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Uachtarán Kathleen Woods speaking during the Association's Annual Congress in Ballinasloe, Galway, April 6th 2019



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Welcome: Uachtarán an Cumann Camógaíochta Kathleen Woods

Uachtarán: #GoTogether again this Summer

I am delighted to welcome you to the Summer edition of our On the Ball magazine.

ON THE PITCH:

Ahead of the Championship season we have already witnessed some excellent action throughout the early months of the year.

The AIB All-Ireland Senior and Intermediate Championship finals took place in Croke Park in March, with wintery conditions creating a further challenge on the big day. Congrat-

ulations to Slaughtneil who have claimed the Senior Club Championship crown and completed the three-in-a-row, overcoming St. Martins of Wexford by five points to write themselves into Camogie folklore.

Their Ulster compatriots Clonduff made it a double victory for northern teams as they claimed the AIB All-Ireland Intermediate crown, beating Gailltír by the smallest of margins to claim the win. Commiserations



Kathleen Woods and Maol Muire Tynan are introduced to players and officials before the AIB All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship Final 3/3/2019

to both St. Martins and Gailltír however well done to you both on a fantastic club championship campaign.

Our Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues kicked off with some excellent matches right across the three grades, with the three trophies entering different provinces.

Played as a triple header with the GAA, our Division 1 final saw a spirited Galway side dethrone last year's champions Kilkenny by two points in a fantastic spectacle for Camogie. The Connacht outfit have made an impressive statement ahead of the Championship, denying Kilkenny a four-in-a-row and were deserving winners on the day.

The Division 2 title went South to Munster as Tipperary overcame Kilkenny by a six-point margin. It was the first time the Division 2 title entered the county, proving to be a fantastic achievement for the Premier County.

A four-point victory was all that separated Kildare and Limerick in the Division 3 league final, with the Leinster outfit prevailing with the honours. The Lilywhites claimed their first league title in seven years and are now back in Division 2 for 2020.

Commiserations to our three defeated finalists however I am sure this will be the driving factor for you to kick on again in the Championship. Congratulations to Galway, Tipperary and Kildare on their great achievements so far.

I would like to congratulate all our nominees for the Littlewoods Ireland Player of the League Awards and our three winners: Aoife Donohoe (Galway, Division 1), Niamh Treacy (Tipperary, Division 2) and Rebecca Noonan (Limerick, Division 3). It is a fantastic achievement to be nominated by your opponents and fully deserved recognition for you all.

Now we are entering the most exciting time of the year, where Championship takes centre stage and our players get ready to go head-to-head for the coveted Croke Park outing in September.

After the flurry of excellent Camogie action so far this year, I have no doubt that we will continue to witness great skill, determination and passion from our games.

OFF THE PITCH:

It is exciting times ahead for the Association as it was announced that Sinéad McNulty will take up the role of Ard Stiúirthóir in June. Sinéad joins us with a vast amount of experience as a graduate of the Leisure Management and MBA programmes at TU Dublin (DIT). Sinéad has spent 11 years as Head of Sport at TU before making the change to join our staff. I would like to wish Sinéad the very best of luck in the roll.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Paddy Boyd who was interim

Ard Stiúirthóir for all his work while in the role and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

In April we held our Annual Congress in the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe which saw a significant change in passing a motion for trialling new Playing Rules in-between Playing Rule Congresses.

While we saw a change to the rules, we also saw a change to our Ard Chomhairle members with Roscommon's Niamh Kilmartin replacing Sheila O'Donohoe as Secretary and Cork's Shirley Moloney taking up the vacant position of PR and Communications Representative. I would like to sincerely thank Sheila for all her work as secretary over the last three years.

A 'Feedback Forum' took place in the Croke Park Hotel with over 30 adult intercounty players and team managers from 14 counties in attendance. The Forum provided us an opportunity to hear the views of both players and team managements, which resulted in a productive and engaging session.

From this, we can further progress our game from grassroots to national level. A word of thanks to all who attended and provided feedback on various areas.

It's time to get the action underway. Let's #GoTogether and get behind your county this campaign!

GALWAY'S AOIFE DONOHUE:

"As long as Galway wins, that's all that matters."

