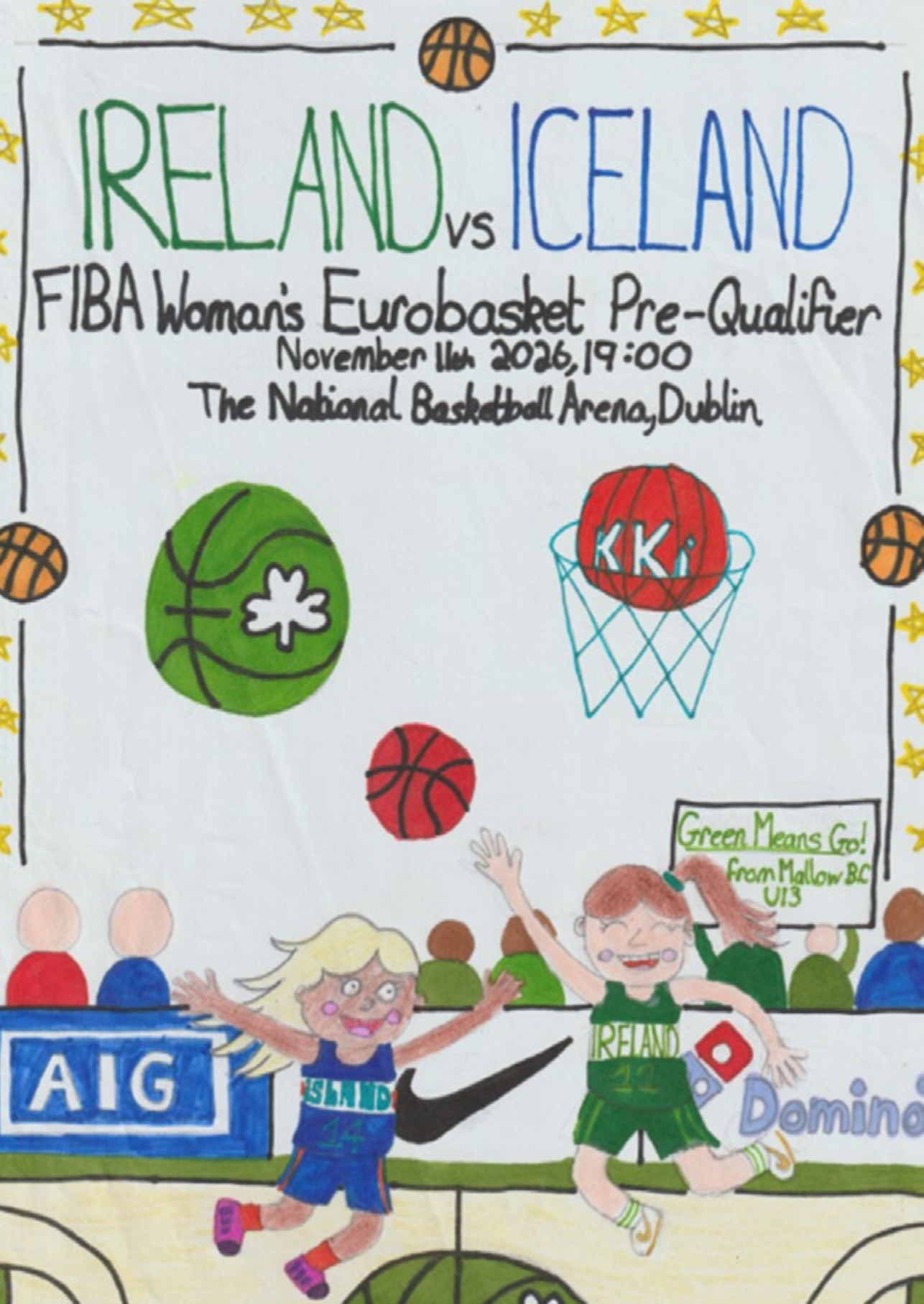
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BASKETBALL IRELAND CEO WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the National Basketball Arena for our FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2029 Pre-Qualifier against Iceland.

