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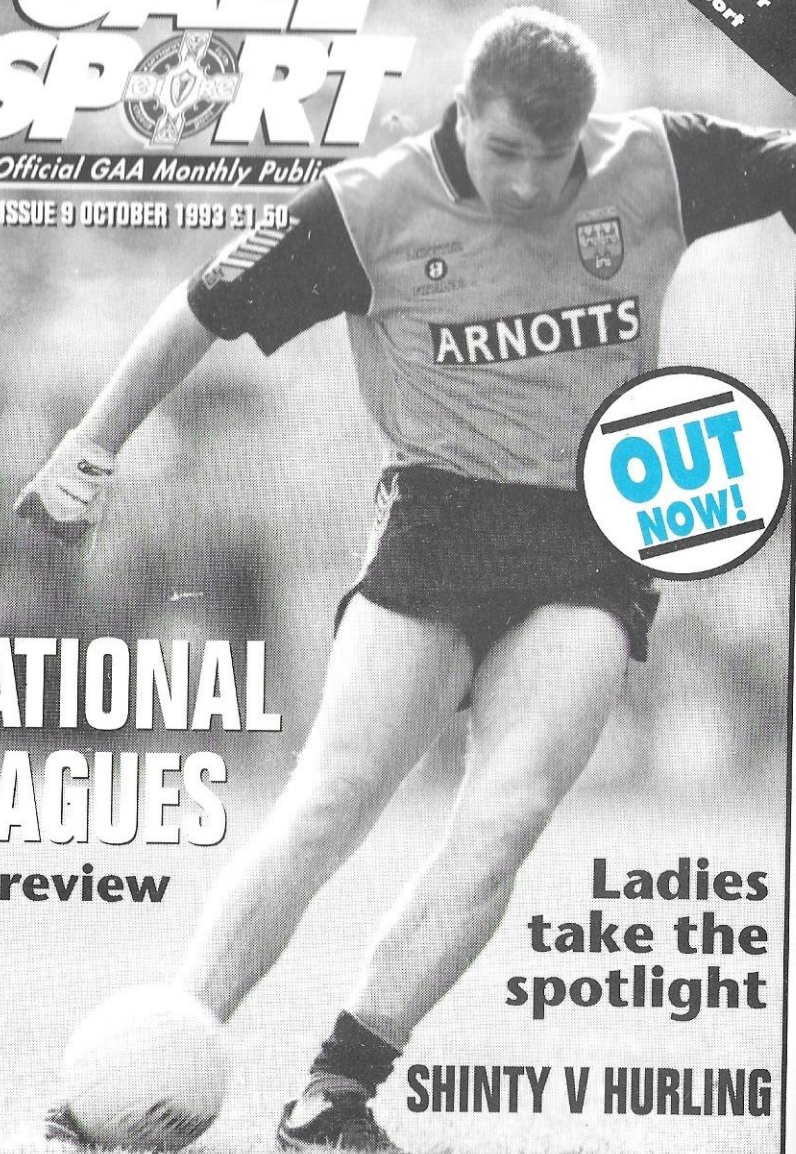
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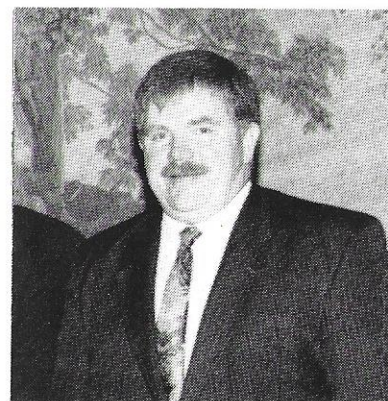
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Is mór an pleisiúr dom céad míle fáilte a chur roimh gach duine go Páirc an Chrócaigh inniu. Tá súil agam go mbaineadh sibh ar fad taithneamh as an lá agus go mbeidh cluichí iontacha againn áris i mbliana.

It is my privilege, as President of Cumann Peile Gael na mBan, to extend a warm welcome here today on the occasion of our All Ireland Senior and Junior Finals. In particular I would like to welcome players, officials and mentors from the four counties involved and I

would like to congratulate them on reaching the finals.

I would also like to welcome the referees, lines persons and umpires who will officiate at today's games.

The senior game is a repeat of the 1990 final between Kerry and Laois. This is Kerry's eleventh appearance in the senior final, having won the title on the previous ten occasions. On the other hand Laois are making their sixth appearance in the final, but are still seeking their first win.

In the junior game, London are making their fifth attempt to win the title while Donegal are making their first appearance in the final.

The growth of Ladies Football has continued during the past year and the sport is now coming to prominence with more ladies than ever playing the game. I look forward to today's games and I am sure we will witness the usual high standard of football and sportsmanship that we have come to expect on Ladies All Ireland day.

Finally, I wish to thank our guests and supporters for coming here today and hope all will get much enjoyment from our games.

Gabhaim fíor bhuíochas le Cumann Luthchleas Gael a chuir Páirc an Chrócaigh ar fáil dúinn inniu.

PEADAR DE RÍS,
Uachtarán.

DO YOU KNOW?

- (a) What well-known Country & Western singer won an All-Ireland ladies senior medal?
(b) What county did she win it with?
(c) In what year?
(d) What was her name at the time?
- What lady footballer has won the most All-Star Awards?
- What is the name of the Senior All-Ireland Cup?
- What is the name of the Junior All-Ireland Cup?
- How many All-Ireland titles have Offaly won?
- When was the Ladies Gaelic Football Association formed?
- How many counties have contested the All-Ireland Senior Final?
- Who are the current National Junior League Champions?
- How many counties are affiliated to the Ladies Football Association?
- Name the counties that have yet to affiliate?
- Who was the first President of the Association?
- In what year was the All-Ireland Club 7-a-side competition first played?
- What club has the most All-Ireland seven-a-side titles?
- Who is the odd one out and why? Edel Clarke, Sandra Allen, Julie Kavanagh, Patricia Butler, Maeve Quinn.
- What Kerry player played in the same position for all of their 9 All-Ireland titles in a row?
- In what year did Dublin win the All-Ireland Junior Title?
- Name a former Dublin player who captained another county to All-Ireland Senior success?
- Noel Murray (Waterford) refereed the 1985 All-Ireland senior final. True or False?
- Who were the first All-Ireland Junior Champions?
- Five sisters have played senior inter-county football with one county. Who are they?

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SENIOR

JOHN FLANAGAN (MANCHESTER)



John is a member of Emerald Gaels Club, Manchester. He has previously been involved in refereeing: All-Ireland 7-a-side Shield Final 1991; All-Ireland Club Final 1992; All-Ireland 7-a-side Cup Final 1992; Inter-Provincial Final 1993; All-Ireland Senior Semi-Final 1993. He also refereed GAA matches at county and provincial final levels.

He is currently President of the Provincial Council of Britain Cumann Peile Gael na mBan and is also Chairman of Lancashire Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Married to Carol with one child, Sinéad. Occupation: Civil Engineer and partner of a building and civil engineering company.

OFFICIALS

Substitute Referee: Christy Haughney, Carlow.

Umpires: Sandra Allen, Cork; Siobhan Haughney, Carlow; Philip O'Hare, Armagh; John Power, Clare.

Linespersons: Kathleen O'Neill, Wicklow and Geraldine Maher, Carlow.

JUNIOR

JOHNNY HAYES (CLARE)



Johnny is a member of Fergus Rovers Ladies Football Club and has been refereeing ladies football matches for the past number of years. Today he will take charge of his fourth All Ireland in Croke Park, having previously refereed the 1988 Junior final and the 1989 and 1992 Senior Finals. He has also refereed 2 Under 16 Finals, 2 Schools Finals, 1 Junior National League Final, Munster Senior Final 1991, Munster Senior Club, Junior and Minor Finals '92, this year's Under 18 and Junior All Ireland Semi Finals.

He referees at all levels in hurling and football in the G.A.A. in Clare - the high point being last year's County Senior Final.

Johnny is currently President of The Munster Council and former Chairman and Treasurer of the Clare Ladies Football Board. He was a selector on the Clare under age teams that won the '89 and '90 Under 16 and Minor All Irelands. He has won numerous honours on the playing field and was also a cross country runner.

He is married to Christina and they have three children - Brian, Michelle and Nicola.

OFFICIALS

Umpires: T.J. Kelly, Clare; Brendan Dardis, Meath; Marie McGovern, Leitrim; Linda Dignan, Wexford.

Linespersons: Nicola Walsh, Wexford; Helen Murphy, Clare.

PORTOBELLO LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB U. S. TOUR 1993

It was Thursday, 22nd July, 1993, the scene was Dublin Airport. A mixed group of 21 people, all wearing green and navy tracksuits, made their farewells to families and friends, picked up their hand luggage and with barely concealed excitement, made their way to the boarding gate to begin the trip of a lifetime.

This was the Portobello Ladies Gaelic Club from Rathmines, Dublin creating a little bit of history as they set out on their U.S. Tour, the group consisting of 15 players, manager Jim Boyle and 5 supporters. Never before had a ladies football team from Ireland travelled to America to play the game and now Portobello, founded in 1986, were flying out to play against ladies teams in New York and Philadelphia.

The idea of a U. S. tour had first been mentioned, initially as a joke, back in January, 1992, but when, later that year, Portobello ladies won both Division One League and Championship titles, the players decided that the time was right - the U.S. tour was on!

Many meetings were to follow in the months from September to June and financing the three week trip became top priority. It was hard work as no grants were available but the "craic" among the girls made the constant fund-raising seem almost enjoyable.

On arrival at Kennedy Airport we were welcomed by Terry Connaughton, President of New York Ladies Gaelic Football Board, who had organised transport to our

hotel in Manhattan. The next few days were spent viewing the sights while the nights were spent with the Irish Community in The Bronx.

Our first game, against the New York All Star Selection, took place on Sunday, 25th July in Paddy's Field. There were moments of quiet pride for all of us when we stood there on the pitch while Amhrán na bhFhiann was sung, followed by the Star Spangled Banner. The game commenced, New York went into a 3 point lead before Bernie O'Connell, one of Portobello's founding members, scored our first point and we settled into the game. As the game continued it became evident that both teams were fairly evenly matched and considering that we found it difficult to play in the 90 degree heat, Portobello were not too unhappy to lose by one point 2-10 - 3-6. Post match celebrations continued with a meal and function in the nearby Lansdowne Beer Garden where each Portobello player was presented with a souvenir trophy and Grainne Gallagher jointly received the "Player Of The Match" award with Rose Dunegan, New York. Portobello in return, presented Terry Connaughton with a piece of Tipperary Crystal and each New York player with a Claddagh Ring.

