

## Waterford Ladies Football History 1993

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Lawlors Hotel took over as sponsors of the Waterford ladies football teams.

18 clubs registered: Abbeyside/Ballincourty, Ardmore, Ballymacarbry, Brickey Rangers, Butlerstown, Cappaquin, Clashmore/Kinsalebeg, Dungarvan, Dunhill, Faha, Kill, Killrossanty, Na Deise, Old Parish, St Garbhans, St.Oliver's, St.Pat's, Rathgormack.

Waterford opened the league campaign with a trip to Caulry where they defeated Westmeath 4-13 to 3-06 on the 28 March and the following Sunday drew with Laois at the Mill field on a 2-10 to 3-07 (Laois) score line. On the 14 April St.Pat's scored a 4-01 to 0-07 victory over Clashmore in the minor B final.

Michael Ryan and Noel Murray attended Congress in Monaghan where a significant rule change was made in that the kick out could be taken from the hand. In round 3 of the national league Waterford defeated Clare 2-10 to 0-03 at Newmarket- on – Fergus on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April and two weeks later hammered Kerry 5-13 to 3-01 at Ballymacarbry. St Garbhans qualified for the U16 A final but were well beaten by Ballymacarbry at Modeligo on a 6-06 to 0-02 score line and Waterford then headed to Kiltimagh where they defeated Mayo 6-10 to 2-11 in the league.

The County board held a fashion show as a fund raiser, ran by June Whyte, Siobhan Cullinan and Sylvia Murray at Lawlor's Hotel and it was a great success. In the County Community games final K.C.K defeated Ballymacarbry 2-04 to 0-02. With the exams over Waterford began the Munster championship campaign with a double header in Mallow, both games against Kerry. In the u14 Waterford were well beaten 5-06 to 2-08, whilst in the minor won 6-18 to 3-11.

In the County B final Killrossanty defeated Clashmore 4-08 to 3-00 and in the league quarter final Waterford travelled to Glanworth where they suffered a shock 3-12 to 2-10 defeat at the hands of Cork on the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Noel Murray organised a first aid course given by Dr.Tom Higgins. A ladies Gaelic football summer camp was organised in Dunhill for the 5/10<sup>th</sup> July and this was a great success the first of its kind for ladies Gaelic football in Waterford. On the 7 July Kerry defeated Waterford in the u16 championship, the first defeat in the grade for three years and St Garbhans defeated Dungarvan 3-04 to 1-04 in a local derby junior league final. In the minor semi final Waterford defeated Cork 6-16 to 2-02 at Glanworth on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. George Young, Noel Murray, Sylvia Murray, June Whyte and Siobhan Cullinan organised a successful

Golf classic at West Waterford Golf club as a fund raiser. On Sunday the 18 of July there was a double header in Cappamore, in junior Waterford defeated Clare 5-14 to 4-06 and completed a double in the senior also against the Banner girls 2-12 to 2-06 with Julie Torpey and Claire Ryan outstanding.