I would like to thank all our supporters who are here tonight to cheer the team on. A special mention goes to the designer of our wonderful programme cover, Holly O'Brien from Mallow Basketball Club. This initiative has been delivered by Basketball Ireland's Club and Community Partner AIG and I hope to see it continue. I know the atmosphere generated by our fans means a lot to the players and staff, so let's get behind the team while welcoming our opponents Iceland to Dublin.

Tonight marks the start of a new FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifying campaign and I would like to welcome our new head coach Thomas Garlepp to the National Basketball Arena. I wish him and his staff every success in the coming window and into the future. I'd also like to thank his predecessor James Weldon and his staff for the professionalism, dedication and success they brought to our women's programme during their tenure. Beating Bosnia & Herzegovina home and away during out last campaign was a particular highlight. I wish them all continued success both on-and-off the court.

More widely for Basketball Ireland, it has been a busy time as our National League returned in October, boosted by the news of title partner Dominos renewing their sponsorship for a further three years. Visibility of the Domino's Men's and Women's Super League and Division One has also been amplified through a media partnership with OffTheBall. Alongside BITV and the Swish app, these are significant steps in bringing stability to our National League and showcasing what it has to offer to a larger audience than ever before.

On behalf of the Board and everyone at Basketball Ireland, I'd once again like to acknowledge the fantastic success achieved by our Masters programme during the summer months. They brought home four medals from the FIMBA Masters Open, including Gold for our F40 team. Seeing Ireland participate in eight categories is testament to the work being done by all those involved since Ireland first attended the FIMBA European Championships back in 2019. Their success - as well as that of our youth teams participating at FIBA Youth EuroBasket each year - is a great exhibit of Irish basketball on the world stage.

Our continued thanks goes to TG4 for their support of Irish basketball. Our partnership has been in place since 2014 and their ongoing commitment to broadcasting both domestic and international fixtures is vital to the sport.

Finally, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Dublin to our opponents Iceland, along with the FIBA Europe delegation, game referees, table officials and commissioners.

John Feehan,
Basketball Ireland CEO



EDEL THORNTON: A NOTE FROM OUR CAPTAIN!

It's really exciting. I think, you know, I've been around now for quite a bit. So starting a new campaign with kind of an entirely new programme, a new staff and a relatively new group of girls is something I'm really looking forward to.

There's kind of a rejuvenated energy with new faces coming into the group and probably a slightly different style of playing. Not a terribly different style, I would assume, but, you know, we don't know what way Tom coaches yet and just getting to adapt to that will be exciting for everyone. The last time we started a window at home, we didn't perform very well, so the people that did play in that game are very adamant that we do put our best foot forward for this first game on our home floor against Iceland.

There's obviously been a lot of additional pressure that has come with being an Irish international and yourself as captain in the last couple of campaigns, how do you reflect on that journey from a personal perspective?

I think, you know what, with pressure, it's kind of only as big as you make it and I don't make that big of a deal out of these situations at times. I know, look, I know I'll reflect on it when when I'm retired and long into my years, but it's something that I don't really dwell on at the moment. I'm trying to put my best foot forward and be the best version of me I can for each team that I'm a part of.

So I think there is always pressure when you stop onto the floor to represent your club or your country at any level, but that pressure is only as powerful as you allow it to be on yourself, so I'm trying to minimise that side of things and just keep putting my best foot forward every time I'm called upon.

Thankfully, I've been part of some amazing groups and in fairness, we all kind of just focus at the job on hand and don't kind of let ourselves get too overwhelmed with what it means to be an international and for me on top of that, with being a captain, I understand the the role that comes with that and being a role model for younger kids by trying to be the best role model for them. Whether that's on the court to officials or my teammates, through my body language on the bench or just wearing an Irish t-shirt in the in the stands.

I don't believe I'm in the reflective part of my journey yet, but I think from where I am now to where I started, it's definitely been a lot of growth and learning how to be the best version of you within each team.

It's going to be little different entering camp with a new coaching staff. You've experienced that with your club this year as well but does that almost make you feel like a rookie again in so far as it's a new learning experience?