Our next game, two days later, was against Cavan Gaels, winners of the New York Championship, again in Paddy's Field. This time, however, Portobello, in what was a very tough, physical game, were beaten by a larger margin than before. Both teams later met again and celebrated into the early hours at a reception

in "The Pinewood". Then it was off to Philadelphia in the evening where Tom Farrelly and the girls of Notre Dame Ladies Club made us feel very welcome. Days in Philadelphia were spent seeing the many historic sights, sunbathing by the nearby pool or buying Levis in Franklin Mills Shopping Mall. We even played a game of baseball! Social highlight was the "banquet style" function organised in honour of our visit. On Sunday afternoon we played Notre Dame, in 90 degree heat once more, with our supporters running onto the pitch to us during the game with cups of water to prevent dehydration. In a good competitive, but sporting game Portobello finished up winners with a score 4-5 to 1-8. A feature of the Notre Dame team is that some of its players were neither Irish nor Irish American but, nonetheless, have become skilful footballers who enjoy the game to the full. Both teams attended a post match function in the Irish Centre. Portobello and Notre Dame teams presented each other with rings and trophies while some of our players managed

to win large amounts of money in their weekly Lotto.

The next day Portobello flew to Orlando, Florida where we spent 4 days visiting Disney's Magic Kingdom, Epcot, MGM and Universal Studios, not to mention the water fun parks. Then it was off to St. Petersburg on the Gulf of Mexico to relax, enjoy the sun, sea and sand and even play some volleyball on the beach.

All too soon it was time to return home. We landed in Dublin on a lovely, sunny morning to be welcomed back by old friends, eager to hear our news. We will all treasure the memories of this trip, the friends we travelled with and the new friendships made in the U.S. We are proud of Portobello, the first Irish Ladies Gaelic Club to tour the U.S. We are proud of ourselves for having successfully undertaken this trip and grateful to our friends and supporters who helped make it possible. We hope that this trip, and others like it, will promote the game here and abroad and look forward to having U. S. teams visit Portobello in the near future.

THE PORTOBELLO LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM WHICH RECENTLY TOURED THE U. S. 22nd JULY - 13th AUGUST, 1993



Back row, left to right, Dolores Kelly, Kathleen O'Shea, Maeve Gallagher, Grainne Gallagher, Grainne O'Meara, Helen Keaney, Geraldine Reynolds and Anne Reddington. Front row, left to right, Peg O'Connell, Fiona Clancy, Junko Imai, Christiana McNamara, Bernie O'Connell, Marion O'Brien and Jacinta O'Mahony.

A Brief History - LONDON LADIES COUNTY BOARD

Although Ladies Football was played in London from the early eighties the first organised meeting took place on the 21st May, 1986 at the Irish Club, Eaton Square, London. In the first year three clubs affiliated to the Board, this has now grown steadily to twelve. Gaelic Games are rarely taught in schools in Britain so therefore responsibility is firmly placed upon volunteers to initiate and maintain clubs.

Since 1986 Ladies Gaelic Football in London has made great progress both at club and County level. Each year clubs compete in the league and championship. Since 1989 there has been an "A" and "B" championship, the idea of the "B" Championship is to encourage and strengthen new or weak teams. In more recent years clubs compete in the All Britain Club Championship, in the All Ireland Club Championship and Inter Provincial competitions. Throughout the year there are many Irish Festivals and tournaments that clubs also take part in.

1988 was an important year for Ladies

football in London. The President of Cumann Peile Gael na mBan attended the Annual General Meeting, held in the Irish Cultural Club, Salsbury Road. He spoke very highly of the developments of Ladies Football in London, and said that the way forward for London was to affiliate to the Association. In the same year London affiliated to Cumann Peile Gael na mBan and played their first inter county game against Dublin in the G.A.A grounds at Ruislip, London. The developments of County Football in London has not only improved the standard of football in London but it has gained much respect and publicity. A high level of commitment and discipline is demanded from all players, but especially from county players who often travel 20 -30 miles to training three times a week, this may explain how London has been in the All Ireland final five times out of the last six years. Hard work and dedication from Board members has successfully promoted a positive image of Ladies Football at club and county level, thus attracting positive and enthusiastic new members.

OFFICERS OF LONDON COUNTY BOARD

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LONDON PEN PICTURES

ORLA HARRELL (Fr. Murphys): Orla is one of the youngest players on the panel, born in London her parents are from Wexford and Kildare. Honours: 2 All England U-16 5-a-side Championships, U-16 League medal with Tara boys.

LINA RYAN (Wembley Gaels): From Ardinnan in County Tipperary, Lina has won four London Championships. Honours: 4 County Championships with Wembley Gaels.

GABRIELLE RUANE (Tara): From Dublin, Gabrielle played in goals for London in 1990, '91 and '92. She would love to see the ladies All-Ireland played as a curtain raiser to the mens All-Ireland. Honours: 1982 All-Ireland Senior Schools Hockey winners, 3 All-Ireland Junior runners-up medals.

ANN LISTER (Taras): Ann is from Meath and won a senior club championship medal with the Taras in 1989.

MARY DALY (Parnells): Mary hails from Kildare. She has won one London senior football championship medal and also a county championship medal for camogie.

MARY BRENNAN (Kingdom): Mary comes from Monaghan. Her honours include 1989 Club Championship with Kingdom, 1985 and 1987 All-Ireland College Camogie Championship, and 1991 All-Ireland Colleges Soccer Championship.

FIONA NI CHEALLAIGH: From Galway Fiona comes from a family of eleven, ten of whom are boys and she is the only Gaelic footballer in the family. A keen soccer player she has an Irish Under 18 international cap.

MARIE B. KELLY (Garryowen): Marie comes from Mayo and has two Under 14 All-Irelands with her native Mayo. She also enjoys all other sports.

MARY NAUGHTON (Garryowen): This

is Mary's second year on the London team. From Galway she played camogie with U.C.G. and also played inter-county football with her native county. She has two Ashbourne Cup medals with U.C.G.

DEBORAH MCCOOEY (Glen Rovers): Deborah is a native of Monaghan. This is her second year with the London team.

PATRICIA (TISE) MIMNA (Parnells): 'Tise' who is captain today is from Swanlinbar in Co. Cavan. She has two Senior All-Ireland runners-up medals with Cavan and four Junior All-Ireland runners-up with London. She also won four London Senior County Championships and received her first All-Star award last year.

RITA MANNERING (Geraldines): Rita comes from Westmeath. She won a Junior Championship with London-Irish Camogie Club in 1993, and also has two runners-up championship medals with the Geraldines.

ELAINE KENDRICK (Parnells): Elaine is from Tipperary. She has won two All-Ireland U-16 medals with Tipperary. In 1993 she won her first Senior County Championship medal with Parnells.

JACKIE McCOWAN (Parnells): Jackie is from Dublin and won a County Championship medal with Parnells this year.

GERALDINE MUNNELLY (Parnells): Geraldine has been a member of the county panel since 1988. She is London born but her parents come from Mayo. She has two Senior Club Championship runners-up medals (Garryowen and Parnells) and one County Championship medal with Parnells.

JEANIE SHERIDAN (Parnells): This is her second year with the London panel. Born in London her parents hail from Dublin and Clare. She won her first county championship medal with Parnells this year.

FIONA MURPHY (Parnells): Fiona is London born and won a Senior Championship title with her club this year. She would love to see more women referees and officials involved in the sport.

BRID FITZGERALD (Geraldines): Brid is a native of Kilkenny. She was a member of last year's panel and is the holder of School All-Ireland camogie medals.

MARIE KELLY (Tara): This is Marie's first year with the London panel. She comes from Mayo.

BRIDGET BROWNE (Geraldines): Bridget comes from Tipperary. She has

a Junior County Championship medal and two Senior Championship runners-up medals.

ROSEMARIE LAHIFF (Tara): Rosemarie won an All-Ireland Minor medal with her native Cork in 1985.

SILE O'DEA (Parnells): Sile hails from Galway and won a Senior Championship medal with her club this year. This is her second year on the London panel.

CLAIRE MAYBIN (Kingdom): Claire is a native of Antrim and is a newcomer to the London panel.

TOMMY DONOHOE Trainer/Manager

Tommy, who hails from Galway, is in his second year in charge of the county team. A very knowledgeable fellow in both football and hurling, he trained the London team that won the All-Ireland "B" Final in 1990. He played his hurling with Brian Borus in London and football with Parnells.

He captained Parnells who won the All Britain Championship in centenary year. He is playing his football at the present time with the St. Mary's Club. He trains Parnells Ladies who are county champions for 1993.

BOB TRACEY Selector

Bob is the Chairman of the London County Board. He has been involved with the county team since 1988. He is a native

of County Wexford. Bob does a tremendous amount of work for ladies football in London.

† CLAIRE WILLIAMS R.I.P. †

1993 is a sad year for ladies football as it means the loss of one of its young members — Claire Maunsel Williams. She was a very active sports lady, playing soccer, badminton, squash and ladies football. Claire's first introduction to Ladies football was with Ballymacarbry (Waterford) with whom she distinguished herself playing between the posts and won a Munster club medal in 1984. Upon her emigration to London, with husband Derek, she joined Wembley Gaels and was very instrumental in her club winning 3 championships from 1990 - 1992. During this time Claire was also a prominent member of the London county team representing her adopted county twice in Croke Park. Claire had a love and enthusiasm for the game that inspired others around her. Her dedication to training and learning the skills was the essence of her game.

Claire's passing is a tremendous loss to her husband Derek, daughter Kelly, her club, county and to ladies football. Ar dheis Dé go raib a h-anam.



