were thrilled to be four ahead, having struggled initially.

On the restart, the excellent McNabola was switched to full-forward by Cloughduv and quickly cut the deficit with a point.

Aine O'Regan and Lynch scored at either end, but again Cloughduv were doing well in terms of possession.

After 40 minutes, they won a penalty and up stepped captain Lisa Lynch to finish to the right-hand corner. It was level pegging and game on.

Every ball was contested with huge intensity and with supporters from either side vocal and encouraging, excitement was at fever pitch.

Cloughduv missed a chance to take the lead, with a McNabola shot going narrowly wide. Up the field came Inniscarra, with Casey converting consecutive

frees. Cloughduv refused to yield. Brieghe Corkery hit an excellent point and when Lynch nailed a long-range free after 60 minutes, it was level again.

In the three minutes of added time, it was Aileen Sheehan who rescued last year's runners-up.

Cloughduv excelled, but all credit to Inniscarra, who never panicked.

Scorers for Inniscarra: J Casey 0-7 (0-5 f), A Sheehan 0-4, E Crowley, C Keane, A O'Regan 0-1 each.

Cloughduv: L Lynch 1-5 (1-0 pen, 0-3 f), N McNabola 0-2, B Corkery 0-1.

INNISCARRA: C Buckley, C Looney, C Ring, J Burke, R Buckley, E Looney, A Kavanagh, S O'Callaghan, A O'Regan, J Casey, C Keane, M Lyons, E Crowley, R Quigley, A Sheehan.

Subs: L Desmond for S O'Callaghan (40), R Murphy for M Lyons (40), A Dineen for A O'Regan (58).

CLOUGHDUV: C O'Leary, A Buckley, L Buttner, J Verling, C Hughes, N O'Leary, A Corkery, A Barry-Murphy, A Kelleher, R Hurley, M Corkery, N McNabola, L Lynch, B Corkery, C Sheppard.

Subs: A Sheppard for C Sheppard (28), L Baleman for J Verling (1-1), M Twomey for A Buckley (47), A Lahane for M Corkery (53).

Referee: Andrew Larkin (Ballygarvan).

Courseys out, but Inniscarra advance

BY MATTHEW HURLEY

THERE was disappointment for Coursey Rovers in the SE Systems Linda Collins scored 1-4 for Courseys, championship after a 1-18 to 2-13 quarter-final loss against Sarsfields in Castle Road on Saturday.



This incredible game was point for point for the majority, as Cork and Courseys star Saoirse McCarthy carried on her championship scoring exploits by racking up 1-3. Rovers threw the kitchen sink at the Glanmire-based side and Linda Collins was excellent too, hitting 1-4, but it wasn't enough.

The rest of the Carrighoun side's scorers were Jacinta Crowley with 0-2 while Eimear O'Reilly, Lorraine Collins, Fiona Keating and Anne-Marie Collins also hit 0-1 each.

It may be a year that ended in despair for the 2020 county champions but Courseys should be very proud of their efforts and they will no doubt be back next year.

Imokilly club Sars will play Inniscarra in the semi-final after they beat Cloughduv 0-14 to 1-8 on Friday night in a Muskerry derby. Aileen Sheehan hit three of her 0-4 to win it for Inniscarra in additional time. Joanne Casey was once again at the forefront for Inniscarra as she scored 0-7. Lisa Lynch was excellent for Cloughduv, scoring 1-5, while veteran Brieghe Corkery also got on the scoring sheet.