By Sarah Stanley



Galway player of the match Aoife Donohue presented with her award by Geoff Scully, Managing Director of Littlewoods Ireland after the Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 1 Final

Galway Camogie spirits are currently at a high. Not just because they are Division 1 League champions, but the manner in which they done it was highly impressive, dethroning the Cats and stopping their four-in-a-row bid ahead of the Championship season.

While a competition is won by a whole team and management, one player was at the forefront of their fantastic league run.

Midfielder Aoife Donohue produced dominant displays week in week out in the early months of the year, helping her team to victories over Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford, while drawing with All-Ireland Champions Cork, all of which came in the group stages.

A demolition of Limerick followed in the semi-final to set up a mouth-watering showdown with Kilkenny in Croke Park. The best always step-up on the big occasions, as was the case in March.

Donohue scored three points from play and was her side's second top scorer on the day. Bar her clinical scoring prowess, the Mullagh star dominated the pitch for her county and deservedly claimed the Player of the Match award, her first individual accolade of the season, but not her last.

"Winning the league was a great achievement for us as a team and it was great to finally win something, especially in a stadium like Croke Park. We used the league as a way of preparing for championship and we will take more learnings from the league and the league final v Kilkenny than anything. Although Kilkenny were going for four in a row, I'm sure that didn't faze them and really, it's all about championship!", she explains.

Humble as ever, personal accolades are not as important to her as the team trophies. Success can be enjoyed much more when done together.

"Yeah it was a very special occasion for me, but it's all about the team and it wouldn't be possible without the players around me. As long as Galway wins that's all that matters, and I think overall it was a real team effort and any Galway player could have received it on the day."

In April, Donohue was shortlisted for the Division 1 Player of the League, alongside

some mighty talented figures in teammates Sarah Dervan and Carrie Dolan, while Kilkenny's Katie Power and Limerick's Sarah Carey were also nominated for the award.

Two weeks later, back in Croke Park Stadium, another individual accolade awaited, this one voted by opposition management.

"This year's Division 1 Player of the League goes to Galway's Aoife Donohue" – were the words of MC Adrian Barry. The perfect end to a perfect campaign for the star performer.

"Yeah it was a really nice touch getting recognised from the opposition teams, especially with the talent that exists across the different counties. I didn't actually get to go up to collect it as my thesis was due the same night, but I was honoured to be nominated alongside some great players from other counties."

This year's league title is not the first trophy that she has won with the county. In fact, Donohue has quite the decorated trophy cabinet.

An All-Ireland Champion at Senior, Intermediate and Minor level simply wasn't enough success as the Mullagh club player returned to college and captained NUIG to win the Purcell Cup. Not surprisingly, the captain also won the Player of the Match award in the final against LIT.

"I finally finished my Masters in Teaching this year, some thought I would never leave NUIG! I really enjoyed playing college Camogie and I'll miss it! It keeps you busy in the winter months and you make some great friends from other counties along the way.

"In the last two years there has been a good few of us from Galway involved, so it was extra special in that way. Captaining and winning the Purcell Cup two years ago was great for the girls and the college as we won very little in the last number of years."

Personal success is down to determination and commitment however inspiration can go a long way to a player's development. For the Galway ace, her inspiration was always close to home.

"I suppose it started with my club Mullagh and I had some great people who brought me along the way. Sinead Cahalan was always

a player from my own club that I looked up to and I always admired her dedication and commitment! My club is everything to me."

Thankfully, Donohue's inspiration helped her become one of the finest players in the game right now. Her consistency in the maroon jersey has developed her into a danger player for opposition teams to watch out for.

The best players spur each other on to continually perform at a high level and that can certainly describe the set up in the Galway camp.

"As a player I think you are always trying to improve and work on things. It's a long year yet and there is huge competition for any place on the team."

Having already proved their worth this season against the terrific two of Cork and Kilkenny, without defeat, the Tribeswomen will feel they have an excellent chance of rolling back the years this September.

"I think if we perform, we should hopefully be competitive. The championship is completely different to league and I know it's a cliché, but our focus is only on Kilkenny in the first round and we haven't looked further than that."