DONEGAL PEN PICTURES

BRONAGH GALLAGHER (St. Eunans):

Bronagh is fifteen years of age and plays in goals. Her hobbies include football, swimming and tennis. Honours: County Championship and League medals 1992, Ulster runners-up 1992. **Student.**

BERNIE FERRY (Dungloe): Bernie plays at right half back and is 22 years old. She also likes playing golf and swimming. **Leisure Centre Attendant.**

MARY GORDON (St. Eunans): Twenty-two year old Mary is the captain of the team. She plays in the right corner back position. Her interests include swimming and reading. Honours: County League and Championship medals 1992, Ulster Club runners-up 1992, 3 E.S.B. All-Ireland medals. **Shop Assistant.**

BRIDGET CLARKE (St. Eunans): Bridget is eighteen years old and plays in the left corner back position. Gaelic football, swimming and running are among her interests. Honours: County League and Championship medals 1992. **Student.**

DEIRDRE SWEENEY (St. Eunans): Deirdre is twenty nine years of age and plays at midfield. Among her interests are football, basketball and reading. Honours: County League and Championship medals 1992, County Basketball titles. **Teacher.**

GRACE MEADE (Aopdh Ruadh, Ballyshannon): Twenty-four year old Grace plays in the centre half back position. Her hobbies include football, swimming and body building. Honours: Medals in swimming. **Leisure Centre Attendant.**

LELA McCUSKER (St. Eunans): Lela plays at half back and is nineteen years of age. Swimming, reading and football are hobbies of Lela's. Honours: County League and Championship medals. **Student.**

CAROLINE McHUGH (Ardara): Caroline is twenty one years old and midfield is her position on the team. Her interests

include basketball, indoor soccer and volleyball. Honours: County Shield runner-up medal 1992, Schools medal in Gaelic. Caroline is a first cousin of Donegal's Martin Gavigan (Rambo) who was on the All-Ireland winning side of 1992. **Secretary.**

DONNA KAVANAGH (St. Eunans): Eighteen year old Donna plays at half forward. Soccer and football are among her interests. Honours: County League and Championship medals 1992, All-Ireland winners medal in soccer. **Student.**

FRANCES JUDGE (St. Eunans): Frances is twenty-seven years old and plays in the centre half forward position. Running and judo are hobbies of Frances. Honours: County League and Championship medals 1992. **Secretary.**

MAIREAD GALLAGHER (Killybegs): Nineteen years old Mairead plays in the half forward line. Her interests include basketball, swimming and football. **Student.**

DENISE DUNNION (Four Masters): Denise is nineteen years old and plays at corner forward. Football, swimming and soccer are among her interests. Honours: County Minor captain 1992. **Shop Assistant.**

JOAN BARRON (St. Eunans): Joan is twenty years of age and plays at full forward. Football and all sports are her hobbies. Honours: County League and Championship medals 1992. Donegal player of the year 1992 **Student.**

AGNES CURRAN (Cloughaneely): Agnes is twenty six years old and left corner forward is her position. Her interests include cycling and indoor soccer. Honours: Played in Railway Cup and Ulster Final. **Machinist.**

LIZ GORDON (St. Eunans): Midfield is Liz's position and she is eighteen years old. Soccer, swimming and gaelic are among her interests. Honours: 3 All-Ireland medals with E.S.B., County League and Championship medals 1992. **Student.**

BRID CARR (St. Eunans): Brid is twenty-seven years old and left corner forward is her position. Soccer is Brid's main interest. Honours: County League and Championship medals 1992.

JACKIE FUREY (St. Nauls): Midfield is Jackie's position and she is twenty two years of age. Squash and swimming are among her interests. Honours: County camogie medal. **Chemist Assistant.**

TERESA CONWAY (McCumhalls): Twenty-seven year old Teresa plays in the corner forward position. Her interests include football, soccer and karate. Honours: All-Ireland winning soccer medal, league and championship runners-up 1992. **Clerical Officer.**

BREDA TINNEY (Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon): Breda is twenty-two years old and plays in the right half position. Basketball, football and swimming are her interests. **Publican.**

TRACEY FLOOD (Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon): Tracey is twenty-five years old and plays at corner back. Her interests include basketball, football and swimming. **Clerk Typist.**

FRANCES KANE (Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon): Twenty year old Frances plays at full forward. Football, camogie and swimming are among her hobbies. Honours: Ulster Representative 1992. **Secretary.**

ARLENE DEVINE (Sean McCumhalls, Ballybofey): Eighteen year old Arlene plays at corner back. Her interests in-

clude football, soccer, karate and swimming. Honours: Minor and Ulster representative. **Machinist.**

EILEEN McGINLEY (Cloughaneely): Eileen is eighteen years old and plays in the full back position. Soccer and cycling are her interests. Honours: Railway Cup U-18 winners. **Student.**

MARIA CARR (Naomh Columba): Eighteen year old Maria plays in the goalkeeping position. Her interests include football, pitch & putt, golf and cycling. **Bar Person.**

BARBARA FERRY (Cloughaneely): Barbara is twenty-eight years old and plays at right half back. Basketball and swimming are among her interests. Honours: Railway Cup and Ulster Championship. **Secretary.**

ANN MOHAN (St. Nauls): Ann is twenty-six years old and plays at right half forward. Her interests include soccer, squash and walking. **Primary Teacher.**

NOELLE ALCORN (Terman): Noelle plays in the half forward line and she is eighteen years old. Horse riding and football are her interests. Honours: County Minor 1992. **Student.**

AILISH HARKIN (Terman): Ailish is eighteen years old and midfield is her position. Her interests include football and swimming. Honours: County Minor 1992. **Apprentice with E.S.B.**

DEIRDRE GALLIGAN (Terman): Deirdre plays in midfield and she is thirty-two years old. She is fond of outdoor pursuits and football. **Teacher.**

Donegal County Board Officers

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Fixtures Secretary: Sean Gallagher (Naomh Brid).
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U-18 and U-16 Manager: Gerry Griffin (McCumhalls).

DONEGAL



Back row, left to right: Pat Walsh (Manager), Barbara McGhee-Ferry, Grace Meade, Bernie Ferry, Ailish Harkin, Deirdre Sweeney, Deirdre Galligan, Jackie Furey, Caroline McHugh, Frances Judge. Front row, left to right: Brid Carr, Agnes Currian, Denise Dunion, Maria Carr, Mary Gordon (Captain), Noelle Alcorn, Ann-Mohan, Eileen McGinley.

History of Ladies Football in Donegal

Sunday, March 21st, 1992 was an historic day for the women of Donegal. The venue was Ballyshannon and the occasion was the first round of the National League. The women of Donegal were finally taking to the G.A.A. fields, beginning their inter-county careers, and hoping to follow in the successful footsteps of their male counterparts. And what a start! They beat last year's League semi-finalists Roscommon by 6—4 to 2—4.

When it comes to the G.A.A. the women of Donegal have always had a good record of involvement at club level throughout the county.

We are also proud to have, as county secretary, Noreen Doherty, who is the first and only female secretary of any County Board in Ireland. The day had to come when the ladies would need to be more involved than at administration level. So on November 30th, 1991, a meeting was called for all those in the county interested in starting ladies Gaelic football. The meeting took place in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey, and was attended by over seventy people from different clubs. A County Board was formed. The Chairperson elected was Aidan Doherty, husband of Noreen, the present Secretary of the G.A.A. Board.

First and foremost they wanted to make people aware and let them realise that another branch of the G.A.A. had emerged in Donegal. This was not an easy task. People were very ignorant at first at the idea of women playing Gaelic football. Some genuine G.A.A. supporters showed little support, while others were fully supportive. But thankfully in the last year, attitudes have changed as they see the high level of Gaelic skills displayed by the women. In February 1992, eighteen clubs affiliated to the County Board. Players

were registered and clubs got down to the task of training their players. Referee courses were held to make referees and players aware of the rule differences.

It was decided to run a League and Championship within the county and to confine inter-county involvement to underage level for 1992. St. Eunans pulled off the double, winning both the League and Championship, while Urris won the Shield final.

So what of the future? Donegal now have twenty one clubs playing ladies football.

The success of the Donegal men's senior team winning their first All-Ireland and reaching the '93 League final has an added affect on ladies football in the county and they felt the time had come for them to participate in adult competition at national level. Pat Walsh (Bundoran) was elected team manager — no stranger to football. He is also a referee. He has as his mentors Sean Gavigan (Naomh Columba), a former county player, as well as Paul O'Loughlin (Aodh Ruadh) and Kevin Barnes (St. Eunans).

The ladies have high hopes for the future of the game. They had a very successful League campaign but it has been their progress in the Junior Championship which has really caught the eye.

We would like all Donegal supporters to get behind this team in their quest for glory. To the doubters, I say, Ladies football is here to stay. It is not in competition with mens football but it does enhance the G.A.A. don't forget that ladies make up 25% of the attendances at all G.A.A. matches.

Many of the ladies come from strong footballing families. The pedigree is there, so let's see the support from all enlightened Irish men and women of the county.

PAT WALSH Manager

Pat Walsh is the first Donegal Ladies team manager. He is a member of the Naomh Brid club and has been a senior referee in Donegal for 10 years. He is currently manager of Bundoran Ladies team and is also Chairman of the National Fixtures Committee. He has previous management experience of underage

teams with his native Naomh Brid. Pat is married to Geraldine and they have one son, Ryan.

Trainer: Sean Gavigan (Naomh Columba).

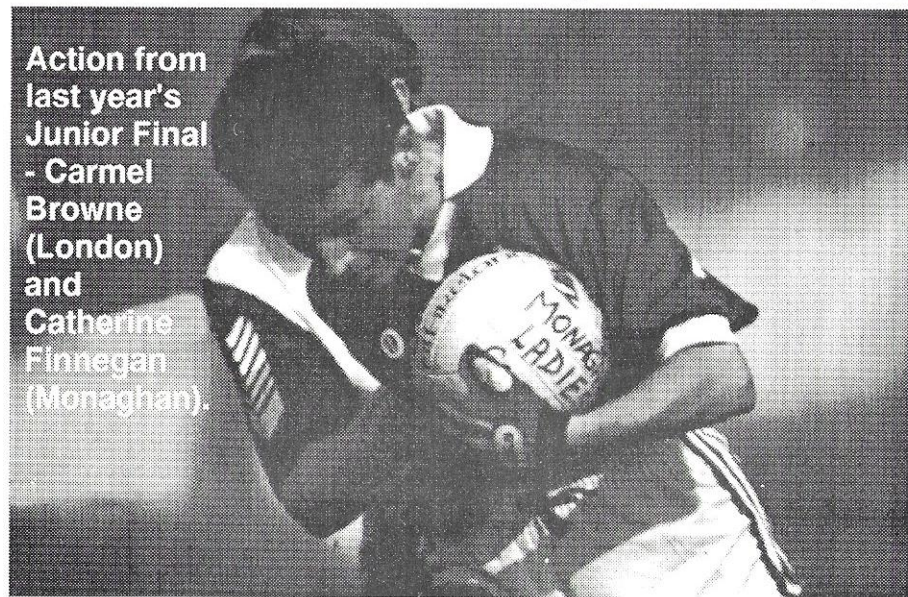
Selectors: Kevin Barron (St. Eunans), Paul O'Loughlin (Aodh Ruadh) and Charlie Kavanagh (St. Eunans).

Donegal Senior Team Success

The success of the Donegal senior team in '92 is now being equalled by our talented Ladies team. To reach an All-Ireland final in their first year is a tremendous achievement in itself. A victory today would really be the icing on the cake and would help to relieve the pain of our Ulster final defeat. Anybody who has seen this team play will realise that they are very talented, with the necessary qualities and commitment and passion to back up their un-

doubted skills. The defence is very strong with Mary Gordon and Grace Meade inspiring figures. The ball skills of Donna Kavanagh and the lethal finishing of Denise Dunnion and Joan Barron would do justice to any men's team. The work which has gone on behind the scenes is obviously paying off and I am looking forward to seeing Pat and the rest of the squad celebrating a famous victory today. Good luck girls. Matt Molloy.

Donegal full back on All-Ireland winning team of 1992



Action from last year's Junior Final - Carmel Browne (London) and Catherine Finnegan (Monaghan).