Cork defeated Waterford 1-14 to 2-07 in the Munster junior final at Ardfinnan on Sunday 1 August the senior's travelled to Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney to take on Kerry in the Munster senior final, bidding for 3 in a row. This was a thriller in every sense of the word. Waterford trailed by four points with six minutes left but got back to level, but on the stroke of time a youthful Emily Woods got the winning point for Kerry and they went onto win the All Ireland final, defeating Laois in Croke Park in a game that proved a swansong for such greats as Mary Jo and Phil Curran, Eileen Lawlor, Margaret Slattery and the great Kerry team of the previous decade.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> July in the Munster minor final Waterford defeated Clare 5-16 to 4-03 in Churchtown and then travelled to Monaghan for the All Ireland semi final. In Rockcorry they defeated Monaghan easily 7-16 to 0-03. This led to an All Ireland minor final clash with Wexford at O Kennedy Park, New Ross on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. These Counties had produced a thriller in the u16 final twelve months earlier but this time it was a different story as Waterford played superbly to win the title 4-09 to 1-05 and make up for the disappointment against Laois in 1992. Catherine Walsh scored 2 goals, Lorena Mooney and team captain Fiona Crotty also goaled in a great team performance. Waterford: Denise Nugent (St Pats), Triona Wall (St Pats), Honor Lonergan (Na Deise), Siobhan O Ryan (Ballymacarbry), Annalisa Crotty (Ballymacarbry), Julie Torpey (Kill), Ann Harney (Killrossanty), Catherine Walsh (2-00, St Pats), Olivia Condon (Na Deise), Fiona Crotty (1-01, Captain, Ballymacarbry), Ruth Ahearn (Kill), Leah Murphy (0-01, Old Parish), Rebecca Hallahan (0-02, Ballymacarbry), Lorena Mooney (1-02, Kill), Claire Ryan (0-03, Ballymacarbry), Subs: Evelyn Mooney (Kill), Karen Denn (Na Deise), Naomi Flynn (Dunhill), Roseanne Ryan (Na Deise), Jackie Young (Old Parish), Deirdre Nagle (Dungarvan), Mary Walsh (Na Deise), Noirin Harty (Armore), Deirdre O Rourke (Clashmore), Angela Power (Old Parish), Sinead Byrne (Dungarvan), Margaret Quinn (Na Deise), Manager/Coach/Trainer Michael Ryan (Ballymacarbry), Selectors Ger Mooney (Kill), Martin Curran (Old Parish).

Ballymacarbry and Kill met in the u14 A final at Modeligo on the 25 September and Ballymacarbry won an exciting game and Ballymacarbry also defeated Kill narrowly in the minor A final. In the junior league final St Pats defeated Dungarvan 2-08 to 3-02 and in the u16 B final Dungarvan Killrossanty 4-02 to 0-05.

Ballymacarbry lost a great player on the 31<sup>st</sup> October when Dolores Tyrell passed away after an illness. Dolores had captained the club when they won the first All Ireland club championship in O Connor Park, Tullamore in 1997. For the rest of the club championship, the club didn't use the number 7 jersey as a mark of respect.

Ballymacarbry travelled to Michael O Hehir Park in Cratloe to play Fergus Rovers in the Munster club final on the 7 November and won easily 7-11 to 0-04 and the

following Sunday travelled to Galway for an All Ireland quarter final clash with St Grellans, again it resulted in a comfortable 4-19 to 0-04 win.

The All Ireland semi final resulted in a trip to London to play Parnell's at the Parnell club grounds where the London representatives proved no match and Ballymacarbry overwhelmed them, 6-28 to 0-03.

Semple Stadium Thurles, just a short distance from Hayes Hotel, birth place of the ladies Gaelic football Association, was the venue for the 1993 All Ireland club final against Crettyard (Laois), Crettyard were appearing in their first final, Ballymacarbry in their eight.

Goals by Geraldine O Ryan and Claire Ryan and 3 points from Fiona Crotty put Ballymacarbry in the driving seat and on a perfect playing surface they ran out 2-12 to 1-02 winners to claim their 6<sup>th</sup> title and their 5<sup>th</sup> in row. Ballymacarbry: Patricia Butler, Regina Byrne, Martina O Ryan, Cleona Walsh, Ann Dunford, Noirin Walsh, Sinead Walsh, Bernie Ryan (0-01), Catriona Casey (0-02), Rebecca Hallahan, Geraldine O Ryan (1-02), Marie Crotty (0-01), Fiona Crotty (0-03), Claire Ryan (1-02), Aine Wall (0-01) Subs: Michelle Walsh, Annalisa Crotty, Siobhan O Ryan, Helen Fitzpatrick & Ann Walsh.

The County board produced a calendar with adverts being sold for the New Year in a bid to generate more finance as the cost of transport was increasing annually and although 1993 didn't see 3 in a row, the great form shown by the minor team gave plenty of room for optimism for 1994.

Honours:

Waterford Munster & All Ireland minor champions

Ballymacarbry Munster & All Ireland senior club champions

Waterford's sole All Star award winner was Aine Wall Ballymacarbry at left half forward and the All stars were defeated by Kerry, 1-17 to 1-11.