2019 Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Camogie Championships Preview

By Sarah Stanley

Will 2019 be the year that stops the cracking Cork v Kilkenny rivalry for the O'Duffy Cup? If the league campaign is anything to go by, Galway could have a massive say in how the Senior Championship pans out, fresh and full of confidence after their Division 1 league victory. A first time in the recent memory that the spoils didn't go to the deadly duo of Cork or Kilkenny, the Tribeswomen seem to have cracked through the mould to challenge for silverware, but can they retain their new-found successes week in week out?

Will any of the other chasing pack acquire the same confidence and maturity that Galway produced in the league? Time will tell as we enter Championship season. Two groups make up the Senior Championship rota with exciting battles lying ahead in the shadows.

Group 1 will see a replay of the Division 1 League final in the opening weekend as Galway and Kilkenny are joined by Offaly, Limerick and Wexford. The aim for all five is simple: consistency in results and a place at the latter end of the Championship series lies ahead.

All five teams have been involved in Senior Championship action for many years now, so the trails and tribulations of added pressure, efficiency in front of goal and rugged defences is just part and parcel of the game.

Group 1 features a host of sharpshooters, so scores could be raining down once the action gets underway. Limerick's Niamh Mulcahy is regularly at the summit of scoring charts no matter what competition, and the same will no doubt role out this Summer. She may well be joined by the ever-reliable Chloe Morey

(Wexford) or the reliable Denise Gaule for the Cats, while newly crowned Player of the League Aoife Donohue (Galway) will also fancy a stake at the peak of the scoring charts.

If Group 1 features the lethal attackers, then Group 2 contains the security personnel to keep opposition at bay. Reigning champions Cork will host three Munster rivals in Clare, Waterford and Tipperary while Leinster duo Dublin and Meath finish the competing Senior teams. Stalwarts such as Gemma O'Connor, Pamela Mackey (both Cork) Áine Lyng (Waterford) and Mary Ryan (Tipperary) are just some of the robust and sturdy defenders we look forward to watching while youngsters such as Chloe Sigerson (Cork), Beth Carton (Waterford) and Jenny Grace (Tipperary) will have supporters on the edge of their

Waterford's Lorraine Bray and Aoife Donohue of Galway battle for the sliotar during the 4th round league clash in February



seat throughout the excitement that is Championship.

A fast start may prove to be a big advantage to teams as confidence builds with early wins and that can be the key to pushing a team through the final hurdles that lay waiting.

With a flood of stars on show up and down the country, the buzz ahead of this year's Senior Championship is like no other. Action gets underway on June 15th.

INTERMEDIATE:

Similar to the Senior Championship, action gets underway in mid-June as the first match week throws up some more exciting contests. Nothing gets the blood flowing quite like a Cork v Kilkenny rivalry and we are treated to an opening Championship fixture to whet the appetite in Group 1. The Rebels will be looking to retain their All-Ireland crown and a fast start against Kilkenny may prove to be a decisive result as the weeks progress.

In order to do back-to-back titles, their western rivals Galway will provide a tough experience on match week three, while Division 3 League champions Kildare are

also drawn in a very competitive Group 1 featuring Antrim, last year's Premier Junior champions Dublin and 2017 Premier Junior champions Westmeath.

Group 2 see's last year's runners up Down face competition from their Ulster counterparts Derry, Leinster outfits Carlow, Laois and Wexford, while Munster challengers Tipperary, fresh from the Division 2 League title win, complete the group. A challenging battle and a survival of the fittest lies ahead for all thirteen teams aiming to win the Jack McGrath trophy in September.

With two league champions, two former Premier Junior All-Ireland Champions and an abundance of Intermediate All-Ireland crowns all pooled in the Intermediate title race, it promises to excite spectators up and down the country.

PREMIER JUNIOR:

The last weekend of June kickstarts the Premier Junior Championship as Group 1 opens proceedings before July see's the Group 2 action get underway. Nine teams will be looking for All-Ireland glory in September in what could be an open championship for all counties.

Group 1 features two Ulster opponents, Armagh and Tyrone, while Clare and Roscommon are the remaining counties in the smaller group, while Group 2 will see last year's finalists Kerry play host to Limerick, Offaly, Waterford and Wicklow respectively.

Kerry will feel they have a wrong to right after their heart break last September, while Limerick competed in the Division 3 league final just a matter of weeks ago. Success has been near on occasions for these teams and there may not be a better chance for these counties to have a real crack at the whip this Summer. It is a very open Championship where any teams are good enough to come away with All-Ireland victory in September.