Donegal Ladies Co. Team's Path To The Final

DONEGAL v. TYRONE

Donegal 4-8
Tyrone 0-7

Joan Barron 1-2
Denise Dunnian 2-3
Caroline McHugh 0-2
Aggie Curran 0-1
Noelle Alcorn 1-0

DONEGAL v. MEATH

Donegal 4-6
Meath 0-8

Joan Barron 1-4
Denise Dunnian 1-2
Mairead Gallagher 1-0
Lela McCusker 1-0

DONEGAL v. FERMANAGH ULSTER FINAL

Donegal 9-12
Fermanagh 0-4

Joan Barron 4-6
Denise Dunnian 3-2
Caroline McHugh 0-2
Aggie Curran 1-1
Noelle Alcorn 1-0
Frances Judge 0-1

DONEGAL v. CORK

Donegal 4-12
Cork 0-8

Joan Barron 0-6
Denise Dunnian 1-2
Aggie Curran 0-1
Mairead Gallagher 2-0
Donna Kavanagh 1-2
Frances Judge 0-1

DONEGAL'S TOP SCORERS

DENISE DUNNIAN 7-9

JOAN BARRON 7-8

MAIREAD GALLAGHER ... 3-0

NOELLE ALCORN 2-0

AGGIE CURRAN 1-3

DONNA KAVANAGH 1-2

CAROLINE McHUGH 0-4

LELA McCUSKER 1-0

FRANCES JUDGE 0-2

ST. VINCENT'S

The Ladies Gaelic Football Association thank the Committee and Members of St. Vincents G.A.A. Club, the Christian Brothers, Dublin Fire Brigade and Ard Scoil Rís for the use of their excellent facilities and particularly for the courtesy shown to the representatives of the Ladies Football Association during our A.I.B. All - Ireland Club Sevens yesterday.

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The Ladies Gaelic Football Association very much appreciate the generous sponsorship of Allied Irish Banks for our All Ireland Sevens. This is the seventh year that Allied Irish Banks have sponsored the competition and yesterday was one of the most successful ever.

It has now become one of the highlights of the All Ireland Final week end when teams and officials from all over the country can get together in a relaxed mood and enjoy a great day's football.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat Quill, Ita Flatley, and Helen O'Rourke for the amount of time and effort they put into making the Sevens such a success and also to the various clubs and their officials for taking part in the competition and I would ask them to show their appreciation to our sponsor - Allied Irish Banks.

CHRISTY BYRNE,
Árd Runaí.

Best Wishes To
The Kerry Ladies
Football Team



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ALL IRELAND HONOURS

Senior Winners / Runners-Up (Brendan Martin Cup)

1974	Tipperary	Offaly
1975	Tipperary	Galway
1976	Kerry	Offaly
1977	Cavan	Roscommon
1978	Roscommon	Tipperary
1979	Offaly	Tipperary
1980	Tipperary	Cavan
1981	Offaly	Cavan
1982	Kerry	Offaly
1983	Kerry	Wexford
1984	Kerry	Leitrim
1985	Kerry	Laois
1986	Kerry	Wexford
1987	Kerry	Westmeath
1988	Kerry	Laois
1989	Kerry	Wexford
1990	Kerry	Laois
1991	Waterford	Laois
1992	Waterford	Laois

Under 18 Winners / Runners Up J. & M. Douglas Cup (Tullamore)

1980	Kerry	Cavan
1981	Kerry	Wexford
1982	Wexford	Leitrim
1983	Wexford	Leitrim
1984	Wexford	Cork
1985	Cork	Wexford
1986	Wexford	Clare
1987	Mayo	Cork
1988	Cork	Wexford
1989	Clare	Laois
1990	Clare	Dublin
1991	Waterford	Roscommon
1992	Laois	Waterford
1993	Waterford	Wexford

Under 16 Winners / Runners Up P.M.P.A. Ballina Perpetual Cup

1976	Mayo	Kerry
1977	Cavan	Roscommon
1978	Tipperary	Roscommon
1979	Tipperary	Cavan
1980	Tipperary	Laois
1981	Wexford	Tipperary
1982	Wexford	Kerry
1983	Wexford	Tipperary
1984	Cork	Wexford
1985	Clare	Wexford
1986	Cork	Wexford
1987	Clare	Mayo
1988	Laois	Kerry
1989	Dublin	Waterford
1990	Clare	Offaly
1991	Waterford	Roscommon
1992	Wicklow	Kerry

Junior Winners / Runners Up (John Timmins Cup)

1985	Galway	Cork
1986	Waterford	Wexford
1987	Mayo	Wexford
1988	Leitrim	London
1989	Dublin	Clare
1990	Wicklow	London
1991	Clare	London
1992	Monaghan	London

A.I.B. ALL IRELAND CLUB 7-A-SIDE CUP

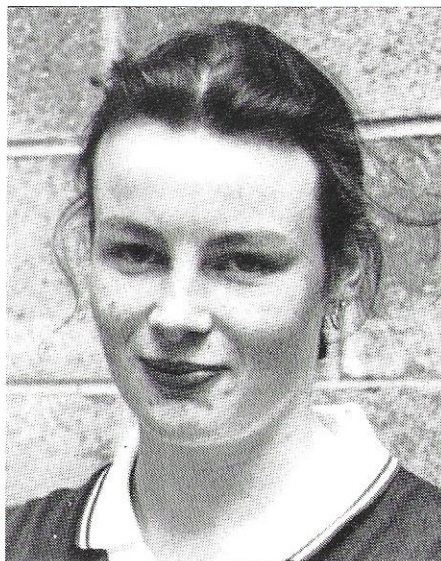
	Winners	Runners - Up
1985	St. Enda's, Cork	Adamstown, Wexford
1986	The Heath, Laois,	St. Enda's, Cork
1987	B'macarbry, Waterford	St. Enda's, Cork
1988	B'macarbry, Waterford	Adamstown, Wexford
1989	B'macarbry, Waterford	Crettyard, Laois
1990	B'macarbry, Waterford	Glanworth, Cork
1991	Beaufort, Kerry	Coralstown, Westmeath
1992	Beaufort, Kerry	Abbeydorney, Kerry

SENIOR CAPTAINS



KERRY CAPTAIN

Name: **Eileen Lawlor Dardis.**
 Club: **Summerhill (Co. Meath).**
 Occupation: **Teacher.**
 Favourite Lady Footballer: **Margaret Lawlor Slattery, Kerry.**
 Favourite Camogie Player: **Norma Delaney, Cork.**
 Favourite Gaelic Footballer: **John Egan, Kerry.**
 Favourite Hurler: **Pat Fox, Tipperary.**
 Most difficult opponent: **Phil Curran, Kerry.**
 Best Sporting Memory: **Winning my first All-Ireland medal at minor level and winning this years Munster Final.**
 Ambition: **To captain All-Ireland winning team.**
 Honours: **9 senior All-Irelands, 2 Minor All-Irelands, 10 National Leagues, 2 County Championship medals, 1 Junior League medal and 5 All-Star Awards.**
 Hobbies: **Swimming, Soccer, Squash and Walking.**
 Advice to young players: **Be dedicated to your sport, train hard and enjoy the game.**



LAOIS CAPTAIN

Name: **Mary Casey.**
 Club: **Timahoe.**
 Occupation: **Sales Assistant.**
 Favourite Lady Footballer: **Linda Brennan (Laois).**
 Favourite Camogie Player: **Gillian Dillon (Kilkenny).**
 Favourite Gaelic Footballer: **Pat Rowe (Laois).**
 Favourite Hurler: **Teddy McCarthy (Cork).**
 Involved first: **Stradbally U14 Community Games team '86.**
 Most difficult opponent: **Edel Clarke (Westmeath).**
 Best Sporting Memory: **Winning Schools All-Ireland Final in '88.**
 Ambition: **To captain an All-Ireland winning senior team at Croke Park.**
 Honours: **1 silver, 1 bronze Community Games; 1 snr. county championship; 4 Leinster senior medals; 3 All-Ireland medals; 1 All-Star ward.1 replacement All-Star award.**
 Hobbies: **Volleyball, Football, Watching TV.**
 Advice to young players: **Train hard, play as a team, but most of all remember it is only a sport.**

JUNIOR CAPTAINS



DONEGAL CAPTAIN

Name: **Mary Gordon.**
 Club: **St. Eunans.**
 Occupation: **Sales Assistant.**
 Favourite Lady Footballer: **Joan Barron (St. Eunans).**
 Favourite Camogie Player: **Angela Downey (Kilkenny).**
 Favourite Gaelic Footballer: **Barry McGowan (Donegal).**
 Favourite Hurler: **Gerry McInerney (Galway).**
 Involved First: **January, last year.**
 Most difficult opponent: **Agnes Curran (Donegal)**
 Best Sporting Memory: **Winning the Donegal Ladies Championship and League Double for St. Eunans.**
 Ambition: **To win All-Ireland.**
 Honours: **Camogie at County Level; 3 E.S.B. All-Ireland medals; League & Championship medals; Runners-up in Ulster 1992.**
 Hobbies: **Swimming, reading, cycling.**
 Advice to young players: **To work hard at training and achieve a goal at the end.**



LONDON CAPTAIN

Name: **Patricia (Tise) Mimna.**
 Club: **Parnells Ladies.**
 Occupation: **Self Employed Caterer.**
 Favourite Lady Footballer: **Mary Jo Curran.**
 Favourite Camogie Player: **Angela Downey.**
 Favourite Gaelic Footballer: **Martin McHugh (Donegal).**
 Favourite Hurler: **D. J. Carey (Kilkenny).**
 Involved first: **'78 club with Aughawillan, Co. Leitrim; county with Cavan '79.**
 Most difficult opponent: **Bridget Leen (Kerry).**
 Best Sporting Memory: **Scoring my first goal in Croke Park.**
 Ambition: **To win All-Ireland medal with London.**
 Honours: **4 senior championship medals, 3 with Wembley Gaels, 1 with Parnells; 2 senior All-Ireland runner-up medals, '80-'81; 4 Junior All-Ireland runner up medals '88, '90, '91, '92.**
 Hobbies: **Squash, Badminton, Soccer, playing Gaelic Football.**
 Advice to young players: **Enjoy the game and be dedicated.**

SENIOR

Ciarraí (KERRY)

Dathanna:
GLAS AGUS ÓIR
(Green and Gold)

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| | C. Ní Chorráin | |
| | 1. KATHLEEN CURRAN
(South Kerry) | |
| B. Ní Laighin | P. Ní Chorráin | P. Ní Mhurchú |
| 2. BRIDGET LEEN
(Desmonds) | 3. PHIL CURRAN
(South Kerry) | 4. PATRICIA MURPHY
(Abbeydorney) |
| M. Ní Dhochartaigh | F. Ní Ruáin | C. Liostair |
| 5. MARION O'DOHERTY
(Desmonds) | 6. FIONNUALA RUANE
(Abbeydorney) | 7. KATIE LISTON
(Abbeydorney) |
| M. Nic Gearailt | A. Nic Coisteala | |
| 8. MARIE FITZGERALD
(Austin Stacks) | 9. ANN COSTELLO
(Abbeydorney) | |
| M. de Barra | M. Ní Chorráin | G. Ní Shé |
| 10. MARINA BARRY
(Austin Stacks) | 11. MARY JO CURRAN
(South Kerry) | 12. GERALDINE O'SHEA
(Blennerville) |
| E. Ní Mhaoilmhichil | E. Dairdis | E. Nic Conchoille |
| 13. EILEEN MULVIHILL
(Abbeydorney) | 14. EILEEN DARDIS (Capt.)
(Summerhill, Meath) | 15. EMILY WOODS
(Desmonds) |