I think it's kind of gas actually that, you know, both coaches changed at the same time. I was kind of chatting to Keith and Tom during the summer and just coming into the early season as well about, you know, that shift and I haven't really had that in a while.

With Brunell, we've had Liam for for a good couple of years now and we were alll super comfortable with him and having that change to Keith and trying to adapt to that and the way he wants us to play.

Now it's not totally different, but even just the terminology and different things is different. It's the same dynamic with the international setup. We were so lucky for so long to have James and the rest of the staff with us and that level of consistency was amazing and I think we benefited from it greatly, but I think I'm really, I am looking forward to it.

It's like you said, I do kind of feel not like a rookie because I think, you know my body certainly doesn't feel like a rookie, but there's a there's a new energy and that can be exciting to be a part of. I think I'll really enjoy this experience and try put my best foot forward to help both coaches and both teams to kind of be the best that we can be.

What do you most look forward to about coming into camp?

I just start to pack and there's always that excitement when you start putting in Irish jerseys into a bag and you know, getting to wear Ireland across your chest is such an incredible honour and it's something that like I try not to think about all year round.

But being around the group is probably the thing I look forward to the most. We all have the same goal for Irish teams - putting the Irish jersey in a better place than when we got it - and just the energy around the group is always just really fun and it's really bubbly, but we're really competitive as well. So for me I think it's a mix of what I look forward to about representing my country, but also just being around the girls and uh getting to spend time together, in the hotel, training in different uh settings, traveling and getting to see different parts of the world with your friends.

That aspect is really lovely and it's something that, you know, I think in years to come that I'll look back on and remember the friendships a lot more than the games that were actually played.

The group broke down a lot of barriers in the last campaign, beating Bosnia both home and away was a big step - what goals do you think are achievable in the coming qualifiers?

Yeah, I think, you know, goals are something that we kind of have set ourselves in the past number of years and we really set the bar quite high for ourselves to be honest with you.

I really do think this window, and we all feel it, that we can win all three games in November. We really do and I think getting that win at home under our belt in our first game and then getting the second win away from home is a confidence that you can't talk about, you just feel it and it's that sense that we we can achieve it now and we've done it once already. The teams that were playing in November and again then in February, we do think that we can get wins.

So I personally think, you know, we haven't really spoken a lot about it as a group yet, but I know the way everyone in the group thinks and we'll all be eyeing up three wins in November, um, no doubt.

Irish women's basketball is going from strength to strength when you look at the number of players getting minutes at a very high level in the US and the number who are coming back and turning professional. What do you put that down to? Is there something you've seen in the players coming through in recent years that is helping that progression?

Yeah, it is and it continues to go from strength-to-strength really with so many people playing abroad and even the National League here in Ireland is being played at a really high level at the moment.

I don't know what to put it down to (the surge in development), but we speak about campaigns in years past, and you know, that 'can't see, can't be' analogy was very much a campaign, but it didn't stop. I think the emphasis around it probably stopped, whereas girls continued to push the boundaries and you know, we continued to go abroad and to expect more of ourselves.

When we put on on the Irish jersey, it wasn't enough to compete anymore. It was a case that no, we want to win at this level. It's a tough question. I don't know where that shift happened and I do think it was gradual and it was over time and it was just more people did it, so now more people do it.

It's people believing in themselves a little bit more and I think again, going back to you can't can't see, can't be, people in similar situations have gone before people that are now going to go. When they see that firsthand and maybe, you know, get to meet people that have have played in the US or have played professionally, and you know, I think it's something that's really important within the Irish basketball community is how supportive people generally are of one another.

People will give you their honest feedback on how they their experience was and you know will support you in going for what the best what the best actual option for you. People are pushing the boundaries and I just think it's a case of people have done it now and people can see that they've done it, so more people are willing to put themselves out there and and give it a go.

I don't think it's anything different in terms of traits or skills or anything like that. I just think it's spoken about more on social media as a really good way of getting it across and people are seeing other people's experiences and seeing the positive impact that it's having on everyone's life, not just basketball.