History, success, and pride. That's what awaits the strongest and the fittest in September. For this season's best the added bonus of an All-Stars Tour will be coming down the line, however that is only an added incentive to our players. The brutal slog of long trainings, physical matches and heart stopping moments all add up to the one common goal: to be an All-Ireland Champion.

Let the battles commence!

Kilkenny's Kelly Hamilton and Sabrina Larkin of Tipperary do battle during the Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 2 Final



Tipperary's Sabrina Larkin: "I'll cherish every second"

By Sarah Stanley

It must have been very hard to imagine in the early noughties that Tipperary Camogie would see a period of drought in winning silverware.

Consecutive All-Ireland Final appearances at Senior level from 1999 - 2006, winning five championships and cementing their name in the history books quickly became a distant memory as the years continued to roll by without replicating those victories.

Back in 1997, the Tipperary second team claimed what was then called the All-Ireland Senior B Championship but when the competition was restructured

in 2005/06 the Premier County failed to make any progress to the latter stages.

Last season, both the Senior and Intermediate teams made the All-Ireland Semi-Final stages, but neither team could find the right result to extend their Championship campaign by one more match.

However, 2019 may be the start of potentially changing fortunes in Tipperary. Captain Sabrina Larkin lifted the Division 2 League trophy aloft after a thrilling win over Kilkenny in the Final and emotions ran high for the players and travelling supporters in Banagher when the full-time whistle went.

"It was a massive achievement for the whole group to capture that title." Larkin explained to the Camogie Association's Sarah Stanley. "There was great excitement and we enjoyed sharing that with our families. There is always hunger there in Tipperary panels to achieve and I suppose things just came right for us on the day to do that."

One can only imagine the pride at being the team captain on an occasion like this. However, despite the length of the drought the skipper remains as humble as ever when asked to describe the emotions as captain.

“The experience was incredible. On a personal level you get to accept the trophy on behalf of the team’s efforts and I’ll cherish every second of that because it’s a fantastic group. There was a great crowd of support there that day in Banagher, which was great to see, including past players and management so it was nice to lift the cup for them too.”

The Shannon Rovers player has become a prominent factor in the rise of this Tipperary side with her experience in the back line crucial in keeping the opposition at bay.

Her consistency in her performances led her to receiving her maiden Soaring Stars nomination last year, an achievement that she was quick to share with her teammates and her family.

“It was great and fantastic to be nominated among some unbelievable Camogie players. We were thrilled that we had the eight nominations from Tipp after what was an overall decent year for our Intermediates and Seniors. I’d take a team All-Ireland ahead of an individual award of course but it was a great night by the Camogie Association and always is a nice end to the season for the players.

“I enjoyed it more for my parents and family than anything. It was a nice way to say thank you to them for all the time, effort and support they put into us. We’ve a GAA mad house so it was lovely to be able to do that. You don’t always get the chance to thank them as much as we should”.

The league title win in April wasn’t the only medal in the collection for the defensive powerhouse. Having spent four years in the University of Limerick, studying a Bachelor of Science in Sport and Exercise, Larkin put her spare time into the college Camogie team, winning two Ashbourne Shields before heading north to Belfast to complete her masters.

While in Jordanstown, the Tipperary stalwart earned another two Ashbourne Shields, the first Shield title victory that returned to the college.

“College Camogie was the best craic and enjoyable in a different kind of way to county or club. They are all equally tough, but I loved the fact you were training with

players from all different backgrounds and counties. Some of my best friends now are from those squads over the years”.

Things could have been very different for the 2018 Soaring Stars nominee. Back in 2016 Larkin wore the Tipperary jersey with the number one on her back, guarding the net and guarding the very last defensive line – the goals!

“At the time management wanted to try something different I guess so they asked would I give it a go. I suppose I had a few things they were looking for at the time in terms of communication etc and I enjoyed the challenge to be fair but once I got back outfield last year with the Intermediates, I realised how much I missed being part of the general play, so I’m delighted to be back out there now”.

Having turned her love of Camogie into her full-time job, the Leinster Participation and Growth Co-ordinator for the Camogie Association is hopeful of turning last year’s heartache into positive energy prior to the Championship.