IONADAÍ: 16. A. Nic Lochlainn AILEEN McLOUGHLIN *Austin Stacks*. 17. M. Ní Fhaitheartaigh MARGARET FLAHERTY *Desmonds*. 18. E. Nic Uileagóid HELENA McELLIGOTT *Abbeydorney*. 19. S. Ní Shuilleabhain SIOBHAN O'SULLIVAN *South Kerry*. 20. S. Ní Airtnéada SANDRA HARTNETT *Desmonds*. 21. E. Saoghar EILEEN SAYERS *Blennerville*. 22. E. Nic Ionnrachtaigh HELEN ENRIGHT *Abbeydorney*. 23. J. Ní Airtnéada JACKIE HARTNETT *Desmonds*. 24. M. de Prionnbhíol MAURA PRENDIVILLE *Desmonds*. 25. M. Ní Shíocháin MARY SHEEHAN *South Kerry*. 26. A. Ní Chéirín ANNE KERINS *Desmonds*. 27. P. Ní Bhruadau PATRICIA BRODERICK *Desmonds*.

SENIOR

Laois (LAOIS)

Dathanna:
GORM IS BÁN
(Blue and White)

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| | B. Ní Dhuiginn | |
| | 1. BERNIE DEEGAN
(Timahoe) | |
| E. Ní Lachtnáin | D. Langtún | C. Nic Conbhúí |
| 2. ELIZABETH LOUGHMAN
(Crettyard) | 3. DENISE LANGTON
(Crettyard) | 4. CONNIE CONWAY
(Crettyard) |
| M. Ní Fhaoláin | M. Ní Chathasaigh | T. Ní Shíocháin |
| 5. MARGARET PHELAN | 6. MARY CASEY (Capt.) | 7. TERESA SHEEHAN |
| B. Nic Eochaidh | M. Ní Dhuill | |
| 8. BRID KEOGH
(Crettyard) | 9. MARTINA DOYLE
(Crettyard) | |
| L. Ní Chearúil | L. Ní Bhraonáin | A. Ní Dhonnchú |
| 10. LULU CARROLL
(Tijmahoe) | 11. LINDA BRENNAN
(Crettyard) | 12. AMANDA DONOGHUE
(Timahoe) |
| M. Nic Eochaidh | S. Ní Ranacháin | M. Ní Braonáin |
| 13. MARY KEOGH
(Crettyard) | 14. SUE RAMSBOTTOM
(Timahoe) | 15. MARGARET BRENNAN
(Crettyard) |

IONADAÍ: 16. C. Ní Mhurchú KATHLEEN MURPHY *Portlaoise*. 17. C. Ní Chathasaigh CLAIRE CASEY *Timahoe*. 18. A. Ní Braonáin ANTOINETTE BRENNAN *Crettyard*. 19. E. Nic Eochaigh ELIZABETH KEOGH *Crettyard*. 20. P. Ní Ranach PAMELA RAMSBOTTOM *Crettyard*. 21. A. Ní Bhraonáin ALICE BRENNAN *Crettyard*. 22. E. Ní Mhurchú EAODAIN MURPHY *Crettyard*. 23. C. Ní Ghréacháin CORA GRAHAM *Timahoe*. 24. N. Ní Chathasa NUALA CASEY *Timahoe*. 25. R. Ní Leathlabhair RUTH LALOR *Timahoe*. 26. J. Breathnach JACKIE WALSH *Timahoe*. 27. E. Ní Eosa LISA HOSEY *Crettyard*. 28. S. Ní Fhearaigh JOAN McCarragher *Killeshin*.

JUNIOR

Londáin (LONDON)

Dathanna:
GLAS AGUS BÁN
(Green and White)

O. Ní hEairil
1. ORLA FARRELL
(Fr. Murphys)

B. De Brún
2. BRIDGET BROWN
(Geraldines)

G. Ní Ruáin
3. GABRIELLE RUANE
(Taras)

L. Ní Riain
4. LINA RYAN
(Wembley Gaels)

Máire Ní Dhalaigh
5. MARY DALY

M. Ní Bhraonáin
6. MARY BRENNAN

F. Ní Cheallaigh
7. FIONA NÍ CHEALLAIGH

P. Mimna
8. PATRICIA MIMNA
(Parnells)

D. Nic Chumhaí
9. DEBBIE McCOONEY
(Glen Rovers)

M. Ní Cheallaigh
10. MARIE KELLY
(Garryowen)

E. Nic Eanraic
11. ELAINE KENDRICK
(Parnells)

R. Ní Mhaonaráin
12. RITA MANNERING
(Geraldines)

J. Ní Shiordadáin
13. JANETTE SHERIDAN
(Parnells)

J. Nic Gabhann
14. JACKIE McGOWAN
(Parnells)

M. Ní Neachtain
15. MARY NAUGHTON
(Garryowen)

IONADAÍ: 16. M. Ní Cheallaigh MARIE KELLY *Taras*. 17. C. Máibín CLAIRE MAYBIN *Kingdom*. 18. A. Nic an Leastair ANNE LISTER *Tara*. 19. B. Nic Gearailt BREEGE FITZGERALD *(Geraldines)*. 20. S. Ní Dheá SHEILA O'DEA *Parnells*. 21. R. Ní Laithimh ROSEMARY LAHIFF *Tara*. 22. F. Ní Mhurchú FIONA MURPHY *Parnells*. 23. G. Ní Mhaonaile GERALDINE MUNNELLY *Parnells*.

JUNIOR

Dún na nGall (DONEGAL)

Dathanna:
GLAS AGUS ÓIR
(Green and Gold)

B. Ní Ghallchóir
1. BRONAGH GALLAGHER
(*St. Eunans*)

B. Ní Fhearaigh
2. BERNIE FERRY
(*Dunloe*)

M. Nig Mhuirneacháin
3. MARY GORDAN
(*St. Eunans*)

B. Ní Chleirigh
4. BRIDGBET CLARKE
(*St. Eunans*)

D. Nic Suibhne
5. DEIRDRE SWEENEY
(*St. Eunans*)

G. Miach
6. GRACE MEADE
(*Aodh Ruadh*)

L. Nic Oscair
7. LELA McCUSKER
(*St. Eunans*)

C. Nic Aodha
8. CAROLINE McHUGH
(*Ardara*)

B. Niuc an tSionnaigh
9. BREDA TINNEY
(*Aodh Ruadh*)

M. Ní Ghallchóir
10. MAIREAD GALLAGHER
(*Killybegs*)

P. Nic an Bhreithiún
11. FRANCES JUDGE
(*St. Eunans*)

D. Nic Caomhánaigh
12. DONNA KAVANAGH
(*St. Eunans*)

A. Ní Chorráin
13. AGNES CURRAN
(*Cloughanely*)

D. Ní Dhúinín
14. DENISE DUNNION
(*Four Masters*)

S. Ní Bhearáin
15. JOAN BARRON
(*St. Eunans*)

IONADAÍ: 16. M. Nic Giolla Cheara MARIA CARR *Naomh Columba*. 17. E. Nig Fhionnaile EILEEN McGINLEY *Cloughanely*. 18. P. Ní Chatháin FRANCES KANE *Aodh Ruadh*. 19. E. Nig Mhuirneacháin LIZ GORDAN *St. Eunans*. 20. N. Alcorn NOELLE ALCORN *Termon*. 21. A. Ní Dhaimhín ARLENE DEVINE *Mac Cumhaills*. 22. B. Ní Fhearaigh BARBARA FERRY *Cloughanely*. 23. A. Ní Mhaoltuile TRACEY FLOOD *Aodh Ruadh*. 24. T. Ní Mhaoltuile TRACEY FLOOD *Aodh Ruadh*. 25. T. Nic Conmidhe TERESA CONWAY *Mac Cumhaills*. 26. J. Ní Fhoirréidh JACKIE FUREY *St. Nauls*. 27. A. Ní Earcáin AILISH HARKIN *Termon*. 28. B. Nic Giolla Cheara BREEGE CARR *St. Eunans*. 29. D. Ní Ghealagáin DEIRDRE GALLIGAN *Termon*.

PAT HARTNETT

KERRY TEAM TRAINER

PAT HARTNETT (Kerry Trainer) - Desmonds.

Pat is a native of Castleisland Desmonds Mens Club.

He was appointed trainer of the Ladies Team at the A.G.M. of Kerry Co. Board earlier this year.

He is married to Barbara. They have three daughters — Sandra (age 18) and Jackie (age 17) are both members of the Kerry panel; the youngest member of the family is Tracy (age 12).



SNIPPETS

Nine members of the Kerry 1988 team that defeated Laois in the All-Ireland final that year are included in this year's team. They are: Kathleen Curran, Brigid Leen, Marion O'Doherty, Phil Curran, Mary Jo Curran, Marina Barry, Margaret Flaherty, Eileen Dardis.

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The Kerry Selectors are: Michael Fitzgerald (Castleisland), Helen Dowling (Austin Stacks), Dell Whyte (Austin Stacks), Margaret Lawlor-Slatery (Ballyduff) and Pat Hartnett (Castleisland) who is also the Trainer.

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KERRY PEN PICTURES

KATHLEEN CURRAN (South Kerry).