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Pictured: Holly O'Brien (right) winner of the AIG Programme Design Competition and designer of today's programme cover. (Above) Holly with her team-mates from Mallow Basketball Club in Cork.

LAST TIME OUT AT HOME



Ireland put in an offensive and defensive masterclass to defeat Group A top seeds Bosnia and Herzegovina 94-67 and register Ireland's first win since the team's return to FIBA Women's EuroBasket in 2021. A delighted Ireland captain Edel Thornton said "we've now shown ourselves and everyone in the country that we are a force to be reckoned with."

Ireland, ranked 83rd in the FIBA World Rankings, downed the 29th ranked Bosnia and Herzegovina in impressive fashion. They were quick out of the blocks and got into an 11-4 lead three and a half minutes in, helped by threes from Thornton and Hazel Finn. Bosnia and Herzegovina brought it level at 11-11 by the midpoint of the quarter, following Ajla Selimovic's layup under the basket. But Ireland would lead thereafter, responding with an Enya Maguire three and a Lorraine Scanlon layup to put them 16-11 up.

Scanlon, who was the only change to the starting five, was picked out with a long range pass from Thornton and landed another layup from under the basket, Scanlon's tally was now seven points and Ireland were 24-15 up with a minute to go. The impressive Scanlon would finish the contest with 11 points and 15 rebounds. Bridget Herlihy's three completed a fine opening quarter, to give Ireland a 27-15 advantage.

Back-to-back layups from Finn and Claire Melia had Ireland 33-22 up three and a half minutes into the second quarter. Bosnia's naturalised American Kamiah Smalls was getting into her stride and brought it to within two, 36-34, with less than a minute to go, she'd picked up 13 points in the quarter alone. But layups from Scanlon and Sarah Hickey either side of Smalls' free throws gave Ireland a 40-36 half-time lead.

Ireland began the third quarter strongly, kickstarted by a Melia three. Defensively Ireland were dogged, Thornton followed her layup under the basket with a fine steal at the opposite end and then drew a foul, the Ireland captain converted her two free throws to put Ireland 51-42 up three minutes in. Ireland continued to build a score, thanks to a pair of Finn layups and one each from Scanlon and Thornton, to give them a 17 point lead, 59-42, midway through the quarter.









Thornton and Smalls exchanged three's and it was 63-49, with three minutes to go. Ireland finished the quarter with four Melia free throws to leave them with a commanding 69-51 lead, Melia's tally up to 13 points.

Ireland didn't relent, a Hickey three got James Weldon's side off to the start they wanted in the fourth quarter. The SETU Waterford Wildcats drained another with 5'36 left on the clock, to put Ireland 77-55 to the good. Ireland's tempo didn't let up and Bridget Herlihy picked up five points in the final 30 seconds, including a buzzer beating three at the death, to cap a brilliant team performance.

Ireland captain Edel Thornton said "It has been a long time coming, we haven't won a competitive game in a long time, I am thrilled that we did it with authority, we didn't just win, we won well so it's great."

She added, "We've been through a lot, a lot of ups and downs and a lot has happened in the team emotionally, I think this boosts us, to show us we've earned the right to be here. We speak about it all the time, we never go in thinking anyone is way better than us, but we've now shown ourselves and everyone in the country that we are a force to be reckoned with."

Ireland head coach James Weldon stated: "It's incredible, I am just so proud of the team, we talked about it that we've had some really special nights here in the Arena without sealing the deal, but we've really put ourselves back in with a shot of qualifying, which is always the goal and the points aggregate is going to be great going into Tuesday's game and the next phase in March. We've got so much to play for. We were so disappointed with Wednesday night, but credit to each of those women, they stood up to the plate and delivered."

Ireland face Israel in their next Group A game on Tuesday at 1800 in Riga, Latvia.

Quarter Scores:

Q1: 27-15, Q2: 13-21, Q3: 29-15, Q4: 25-16

Game Scores:

Q1: 27-15, Q2: 40-36, Q3: 69-51, Q4: 94-67

IRELAND

YOUR GIRLS IN GREEN!

