

## Roanmore crowned Junior Champions



Roanmore players with team manager Micky Wadding after winning the Junior Championship.

The first adult championship up for decision this year was played on Saturday last against Roanmore and Ferrybank.

Both of these clubs have only entered the Junior championship relatively recently so it was encouraging to see these teams compete for the County title.

The two teams knew each other fairly well over recent times as they had faced each other in the league earlier in the year and group phases of the championship. Both teams had played a final against each other when they lined out for the league final and on that occasion Ferrybank were winners having to come from behind and getting their winning scores in injury time.

This match proved to just as tight with both sides leading going into the the last few minutes but it was the Roanmore that were triumphant on this occasion winning the encounter by 5-11 to 5-09.

When you see a match that has 30 scores and only two points separating both teams at the end then you know that it was a fairly evenly matched contest.

Ferrybank started the stronger leading by 1-03 to no score after 10 minutes but then Roanmore scored two quick goals to level the match. Roanmore took the lead only for Ferrybank to regain it and the sides went in at halftime at Ferrybank 3-03 to Roanmore's 2-05.

At the start of the second half both teams traded points, Roanmore regained the lead when with their third goal only for Ferrybank to reply with a goal of their own. Midway through the second half Roanmore put a string of four unanswered points on the score sheet to lead by four points. Ferrybank continued to exert pressure on the Roanmore defense and were rewarded with four unanswered points to leave the match level heading into the last five minutes.

A third goal by Roanmore's Roisin Heylin put daylight between the teams, Ferrybank replied with a point and then scored their fifth goal to great relief to their supporters. There was one last chance for Roanmore and they worked the ball down the field and Jodie Keane applied the finishing touch to send the ball into the Ferrybank net and win the match.

Both teams are to be congratulated for being part of such an exhilarating camogie match. The Junior cup was presented by WaterfordCamogie Association County Secretary Morgan Conroy to Roanmore's captain Valerie O'Brien.