Kathleen is a former Dublin goalie who joined Kerry in 1985. Resides in Dingle and plays her club football with South Kerry. Other sporting interests are horses and racquet ball at which she has represented Ireland on several occasions. Honours won: 6 senior All-Irelands, 7 Munster championships, 6 National Leagues, six All-Star awards, 4 Interprovincial Championships, 2 All-Ireland Sevens medals. **Own Taxi Business.**

BRIDGET LEEN (Desmonds). Bridget is among the greatest corner backs in the history of the game. Captained Kerry to victory in 1984, has a great interest in greyhounds. Honours won: 9 All-Ireland senior medals, 1 All-Ireland Minor medal, 2 Club All-Irelands, 11 Munster Championships, 9 National Leagues, 6 Interprovincials, 3 All-Star awards. **Shop Assistant.**

PHIL CURRAN (South Kerry). Phil was a member of the All-Ireland winning Minor teams of 1980 and 1981. A very tight marking defender, has played in all six defensive positions. She is a sister of Mary Jo. Honours won: 8 senior All-Irelands, 10 Munster Championships, 2 Minor All-Irelands, 10 National Leagues, 2 Interprovincial Championships, 2 All-Ireland Sevens medals, 2 All-Star awards. **Health Officer.**

PATRICIA MURPHY (Abbeydorney). A member of the panel since 1986 but has only attained a permanent position at left full back in 1990 when she took over from Tess O'Carroll who had retired. Honours won: 4 senior All-Irelands, 5 National Leagues, 5 Munster Championships, 2 Interprovincial Championships. **Civil Servant.**

MARION O'DOHERTY (Desmonds)

Marion first played with the Kerry Seniors against Cork in the National League

in 1979. Has played in all senior championship games since 1982. Has won 15 All-Ireland titles in handball. Honours won: 9 senior All-Irelands, 2 Minor All-Irelands, 2 All-Ireland Club titles, 11 National Leagues, 11 Munster Championships, 6 Interprovincial Championships, 4 All-Star awards. **Secretary.**

FIONNUALA RUANE (Abbeydorney). A native of Co. Mayo. Fionnuala is a P.E. teacher in Tarbert. Joined the Kerry panel in 1990. A whole hearted player who is equally effective in defence or midfield. Honours won: 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 Munster Championships, 2 National Leagues, 2 Interprovincial Championships, 1 All-Star award. **P.E. Teacher.**

KATIE LISTON (Abbeydorney). A native of Loughill, Co. Limerick. One of the best young players in the country. Won player of the match award in 1990 All-Ireland senior final while only 18 years old. Honours won: 2 senior All-Irelands, 3 National Leagues, 4 Munster Championships, 2 Interprovincials, 2 All-Star awards. **Student, U.C.D.**

ANN COSTELLO (Abbeydorney). Ann made her debut with Kerry in 1984. Has played in a number of different positions. A very dedicated member. Honours won: 6 senior All-Irelands, 6 National Leagues, 7 Munster Championships, 2 Interprovincial Championships. **Self-employed.**

MARIE FITZGERALD (Austin Stacks). Marie is a sister of Kerry star Maurice Fitzgerald. A brilliant young player. Made her debut against Clare in 1992 Munster Championship. Played a prominent part in Munster's Interprovincial victory earlier this year. Honours won: 1 Munster Championship, 1 Interprovincial Championship. **Nurse.**

MARINA BARRY (Austin Stacks). Marina has played at right half forward in all

of Kerry's nine-in-a-row All-Ireland victory march and is the only player to play in the same position. She was captain against Wexford in 1983, still as fast as ever on the wing. Honours won: 9 senior All-Irelands, 2 Minor All-Irelands, 11 National Leagues, 11 Munster Championships, 2 Interprovincial Championships, 5 All-Star awards. **Teacher.**

MARY JO CURRAN (South Kerry). Mary Jo is rated the greatest lady footballer of all time. Equally at home at midfield or centre half-forward. A wonderful fielder and very stylish player. A sister of Phil. Honours won: 9 senior All-Irelands, 2 Minor All-Irelands, 11 National Leagues, 7 Interprovincial Championships, 11 Munster Championships, 10 All-Star Awards. **Teacher.**

AILEEN McLOUGHLIN (Austin Stacks). Aileen is a sister of former player and present selector Dell Whyte. A member of senior panel since 1990. Honours won: 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 National Leagues, 2 Munster Championships. **Secretary.**

EILEEN MULVIHILL (Abbeystown). Eileen is one of many young members on the panel. A student in Tralee. A member of the senior panel since 1990. Honours won: 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 Munster Championships. **Student.**

EILEEN DARDIS (Summerhill, Co. Meath). Eileen transferred to Summerhill this year after many successful years with Abbeystown. She captains the team and leads by example. She is sister of former star Margaret Lawlor Slattery, who is currently a selector. Honours won: 9 senior All-Irelands, 1 minor All-Ireland, 11 National Leagues, 11 Munster Championships, 6 Interprovincial Championships, 5 All-Star awards. **Teacher.**

EMILY WOODS (Desmonds). Emily is another of the young players to join the panel this year while still a minor. Came on as a sub against Waterford in Munster final and played against Monaghan in All-Ireland semi-final. A fast, skilful

player with a bright future. Honours won: 1 Munster Championship (senior). **Student.**

MARGARET FLAHERTY (Desmonds). A very versatile performer, has filled many different positions, both in defence and attack. Captained the team against Westmeath in 1987. Honours won: 9 senior All-Irelands, 2 Minor All-Irelands, 11 National Leagues, 11 Munster Championships, 1 Interprovincial Championship. **Accountant.**

SIOBHAN SULLIVAN (South Kerry). Siobhan is another versatile player who can play in defence or attack. Was centre half back in the Munster final against Waterford and played in attack for part of game against Monaghan in All-Ireland semi-final. Honours won: 3 All-Irelands (senior), 4 National Leagues, 4 Munster Championships, 2 All-Ireland Seven-a-side medals. **Unemployed.**

HELENA McELLIGOTT (Abbeystown). A lovely footballer. Played corner forward against Laois in All-Ireland Final of 1990 while still only 17. Missed most of 1993 games as she was in America during summer. Honours won: 1 senior All-Ireland, 2 Munster Championships, 2 National Leagues. **Student.**

SANDRA HARTNETT (Desmonds). Sandra is one of the young promising players to join the panel this year. Also a very good basketballer. Honours won: Munster Schools Medal 1991, 1 Munster Senior Championship. She is a daughter of the trainer. **Student.**

JACKIE HARTNETT (Desmonds) Jackie is a younger sister of Sandra and also joined the senior panel this year. Made her debut in a challenge game against Mayo and played very well. Honours won: 1 Munster Senior Championship. **Student.**

HELEN ENRIGHT (Abbeystown). Made her debut with Kerry seniors against Waterford in this year's National League. Honours won: 1 Junior and 1 Senior County Championship with Abbeystown; 1 Munster Senior Cham-

ampionship. **Accounts Clerk.**

GERALDINE O'SHEA (Blennerville). A brilliant young player. Captained this year's under 16 team, beaten by Wicklow in All-Ireland final. Came on as a sub in Munster final against Waterford and made a very valuable contribution, scoring one great point. Honours won: 1 under 14 All-Ireland championship, 1 under 16 Munster championship, 1 under 16 All-Ireland runner-up medal, 1 Munster Senior Championship. **Student.**

EILEEN SAYERS (Blennerville). A club mate of Geraldine O'Shea and also a member of this year's under 16 team. A versatile performer. Can play in goal, centrefield or in attack. Honours won: 1 under 14 All-Ireland Championship, 1 under 16 Munster Championship, 1 Munster Senior Championship. **Student.**

PATRICIA BRODERICK (Desmonds). Has played in goal for Kerry under 16 and minor teams. Played full forward in

under 14 blitz of 1991. Honours won: 1 All-Ireland under 14 Championship, 1 Munster Senior Championship. **Student.**

MAURA PRENDIVILLE (Desmonds). Has played under 16 and minor for the county. A very fast and attack minded defender with a bright future. Only joined panel during summer. Honours won: 1 Munster Senior Championship. **Student.**

MARY SHEEHAN (South Kerry). Mary played with Beaufort last year but when South Kerry decided to form a club she was one of the founder members. A very fast exciting player. Honours won: 1 Junior County League, 1 Munster Senior Championship. **Secretary.**

ANNE KERINS (Desmonds). Anne is another young player who joined the panel this year after several impressive displays with her club. Plays all her football in attack. Honours won: 1 Munster Senior Championship.

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KERRY - A Brief History

In 1974 Michael Fitzgerald took it upon himself to call a meeting at the GAA pavilion at Tralee, to find out how much interest there was in Ladies Football, within the county. A large crowd turned up for this meeting from a number of different areas in Kerry. On that night it was decided to form a Ladies Football County Board. About this time a Munster Council was formed when four Counties formed County Boards and about twelve teams were affiliated to a newly formed Central Council. Later on in 1974 Kerry won two games in the Munster Championship beating Waterford and Cork, but losing to Tipperary in the Munster Final at Tipperary. Michael and his team of mentors knew then that Kerry would need more experience and a greater panel of players if they were to make an impression in 1975.

In 1975 more teams affiliated to the Kerry Co. Board. In June Kerry played Waterford in the first round of the Munster Championship and won easily. They played Cork in the Munster semi-final at Castleisland and again won rather easily. In doing so they qualified for another crack at Tipperary in the Munster Final in Killarney. This was a game which Kerry

again lost. At this stage Kerry were wondering if they were ever going to beat Tipperary, but they had not long to wait.

The year 1976 was to be Kerry's greatest year in the short history of Ladies Football. They played Cork in the first round of the Munster championship at Banteer on the 10th of July, 1976 and won by 5-10 to 2-1. This was the most promising display by the Kerry girls to date. The next round was the Munster semi-final against Waterford at Fossa on July 23rd. Kerry won and surprised many male on-lookers with their skills. And so for another clash with Tipperary. Kerry had a few injury problems that year but despite these setbacks, Kerry took on Tipperary on their doorstep and won the Munster Championship for the first time on a score of 3—1 to 0—3. Kerry travelled to Breffni Park, Cavan on the 11th Sept. to play Cavan in the All-Ireland Final for the very first time against Offaly. This was played at Lillteton, Co. Tipperary on the 10th October. The final score in the game was 4-6 to 1-5 and so the Kingdom had won the All-Ireland Title for the very first time.

Since then Kerry have gone on to win 9 All-Ireland titles in a row.

SNIPPETS

Right half back Marion O'Doherty, who first played with Kerry in November 1979 is the only member of the team to have played in all championship games since 1982 while right-half forward Marina Barry is the only player to be selected in the same position for every All-Ireland Final.

Twomey; 1986: Annette Walsh; 1987: Margaret Flaherty; 1988: Mary Lane; 1989: Kathleen Curran; 1990: Dell Whyte.

Kerry with 10 All-Ireland titles, hold more than half the sixteen played since 1974.

Kerry 1976, 1982-1990	(10)
Tipperary 1974, '75, '80	(3)
Offaly 1979, 1981	(2)
Roscommon 1978	(1)
Cavan 1977	(1)
Waterford 1991, 1992	(2)

The Kerry captains for the nine in a row are:

1982: Marion O'Doherty; 1983: Marina Barry; 1984: Brigid Leen; 1985: Siobhan



KERRY

KERRY BACKROOM TEAM

SELECTORS:

HELEN DOWLING (Austin Stacks). She is a Co. Selector since 1981. She is also Secretary of the Co. Board.

MICK FITZTERALD (Desmonds). Mick is a selector since 1974 and is also Chairman of the Co. Board.

MARGARET LAWLOR SLATTERY (Ballyduff). Appointed selector at this year's A.G.M. Margaret is the holder of 10 All-Ireland medals and played at right full forward in the 1990 All-Ireland Final.

DELL WHYTE (Austin Stacks). Dell was also appointed at this year's A.G.M.. She is the holder of 7 All-Ireland Senior medals. She played full back in the 1990 All-Ireland Final.