ROSTER

Edel Thornton



Club: Brunell BC, Cork

Ella O'Donnell



Club: Manchester Basketball, ENG

Emer Dunne



Club: Glanmire BC, Cork

Enya Maguire



Club: KK Studio Zagreb, CRO

Hazel Finn



Club: Trinity Meteors, Dublin

Katie Williamson



Club: Liffey Celtics, Kildare

Lucy Coogan



Club: Essex Rebels, ENG

Maura Fitzpatrick



Club: Caledonia Gladiators, SCO

Michelle Clarke



Club: Killester BC, Dublin

Sarah Hickey



Club: Waterford Wildcats

Aoibheann Donnelly



Club: Cleveland Rockets, Lisburn

Caitlin Gloeckner



Club: Cleveland Rockets, Lisburn

Katie O'Sullivan



Club: Cavan Eagles

STAFF



Thomas Garlepp
Head Coach

Karl Kilbride
Assistant Coach
Suzanne Maguire
Assistant Coach
Ger O'Leary
Team Manager


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DONNELLY
Do Not Disturb
Silence all notifications
work
sleep
First Call Up
Age: 18
Club: Cleveland Rockets
Position: Guard
Previously capped: U16, U18, U20
KATIE
O'SULLIVAN
Do Not Disturb
Silence all notifications
work
sleep
First Call Up
Age: 20
Club: VSC Cavan Eagles
Position: Guard
Previously capped: U18, U20



PREVIOUS MEETINGS

AUGUST, 2009
ICELAND 77-68 IRELAND

SEPTEMBER, 2008
IRELAND 68-59 ICELAND

SEPTEMBER, 2007
IRELAND 62-67 ICELAND

SEPTEMBER, 2006
ICELAND 68-56 IRELAND

ICELAND
THE SQUAD TO FACE IRELAND

HEAD COACH



Pekka Salminen

STAFF

Assistant Coach:
Daniel Andri Halldorsson
Jamil Abiad

RECENT RESULTS

Iceland 62-60 Portugal
Serbia 92-66 Iceland
Portugal 100-70 Iceland
Iceland 59-84 Serbia

ROSTER

14 Sara Run **Hinriksdóttir**
2 Isabella **Sigurdardóttir**
5 Helena **Rafnsdóttir**
6 Þóranna **Hodge-Carr**
7 Diljá **Lárusdóttir**
9 Emma **Theódórsson**
10 Thelma **Ágústsdóttir**
11 Anna **Svansdóttir**
15 Ásta **Grímsdóttir**
17 Rebekka **Steingrimsdóttir**
18 Berglind **Hlynsdóttir**
26 Kristrún **Olafsdóttir**

THIS WEEK IN IRISH BASKETBALL

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL TEAM





VSC Cavan Eagles took down Killester in a 57-54 win to jump to the top of the Domino's Women's Super League, as Utility Trust St. Paul's win their fifth game in a row, beating SETU Waterford Wildcats 79-69 in Killarney. Defending champions Trinity Meteors took care of Gurranabraher Credit Union Brunell in Dublin, winning 87-72. Midlands Park Portlaoise Panthers go 0-6, as they lose 67-42 to FloMAX Liffey Celtics and Career Decisions UCC Glanmire win 85-81 in a Munster derby against Limerick Celtics.

VSC Cavan Eagles took a narrow three-point win against Killester to climb to the top of the Domino's Women's Super League in Virginia. Cavan Eagles strolled to a five-point lead at half-time, before maintaining that gap until the half-time buzzer. Killester couldn't seem to find the basket in the third quarter, as they only racked up six points to Cavan Eagles' 14. After finding themselves down by 16 in the final quarter, Killester clawed the deficit back to three, but Cavan Eagles held out in the final few seconds to secure the 57-54 win.

Kilah Freelon collected her sixth double-double of the season for VSC Cavan Eagles, getting 15 points and 20 rebounds. Kennedy Townsend racked up a 23-point game, while also grabbing ten rebounds for her fifth double-double of the season. VSC Cavan Eagles will host Career Decisions UCC Glanmire in round seven, as Killester take on FloMAX Liffey Celtics.