“Last year was heart breaking and it took a while to get over it to be honest but that’s what the winter is for! We’ve learnt a lot since then and we have something to build on after year one last year. We have a couple of new additions to the set up this year now too, so our goal would be to

put ourselves in with a shouting chance of silverware – same as everyone else of course”.

For Bill Mullaney’s troops, another shot at the Intermediate All-Ireland crown awaits. In his second term in charge, Larkin feels that the positivity of the management team can be a huge help to the players in their drive to strive.

“We have been very lucky the past two years with Bill and the management team he has put in around him. He’s an honest sort of a character and the whole management team are approachable.

“It really is an enjoyable place to go training and although they train you hard and demand your best effort, they allow the players to ask questions and enjoy it too. Like most teams now in Hurling and Camogie, there is a host of people making up the management teams now and it’s a big help when you can approach them all and chat about where you can improve.”

Nobody can doubt the commitment and dedication the Tipperary captain has given to her beloved sport. As a player, captain and now staff member, it is easy to see why her personality, along with her fantastic ability, makes her the perfect choice to lead this team to another All-Ireland title charge in the summer.



Tipperary’s Sabrina Larkin receives the Division 2 League trophy from Hilda Breslin

Through the Lens

INPHO Photographers brave all weather conditions to get the best action shots of our fixtures. Take a look at some of the best shots taken so far this year!



Caoifa Keane from Ardrahan, Galway presents the match ball to referee Cathal Egan before the Division 1 League final in Croke Park, 31/3/2019



A view of Waterford players warming up ahead of their round four league clash against Galway 17/2/2019



Inniscarra's Erin Looney with Aisling Cronin of St. Martin's during the AIB All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship Semi-Final 27/1/2019

Kilkenny's Anna Farrell with Chloe Sigerson of Cork during the Division 1 league semi-final **10/3/2019**



Galway's Ailish O'Reilly is tackled by Sarah Carey and Muireann Creamer of Limerick **10/3/2019**

St. Angela's Ursuline's players watch the sliotar roll into the net during the Masita All-Ireland Post-Primary Schools Senior A Final **23/3/2019**

Slaughtneil's Jolene Bradley stops a shot on goal in the AIB All-Ireland Senior Camogie Club Championship Semi-Final between Ardahan vs Slaughtneil **27/1/2019**



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The A-Stream

By Sarah Stanley

Thanks to the internet and various social media platforms we have been brought closer to sports action that takes place all over the world.

This year, our league sponsors Littlewoods Ireland made the pledge at the start of the campaign to stream some of the league fixtures to an online audience. They certainly didn't disappoint, and views were higher than expected targets that were set out in the beginning.

Six fixtures throughout the early stages were streamed on the Littlewoods Ireland YouTube and Facebook channels and featured excellent pitchside reporting with Valerie Wheeler, Lauren Guilfoyle and commentary from Killian Whelan and other local analysts.

The first live streaming of the year was in round 1 in group 2 as All-Ireland Champions Cork got their league campaign off to a three-point win over Tipperary, streamed by over **34,000 people**.

Tipperary v Galway followed in round two with over **16,000** tuning into the live stream. The same figure tuned into the following streaming of Limerick v Clare – ensuring **66,000** people streamed the first three matches.

Waterford v Galway generated an online audience of **15,000** across YouTube and Facebook while the big guns of Limerick and Kilkenny generated another big audience of **31,000** people.

Two old foes battled it out in the Semi-Final stage producing an online streaming audience of **29,000** across all platforms.

In total, over **140,000 views** were racked up between the live streaming of those six fixtures amongst all platforms, bringing our games to a wider audience than before.

Thank you to everyone for tuning in throughout the league campaign!

For more quality streaming coverage Liberty Insurance will live stream a key match on their Facebook Page during each week of the Group Stages of the Senior Championship.

Camán to Croke 2019

On a sun-drenched Easter Monday, 1200 girls, along with their mentors, supporters and mascots, made the journey to Croke Park to take part in Camán to Croke 2019.

This Under 12's development initiative gave the chance to 64 clubs from across the island of Ireland to take to the pitch in Croke Park and represent their club with pride through playing the game of Camogie. Each club played three games with super skills on show throughout the day. 21 clubs came from Leinster, with 14 from Connacht, 11 from Ulster and 18 from Munster.