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MARY CASEY (Timahoe): Captain. Although only 19 this is Mary's fifth year as a senior player. She is this year's captain and is the first player from Timahoe to have this honour. Honours: U-18 and 1 Senior Championship, U-16 and U-18 All-Ireland Championships, 3 Senior Leinster Championships, 1 All-Star Award. **Sales Assistant.**

BERNIE DEEGAN (Timahoe): Bernie proved to be the best 'keeper in the country last year by picking up her first All-Star Award in that position. Honours: U-18 and 1 Senior County Championship, U-18 and 3 Leinster Senior Championships, 1 All-Star Award. **Third Level Student.**

BRID KEOGH (Crettyard): Brid is a player of great strength and speed. She has given great service to her county since she first joined the county team in 1985. Honours: 3 Senior County Championships, 4 Leinster Championships and 2 Interprovincials. **Sales Assistant.**

MARGARET BRENNAN (Crettyard): Margaret had an outstanding year as a roaming No. 15. She is a very fit and determined player. Honours: U-16, U-18, Junior and 4 Senior County Championships, 6 Leinster Championships, 4 Interprovincials, 2 All-Star Awards, 1 Leinster Express Sports Star Award.

KATHLEEN MURPHY (Portlaoise): Kathleen has made a great contribution to Laois' success this year. She has proven lethal on the edge of the square. Honours: 7 Senior County Championships, 5 Leinster Club Championships, 2 All-Ireland Club Championships, 1 All-Star. **Housewife.**

TERESA SHEEHAN (Crettyard): Better

known as "Shiner", Teresa has had some sterling performances in the Laois jersey. She is a very good attacking half back. Plays in goal for her club. Honours: 2 Senior County Championships, 2 Leinster Championships, 2 Interprovincials. **Secretary.**

ANTOINETTE BRENNAN (Crettyard): Antoinette trained the Laois Minors to their first All-Ireland success last year. She is a player of great spirit. She is Chairperson of her club and also Laois P.R.O. Honours: U-16, U-18, Junior and 4 Senior County Championships, 5 Leinster Championships, 1 Interprovincial, 1 silver and bronze Community Games medal. **Draughtsperson.**

LULU CARROLL (Timahoe): Lulu has moved from centre half forward to win forward this year and has proved herself well. She is a first class fielder and a good deliverer of a ball. Honours: U-16, U-18 and 1 Senior County Championship, 4 Senior Leinster Championships, 1 All-Star. **Sales Assistant.**

MARTINA DOYLE (Crettyard): Martina is a football fanatic. She creates good space and takes a good score. Her ambition after winning a Senior All-Ireland is to represent Laois in the "Rose of Tralee". Honours: 4 Senior County Championships, 4 Leinster Championships, 1 Interprovincial. **Hairdresser.**

RUTH LALOR (Timahoe): Ruth is a very crafty and steady defender. She creates problems for any forward. Ruth is a sister of Mary Ramsbottom (selector). Honours: 1 Senior County Championship, 4 Leinster Senior medals, bronze and silver Community Games medals.

LAOIS



Back row, left to right: Theresa Sheehan, Alice Brennan, Linda Brennan, Mary Casey, Bernie Deegan, Claire Casey, Elizabeth Loughman, Nuala Casey and Brid Kehoe. Middle row, left to right: Denise Langton, Elizabeth Kehoe, Martina Doyle, Connie Conway, Antoinette Brennan, Margaret Phelan, Cora Graham, Sue Ramsbottom, Mary Kehoe, Kathleen Murphy. Front row, left to right: Margaret Brennan, Lisa Hosey, Lulu Carroll, Jackie Walsh, Ruth Lalor and Eoadain Murphy. Missing from photo: Pamela Ramsbottom, Amanda Donoghue and Joan McCarragher.

Sales Assistant.

CONNIE CONWAY (Crettyard): Connie is one of the best known and dedicated players of the game. She is a great ambassador and example to young players. A strong and solid defender. Honours: 5 Senior County Championships, 2 Leinster Club Championships, 6 Senior Leinster Championships, 5 Interprovincials, 4 All-Star Awards, Leinster Express Award. **Executive Assistant.**

AMANDA DONOGHUE (Timahoe): A very stylish player and tireless worker. She is a fitness fanatic and is studying sports and leisure in America at the moment. Honours: U-16, U-18 and 1 Senior County Championship, 2 U-16 Leinster Championships and 1 U-16 All-Ireland, 1 U-18 and 4 Senior Leinster Championships, 2 All-Star awards, gold and silver Community Games. **Student in U.S.A.**

DENISE LANGTON (Crettyard): Denise, better known as "Packie", is a very determined and wholehearted player. She gives her opponent little time to settle. Packie is a great storyteller and can play the spoons very well. Honours: Junior and 3 Senior County Championships, 4 Leinster Championships, 3 Interprovincials. **Domestic Engineer.**

CORA GRAHAM (Timahoe): This is Cora's second year on the county team and she loves to play between centrefield and half forward line. A very determined player and gives 100% both at training and in a game. Honours: 1 County Junior Championship, 2 Leinster Championships. **Business Proprietor.**

MARGARET PHELAN (Crettyard): A young defender with a great future. She captained the Laois Minor team to All-Ireland glory last year and won player of the match at centre half back in the final. Honours: 3 Senior County Championships, 2 U-18 Leinster Championships, 1 U-18 All-Ireland, 3 Leinster Senior

Championships. **Third Level Student.**

SUE RAMSBOTTOM: She is a top class forward and very strong. She has played many outstanding games for Laois. Honours: U-12 Schools and Rural County Championships, U-16, U-18 and 1 Senior County Championship, 2 U-16 and 2 U-18 Leinster Championships, 1 U-16 All-Ireland, 5 Senior Leinster Championships, 2 Interprovincials, 3 All-Star Awards, I.N.T.O. G.A.A. Skills. **Army Cadet.**

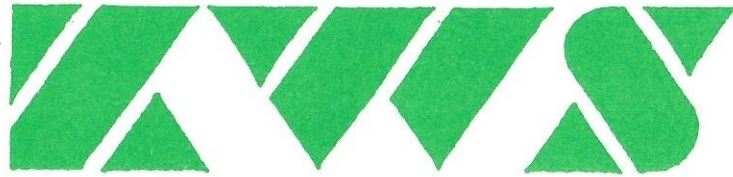
ELIZABETH LOUGHMAN (Crettyard): A very strong player. Her performance in the No. 3 shirt for the U18 team was her stepping stone to a corner back on the senior team. Honours: U-16 and 3 Senior County Championships, 2 U-18 Leinster, 1 U-18 All-Ireland Championship.

LINDA BRENNAN (Crettyard): Linda is a very young and stylish player. She is a very accurate scorer and a keen free taker. She was a member of last year's U-18 team. Honours: U-14, U-16, U-18, Junior and 3 Senior County Championships, 2 U-18 Leinster and 1 U-18 All-Ireland Championship, 3 Leinster Senior Championships. **Second Level Student.**

PAMELA RAMSBOTTOM (Crettyard): Pamela is an absolute sports fanatic. She has made a great return to the squad after a knee operation. She has run many marathons. She is the 'Christy Moore' of the team, bringing her guitar with her wherever she goes. Honours: U-16, U-18, Junior and 4 Senior County Championships, 5 Leinster Championships and 1 Interprovincial. **Army Private.**

MARY KEHOE (Crettyard): Mary is a sister of Brid and Elizabeth. She is a very nippy forward. She was a member of last year's Minor All-Ireland team. Honours: U14, U-16 and 3 Senior County Championships, 2 U-18 Leinster and 1 All-Ireland medal, 2 Leinster Senior

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ALICE BRENNAN (Crettyard): Alice joined the panel last year and proved a very promising and talented young player. She is a very athletic young person and is also very successful in the track and field events. Honours: U-14, U-16, U-18, Junior and Senior County Championships, 1 U-18 Leinster and 1 U-18 All-Ireland Championship, 2 Senior Leinster Championships. **Third Level Student.**

JACKIE WALSH-HEALY (Timahoe): Jackie joined the Laois senior panel this year and is a very enthusiastic player. She has great admiration for the game and works very hard. Honours: 1 Junior Championship, 1 Leinster Senior Championship.

ELIZABETH KEHOE (Crettyard): Elizabeth is a sister of Bríd and Mary and is a very strong defender and good deliverer of the ball. She missed the Leinster campaign due to work commitments in Germany. Honours: U-16, U-18 and 4 Senior County Championships, 3 Senior Leinster Championships. **Third Level Student.**

NUALA CASEY (Timahoe): Nuala made her debut to senior ranks this year. She is a very talented young player. She is a

sister of captain, Mary. Honours: U-16, U-18 and 1 Senior County Championship, 1 U-18 Leinster and 1 U-18 All-Ireland, 1 Leinster Senior Championship. **Second Level Student.**

LISA HOSEY (Crettyard): Lisa made her debut on the Laois panel this year. She is a very good young player. Honours: U-16, U-18 and 2 Senior County Championships, 1 U-18 Leinster and All-Ireland Championship, 1 Leinster Senior Championship.

CLAIRE CASEY (Timahoe): Claire is a very fit player with great potential. She is a keen sports player. Honours: U-16, U-18 and 1 Senior County Championship, 1 U-18 Leinster and All-Ireland Championship, 1 Leinster Senior Championship.

JOAN McCARRAGHER (Killeshin): Joan is originally from Louth and comes from a very sporting family. She is an excellent free taker. Honours: 1 Senior Leinster medal. **Laboratory Technician.**

EAODAIN MURPHY (Crettyard): A wholehearted player with a great buzz to her game. A member of the successful Under 18 team last year. Honours: U-16, U-18, 2 Senior County Championships, 1 U-18 Leinster and All-Ireland Championship, 1 Leinster Championship.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ DO YOU KNOW?

FREAGRAÍ: 1(a) Kathy Durcan; (b) Cavan; (c) 1977; (d) Kathleen Leddy. 2 Mary Jo Curran (Kerry) 10 All-Stars. 3 Brendan Martin Cup. 4 John Timmins Cup. 5 - 2. 6 - 1974. 7 - 11. 8 - Carlow. 9 - 29 (27 in Ireland, 2 Britain). 10 Kilkenny, Derry Cavan, Antrim, Down. 11 Jim Kennedy (Tipperary). 12 - 1985. 13 Ballymacarby (Waterford). 14 Patricia Butler (only one with senior All-Ireland medal). 15 Marina Barry. 16 - 1989. 17 Kathleen Curran (Kerry). 18 True. 19 Galway. 20 The Glennon sisters (Westmeath).

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BACKROOM TEAM — Back row, left to right: Ned Murphy (Team Doctor), Sean Delaney (Team Trainer/Manager) and P.J. Brennan (Selector). Front row, left to right: Mary Ramsbottom (Selector and County Secretary), Mary Wheatley (Selector and County Chairperson) and John Colton (Selector and Joint County Treasurer).