Utility Trust St. Paul's maintained their unbeaten status in the Domino's Women's Super League, as they beat the in-form SETU Waterford Wildcats 79-69. Utility Trust St. Paul's produced a scoring onslaught in the first half, as they entered half-time 47-29 leaders. St. Paul's extended the lead to 20 points at the start of the third quarter; however, SETU Waterford Wildcats homed in to reduce the deficit before the final period. The Waterford side outscored St. Paul's 18-12 in the fourth quarter, but the damage had been done, and St. Paul's walked away ten-point winners.

Defending Domino's Women's Super League champions Trinity Meteors secured an important 87-72 win over Gurranabraher Credit Union Brunell in Coláiste Íosagáin, leaving only one position separating the sides in the league. Brunell started the contest quickly and strolled to a 14-point lead midway through the second quarter, but Trinity Meteors reduced the gap to ten at half-time. Trinity Meteors came out all guns blazing in the third quarter, producing a 27-6 blitz, and holding out for a 15-point win over the visitors. Morgan Lenahan led the scoring charts with 23 points, as Brunell's Kayce Vaile picked up her fifth double-double of the season. Trinity Meteors travel south to SETU Waterford Wildcats in round seven, while Gurranabraher Credit Union Brunell host bottom of the table Midlands Park Portlaoise Panthers.

By Danny Delaney



defeat to FloMAX Liffey Celtics. Portlaoise Panthers were set for their first win of the season after entering half-time 30-24 ahead; however, Liffey Celtics fired out of the blocks in the third quarter to outscore the visitors 31-6. The final quarter sealed the win for Liffey Celtics, as they held Portlaoise Panthers to six points and ran away 25-point winners.

Chinwe Iwunze and Alyssa Marie Velles led the Midlands Park Portlaoise Panthers scoring with 14 and 10 points respectively, but the pair also combined for only one three-pointer in 15 attempts. Nya Epps hit her second 16-point game, as Katie Williamson secured a double-double in points and rebounds. FloMAX Liffey Celtics travel to Killester in gameweek seven, while Midlands Park Portlaoise Panthers journey to Gurranabraher Credit Union Brunell.

Career Decisions UCC Glanmire claimed their second win of the season, taking down the newly promoted Limerick Celtics 85-81. Glanmire started on a strong note, going 21-15 ahead in the first quarter, and ending the first-half 41-40 leaders thanks to a last second Lisa Krol three-pointer. Limerick Celtics regained the lead in the fourth quarter, but it was Mark Scannell's side who took the advantage in the final two minutes to secure a four-point victory. Tae Jordan collected a double-double with 30 points and 11 rebounds, as Jeni Levine topped the scoring charts with 32 points. Limerick Celtics travel to Killarney to face Utility Trust St. Paul's in round seven, as Career Decisions UCC Glanmire face league leaders VSC Cavan Eagles.

Midlands Park Portlaoise Panthers are yet to find a win in this year's Domino's Women's Super League after suffering a 67-42





"We need to understand what makes us, well, us."

By Emmet Ryan

When covering basketball across the continent, regional philosophies to the sport tend to come up. The "Serbian School" and "Greek School" are common enough phrases when it comes to the approach to the game.

These are far from alone but what the different European approaches tend to have in mind is how the local approach to the game was developed. All try to learn from each other as we've seen plenty of in Ireland.

Yet perhaps we need to start doing real research into the "Irish School" of basketball. While not an elite nation by European standards in the sport, our players and coaches are shaped by what is around them.

We're a nation where playing multiple sports is common. The most obvious crossover point is between basketball and Gaelic games. Yet there has also been a steady flow over the years from the women's game into elite level rugby and soccer is also a clear influence in how we think about sport.

The how and where those sports influence our approach to basketball merits some real research. From head to toe there are obvious ways most sports can impact each other.