LEINSTER:

Carlow: St Mullins, Burren Rangers

Dublin: Commercials, Faughs, Naomh Peregrines, Kevins, St Oliver Plunketts,

Kildare: St Laurence's, Sallins

Kilkenny: Barrow Rangers, Kilmacow
Laois: St Lazarians

Meath: Boardsmill, Navan O Mahonys

Offaly: St. Cillians

Westmeath: St Munna's

Wexford: Ballynestragh Gaels, Crannford/
Monaseed, Duffy Rovers

Wicklow: Kilcoole, Aughrim

MUNSTER:

Clare: Clarecastle, Clooey-Quin, Kilmaley

Cork: Blackrock, Bishopstown, Aghada,
Ballygarvan, Ballinhassig, Bandon, Millstreet

Kerry: Killarney

Limerick: Patrickswell, Granagh/Ballingarry,
Kilmallock

Tipperary: Ballybacon/Grange, St Cronans,
Ballina,

Waterford: Ballyduff Upper

ULSTER:

Antrim: Ruairi Óg, Cushendall

Armagh: St Mary's Granemore,
An Port Mor, St Enda's Derrymacash

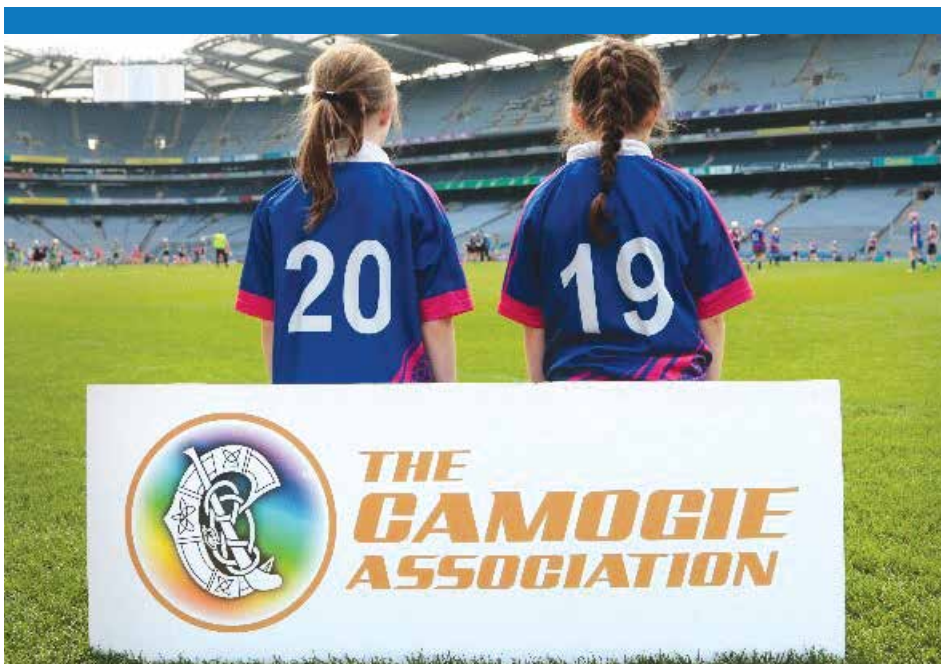
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Down: Kilclief Ben Dearg; Kilrea,
Greenlough

Cavan: Denn

Monaghan: Inniskeen

Tyrone: Naomh Treasa



CONNACHT:

Mayo: Westport, Castlebar Mitchells

Galway: Liam Mellows, Shamrocks,
St Colmans, Turloughmore, Killimor,
Craughwell, Athenry, Carnmore, Salthill

Roscommon: Four Roads, Roscommon
Gaels, St Domini's

A special mention for our First Whistlers who were brilliant in keeping the games flowing and hopefully, we will see them again taking charge in Croke Park in the future.

Congratulations to all players, mentors, coaches, supporters and parents for making it a special day to remember!



Strike for Glory Final 2019

Louth claimed the honours in this year's Strike for Glory Final, overcoming the stern challenge of Donegal by a solitary point in the final with a score line of 4-2 to 3-4. With only a goal separating both teams in the last group game of the competition, this final was expected to be close and eagerly fought and it did not fail to disappoint. Donegal began the game the stronger with two excellent long-range points from play, however Louth worked hard and got themselves back in to the game with a well taken goal. Momentum began to swing in Louth's favour, but Donegal responded by

scoring a well worked goal. At the half-time break, Donegal lead by two points.

