

# Evening Echo SPORT

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## Ross to join Nils on Roll of Honour



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**THE LONGSHOT**

SUNDAY week sees an original pairing in the senior county football final, with a team who have never appeared in a decider facing one who haven't reached one since before we won Home Rule (we'll put it that way today to keep John Bruton fans happy).

Of course, a more unique match-up would see the second-most decorated football club in the county (with 12 titles) meet one who have won it half as many times.

That would throw together the mighty Lees against Nils.

Barring a remarkable turnaround in fortunes, it's unlikely we shall see such a pairing grace the new Páirc Uí Chaoimh anytime soon. They are both long defunct as clubs.

For some time I have been accused of hooking my fandom to random sports teams I have little connection with and I'd be lying if I said I hadn't been actively searching for years for a football team in the city to follow.

My address suggested Mayfield and Dillon's Cross deserved my devotion, however, Gerard Kean's stint with the former turned me off them and when someone shouted at me after my dog took a dump on the Tank Field I jettisoned thoughts of following the latter.

Redmonds attracted my attention when I lived on the other side of the river. It was charming that their pavilion was in the heart of the South Parish and nowhere near any actual grass.

As I didn't want to have the burden of going to watch games however, I decided it would have to be Lees or Nils, and because Nils had won six county titles to Lees' 12, I opted for the less successful team, lest I be accused of hitching myself to a bandwagon.

I also like that their name was derived from the Latin phrase nil desperandum, or "never despair".

That's the sort of upbeat spirit I'm looking for from a club that haven't kicked a football in over half a century.

Nils were county champs a hundred years ago this year and retained their title 12 months later. They recruited their players from those in employment in the large businesses in the city, most who came from traditional football areas of the county.

That's Wikipedia talking, not me, so if anyone has any information about my club I'd love to hear it so I can regale others of our derring do.

While we may not lift a trophy again, the club will always have a claim on silverware as the senior hurling trophy is named after a Nils hero, Seán Óg Murphy, who hurled with Blackrock way back when.

**Recommendation:** Carbery Rangers to win the county and Austin Stacks to win the Kerry Championship for the first time in 20 years for a 5-1 double with Paddy Power.



Cyclists Margaret Horgan, Ide Desmond, Cameron Lynch and Jerry Cronin head out to train for the 0 to 90 Tour de Inniscarra fundraising cycle for Inniscarra Community Sports Centre on October 12 starting in Inniscarra Community Centre at 10am. From the 2km Balloon route for the stabiliser and young cyclists brigade to the 7km route for the leisure cyclists and the 40km route for the serious cyclists.

## CAMOGIE

**ALL-IRELAND champions Cork and finalists Kilkenny dominate the Camogie All-Stars short-list.**

The final team will be announced at the All-Stars banquet in association with Liberty Insurance at Citywest on November 1.

Cork, who won the All-Ireland title last month, received 14 nominations with goalkeeper Aoife Murray and defenders Joanne O'Callaghan, Anna Geary, Laura Treacy, Eimear O'Sullivan and Gemma O'Connor among the 45 nominees.

Rena Buckley and Ashling Thompson have been nominated at midfield.

Jennifer O'Leary, Orla Cotter, Briega Corkery, Angela Walsh, Julia White and Katriona Mackey are among the forward nominees.

Kilkenny goalkeeper Emma Kavanagh, defenders Mairead Power, Jacqui Frisby, Claire Phelan, Collette Dormer and Elaine Aylward make the defensive short-list.

Midfielder Ann Dalton and forwards Denise Gaule, Aishling Dunphy, Shelly Farrell, Michelle Quilty and Katie Power complete the Kilkenny representation.

Wexford have received six nominations.

Goalkeeper Mags D'Arcy, defenders Deirdre Codd, Mary Leacy, midfielder Josie Dwyer and forwards Kate Kelly and Ursula Jacob.

Clare, who reached this year's Division One League final, have four players in contention for

# Cork receive 14 All-Star nominations

All-Stars with defenders Maire McGrath, Chloe Morey, Niamh O'Dea and corner-forward Claire McMahon.

Galway captain Lorraine Ryan, defender Sarah Dervan, midfielder Niamh Kilkenny and Niamh McGrath all receive nominations, as do Offaly trio Michaela Morkan, Tina Hannon and Siobhan Flannery.

Derry received two nominations with Grainne McGoldrick at left corner-forward and team-mate Karen Kieft nominated for a left half-forward spot.

"I want to congratulate all of the 45 nominees who have made this year's short-list," President of the Camogie Association, Aileen Lawlor said.

"The All-Stars celebrate the outstanding displays of skill, commit-

ment and sportsmanship by our players.

"It is important to acknowledge at a national level the contribution made by our players to the game over the course of this season and to provide them with the recognition they so richly deserve.

"This year has marked a very special milestone for the Association as we celebrated our 110th birthday and the All-Stars will provide a fitting finale to a great year for the game."

**2014 Camogie All-Stars shortlist of 45:**  
**Goalkeeper:** Mags D'Arcy (Wexford), Aoife Murray (Cork), Emma Kavanagh (Kilkenny).  
**Right corner-back:** Mairead Power (Kilkenny), Joanne O'Callaghan (Cork), Deirdre Codd (Wexford).  
**Full-back:** Maire McGrath (Clare), Anna Geary (Cork), Jacqui Frisby (Kilkenny).  
**Left corner-back:** Chloe Morey (Clare), Laura Treacy (Cork), Sarah Dervan (Galway).  
**Right half-back:** Claire Phelan (Kilkenny), Eimear O'Sullivan (Cork), Niamh O'Dea

(Clare).

**Centre-back:** Michaela Morkan (Offaly), Gemma O'Connor (Cork), Mary Leacy (Wexford).

**Left half-back:** Lorraine Ryan (Galway), Collette Dormer (Kilkenny), Elaine Aylward (Kilkenny).

**Centre-field:** Niamh Kilkenny (Galway), Rena Buckley (Cork), Siobhan Flannery (Offaly).

**Centre-field:** Ann Dalton (Kilkenny), Ashling Thompson (Cork), Josie Dwyer (Wexford).

**Right half-forward:** Kate Kelly (Wexford), Jennifer O'Leary (Cork), Denise Gaule (Kilkenny).

**Centre-forward:** Aishling Dunphy (Kilkenny), Niamh McGrath (Galway), Orla Cotter (Cork).

**Left half-forward:** Karen Kieft (Derry), Briega Corkery (Cork), Angela Walsh (Cork).

**Right corner-forward:** Shelly Farrell (Kilkenny), Julia White (Cork), Michelle Quilty (Kilkenny).

**Full-forward:** Ursula Jacob (Wexford), Katie Power (Kilkenny), Tina Hannon (Offaly).

**Left corner-forward:** Claire McMahon (Clare), Katriona Mackey (Cork), Grainne McGoldrick (Derry).

## Don Association suffers a tragic loss

THE Don Association suffered a tragic loss last week with the passing of chairman of the Don, Finbarr Hennessy. Finbarr was one of the founders of the Don

Association and was involved in the Don for close to 40 years. Finbarr was very well respected in Cork for the work he has done through all those years and a man

### DON NOTES

like this will never be replaced. The Don Association and delegates and everyone involved in the Don

throughout the years would like to express our deepest sympathy to Finbarr's wife, Marion, his children, Trevor and Sonya, his brothers and sisters on this tragic loss.

May he Rest in Peace. Games and fixtures for next week's mini-league will be handed out later. Next week's meeting in the Residence Bar, Blarney Street at 8.30pm.