SEAN DELANEY (Team Manager/Trainer): Sean Delaney of Stradbally. Better known as "Goggie". This is Sean's first year with ladies football and his success to date is top class. He played football for Stradbally and Laois. Won a league title and Junior title with Stradbally. Played hurling with Portlaoise and Laois. Won six Senior County Championships with Portlaoise. Managed underage teams and camogie teams before taking up office with the Laois

Ladies football team in February of this year. Sean is married to Rita and they have three sons, Damien, Morgan and Conor.

P.J. BRENNAN (Selector): P.J. has been involved with the G.A.A. scene for years and played hurling with Ballypickas until last year. P.J. is Linda's father and has a great eye for the game.

JOHN COLTON (Selector and Joint Treasurer of County Board): John is very involved and works very hard for

the ladies. He is always willing to help out and a very good organiser. He is involved in many organisations in his native Stradbally and has a great love for ladies football.

MARY WHEATLEY (Selector): Mary is also the Chairperson of the County Board. She is one of the hardest working people in the Association. There is no limit to what progress she has made in the Association. She is a former President of the Ladies Association and ironically the only Lady President. Her tireless work for the county is outstanding and she is always trying to promote the game.

MARY RAMSBOTTOM (Selector): Mary is also our Secretary and is an

excellent worker and her approach to the job is first class. She excels in the amount of work and time she puts into the game. Mary is very much involved in other sports, especially Community Games in which she has achieved top class with her athletics. She is very involved in charity work and gives all her time to help others.

NED MURPHY (Team Doctor): Ned is a well known figure in G.A.A. circles. He has travelled with most teams in the county, both football and hurling. He is also involved with Offaly teams. Ned is excellent keeping the girls in shape. He says he is in it for the love of the game but others say he is in it for the love of the girls.

PATH TO THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Laois have had an excellent year. In the championship their first meeting was against Dublin in Stradbally on the hottest day of the year. Laois led at half-time by 3—6 to Dublin's 1—1. The full time score was Laois 3—12, Dublin 1—7.

Next came the Leinster Final, a repeat of last year's, Laois against Westmeath in Tullamore. Again Laois gave a great display and ran out easy winners by 3—10 to Westmeath's 1—9.

For the All-Ireland semi-final they travelled to Ballina to meet Mayo. On a very wet day Laois had a great first-half and led by 0—9 to Mayo's 0—3. In the second-half Mayo came back very strongly and scored 1—4 to Laois' 0—1. The game ended level and went to extra time. At the end of this extra period they still ended level, Mayo

1—10, Laois 0—13.

The replay was held in Stradbally and on this occasion Laois proved too strong for the Mayo girls. Final score: Laois 3—16, Mayo 2—5.

Laois have scored 9—51 for 4 championship matches and conceded 5—13 from 4 games.

Laois scorers in the championship: Sue Ramsbottom 8—13 (1—9 from frees), Linda Brennan 0—10 (2 pts. from frees), Amanda Donoghue 0—6 (2 pts. from frees), Lulu Carroll 0—6 (2 pts. from frees), Mary Kehoe 1—5, Margaret Brennan 0—3, Antoinette Brennan 0—2, Kathleen Murphy 0—2, Bríd Kehoe 0—1, Theresa Sheehan 0—1, Martina Doyle 0—1, Margaret Phelan 0—1.

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Laois Snippets

UNBEATEN RECORD

Laois have been unbeaten in all games so far this year, league and championship. In the championship they have beaten Dublin, Westmeath and Mayo.

They have also reached the league final where they will meet Cork.

In their league campaign they have beaten Kerry, Westmeath, Mayo, Clare and Monaghan and managed a draw against All-Ireland champions Waterford.



Laois have three sets sisters on the

panel — Brid, Elizabeth and Mary Kehoe; Margaret and Antoinette Brennan; Mary and Nuala Casey.



Only three of the Laois team are married — Kathleen Murphy, Jackie Walsh-Healy and Margaret Brennan who incidentally married a Brennan earlier this year.



Mary Casey is the first Timahoe player to captain the Laois Senior team.

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I.N.T.O. Sevens Score For Ladies Game

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JERRY GROGAN

The incredible success of the INTO/GAA Mini-Sevens has given a major boost to the promotion of girls' football in Primary and Post-Primary Schools. This year 120 girls participated in the Croke Park exhibition games during the All-Ireland series. In excess of 5,000 took part in the county and regional stages of the event and, by all accounts, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Primary school teacher Mary Jo Curran represents the parish of Beaufort on the Kerry Senior team today. During the Cork v. Mayo semi-final in August Marlene O'Sullivan from Kilgobnet N.S. in Beaufort displayed her skills during the half-time games. She remembers the occasion as "brilliant a day I will always remember. My mother, brothers, relatives and friends have replayed the video hundreds of times."

Marlene was accompanied to Croke Park by her father Jerome and brother John. Incredibly, for a Kerryman, Jerome was paying his first visit to Croke Park and he was greatly impressed by the way the family were looked after on the big day. Marlene pays tribute to school principal Pat O'Connor and team trainer Lil O'Sullivan, who led them to Mini-Sevens victory in Tralee and to participation in the non-competitive regional festival in Clare. Marlene now plays for Beaufort club and along with other Kilgobnet past pupils are lobbying for a ladies team in Killorglin Intermediate School where they now study. Austin Stacks star Eoin Moynihan, who teaches in Killorglin, will be under pressure to take up that particular challenge.

County Laois was also well represented

in this year's sevens. Mary Kirwan from Kilbricken, Portlaoise did the county proud with an excellent display. She began her football career in Shanahoe N.S. under the tutelage of David Brickley. They won the Berol Cup and entered the Mini-Sevens where their winning streak was continued. Mary was selected at the regional festival in Wexford. Her big day in Croke Park meant a lot to herself and the family.

She confessed to being "nervous at first but once I got going I was fine. The crowd was fantastic."

Ann and Martin Kirwan accompanied their daughter to headquarters and felt "very proud of Mary and extremely grateful for the way we were treated." Ann described the occasion as "a great family day out. The only complaint I would have is that the television coverage is too short. It shouldn't be too difficult to show a few minutes of the Mini-Games. It would be lovely for families to have it." Mary Kirwan has now joined Abbeyleix Under 14 team and hopes to wear the blue and white of Laois in Croke Park some day.

The importance of the Mini-Sevens for small schools and clubs was emphasised recently by GAA President Peter Quinn. Children from Peter's own Teemore Club in Co. Fermanagh, have participated in the Mini-Sevens and he describes the scheme as "a wonderful opportunity for boys and girls from smaller schools and clubs to realise the possibility of playing in Croke Park. It means a lot to a small club to have these children participating."

The Mini-Games format was originally suggested by Liam Ó Maolmhichil, him-

self a former Primary teacher, having seen children participate in similar fashion in Australia.

Liam regards the Mini-Sevens as having been "a great success and an ideal showpiece for the great work being done in our Primary schools." There is no doubt that the mini-game format has contributed greatly to the development of the skills of girls' football in recent years. It ensures much more ball contact which is vital for skill acquisition.

GAA Games Development Manager Pat Daly sees the Mini-Sevens scheme as playing a vital role in promoting the mini-game concept. Apart from facilitating skill development through more ball contact, Pat maintains that "games are easier to organise and maximise participation and enjoyment."

1993 was a special year for the Mini-

Sevens as it coincided with 125th anniversary celebration of the INTO. General Secretary, Senator Joe O'Toole was delighted with the way things went — "It continues to be a great shop window for the work that is being done in Primary Schools to foster our national games. We are delighted to be joint sponsors of the scheme and it is particularly pleasing to see players coming through the system and appearing at club and county level. Sue Ramsbottom, who plays today, won the INTO/GAA skill award some years ago."

With the great work being done at schools' level and the Cumann na mBun Scol administered Mini-Sevens scheme to provide motivation and inspiration for our young players we can look forward to many more exciting ladies finals in the years ahead.



Marlene O'Sullivan met RTE commentator Marty Morrissey at the Mini-Sevens in Croke Park.



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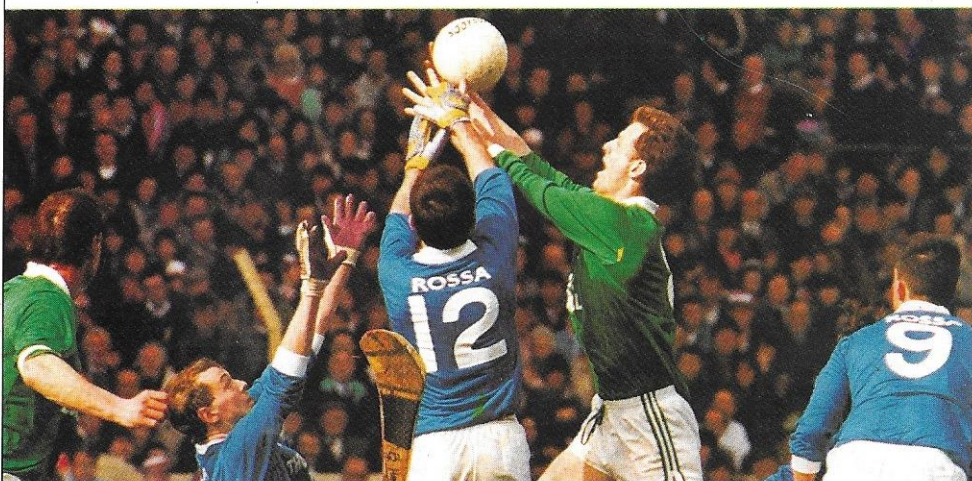
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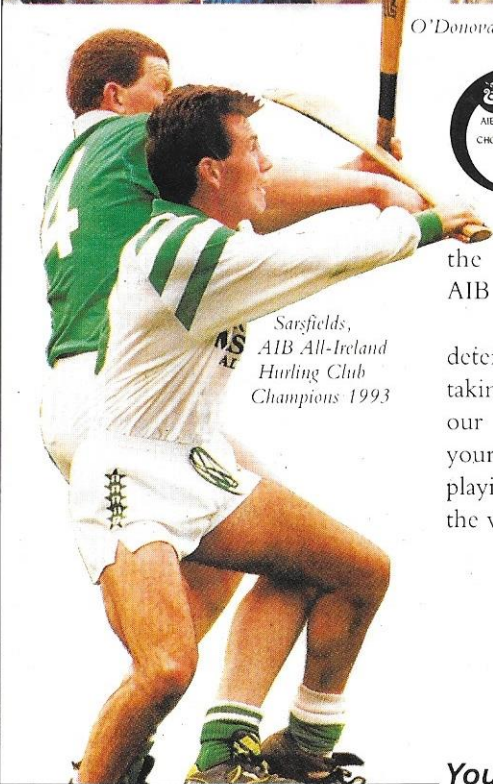
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