The second-half proved to be an exciting affair, with excellent skills and talent on show from both teams. It was nip and tuck for the majority of the second-half and all in attendance felt we could be heading in to extra-time, but Louth prevailed by the narrowest of margins.

Congratulations to both teams and management for an exciting and thrilling final. Congratulations to the Player of the finals, Niamh Mathews (Louth).

12 Fun Facts about the All-Ireland Camogie Championships!

Nothing gets the excitement flowing like some interesting trivia about our beloved game, so we think these nuggets will help get you in the Championship mood!

Fact #1:

It has been 87 years since Championship Camogie got underway in what started out as an open draw between ten teams.

Fact #2:

The Irish capital were the first county to claim the title of All-Ireland Champions! The Dubs beat Galway on a scoreline of 3-2 to 0-2!

Fact #3:

It took 64 years before Connacht had an All-Ireland Senior winning county when Galway finally won the Senior All-Ireland title in 1996!

Fact #4:

Last year marked 50 years since the start of the Premier Junior Championships (1968).

Fact #5:

Cork are the most decorated Senior champions having scooped a whopping 28 Senior Championships.

Fact #6:

13 may be an unlucky number for some, so this may unsettle a few! It is 13 years since the format of the Senior Championship changed from a knockout basis to a Round Robin format.

Fact #7:

The first time an All-Ireland Camogie final was aired on radio was 1942.

Fact #8:

However, it took a little longer for the public to be able to view the showcase from their living room, as it was only 1998 when the first All-Ireland final was viewed on TV.

Fact #9:

On nine occasions the All-Ireland Senior final was played in a venue other than Croke Park Stadium (1932, 33, 35, 38, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49).

Fact #10:

The Sportsground in Galway was the historic venue that hosted the inaugural All-Ireland Senior final.

Fact #11:

Croke Park Stadium has hosted consecutive All-Ireland finals since 1950.

Fact #12:

All-Ireland Champions broken up by Province:



	Senior	Intermediate	Premier Junior
Leinster	46	6	17
Munster	33	12	17
Ulster	6	5	11
Connacht	2	3	6



2019 Liberty Insurance All-Ireland Championship Fixture Information

JUNE

- 15th June:** Round 1 of Senior and Intermediate All-Ireland Championships, Groups 1&2
22nd June: Round 2 of Senior and Intermediate All-Ireland Championships, Groups 1&2
29th June: Round 3 of Senior and Intermediate All-Ireland Championships, Group 1
Round 1 of Premier Junior All-Ireland Championship, Group 2

JULY

- 6th July:** Round 4 of Senior and Intermediate All-Ireland Championships, Group 1
Round 3 of Senior and Intermediate All-Ireland Championships, Group 2
Round 1 of Premier Junior All-Ireland Championship, Group 1, Round 2 for Group 2
13th July: Round 4 of Senior All-Ireland Championship, Group 2
Round 5 of Intermediate All-Ireland Championship, Group 1
Round 3 of Premier Junior All-Ireland Championship, Group 2
20th July: Round 5 of Senior All-Ireland Championship, Groups 1&2
Round 6 of Intermediate All-Ireland Championship, Group 1, Round 4 for Group 2
Round 2 of Premier Junior All-Ireland Championship Group 1, Round 4 for Group 2
27th July: Relegation Play-Off for Senior All-Ireland Championship
Round 3 of Premier Junior All-Ireland Championship, Group 1, Round 5 for Group 2

AUGUST

- 3rd August:** Quarter-Finals of Senior All-Ireland Championship
Round 7 of Intermediate All-Ireland Championship, Group 1, Round 5 for Group 2
10th August: Relegation Play-Off for Intermediate All-Ireland Championship
Semi-Finals of Premier Junior All-Ireland Championship
17th August: Semi-Finals of Senior and Intermediate All-Ireland Championships

SEPTEMBER

- 8th September:** All-Ireland Senior, Intermediate and Premier Junior All-Ireland Championships Finals
22nd September: All-Ireland Championships Finals Replays (if necessary)