Basketball requires handling skills, box tick for Gaelic football and hurling/camogie. There's also an element of physicality, hello rugby. Footwork can certainly be improved through soccer. Even hockey and golf of all sports offer gains in hand-eye coordination.

We know there are influences. What we don't know is how they influence and how to refine those features as we adapt them to basketball in Ireland. Essentially, we need to understand what makes us, well, us.



Homogeneity is the worst thing in existence. Elite level soccer is already suffering from its impact and basketball has certainly felt some of the ill effects over the past decade. Fortunately, there's an enormous amount of smart people with insignificant budgets that can help.

That is to say that coaches are forced to be creative and have to think outside the norm, ensuring variety stays in the game. By better understanding what makes us unique, we can do a better job of blending in aspects of basketball that are more associated with other parts of the world.

Think about it like cooking. You may like a dish a set way but you've got someone coming over who you know has their own tastes. If you care about that dish you make, well then you understand why it works as it is. From there you can unlock the best way to change things up so that the reinvented version tastes the best it can.

That only works if you understand why your standard way of making the dish works the way it does and what potential impact new aspects could have on it. Did you really think a fat guy was going to not make a food reference in this piece?

By understanding ourselves, our whole selves, in basketball as we are today we can grow into something even better as more elements come in.

Emmet Ryan is editor of BallinEurope.com



OUR ANTHEM

LET'S SING IT LOUD AND PROUD

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Le gean ar Ghaeil, chun báis nó saoil,
Le gunna-scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig' amhrán na bhFiann.





KIDS ZONE

NUMBERS GAME

CAN YOU ANSWER THE FOLLOWING MATHS QUESTION?

1. The number of players in the ireland squad.
2. Plus the number worn by Michelle Clarke.
3. Divided by the number of referees in a basketball game.

Answer: FIVE

WORD SEARCH

W	E	S	G	J	O	Q	N	E	U	X	X	O	E	F
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CAN YOU FIND ALL EIGHT BASKETBALL RELATED WORDS?

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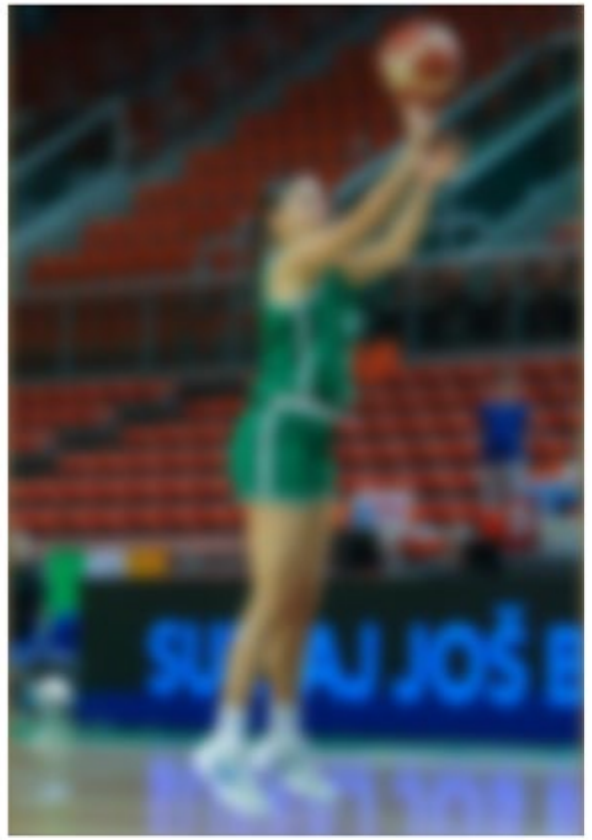


PHOTO COMPETITION

CAN YOU GUESS WHO IS IN THE BLURRED OUT PICTURE?

1. She is from Waterford
2. She wears the number 6.
3. Her mum is a Basketball Ireland Hall of Famer.

Answer: Sarah Hickey

TAKE OUR FIBA WOMEN'S EUROBASKET QUIZ

1. Can you name the teams in Ireland's FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifying Group?
2. Who is the Ireland WNT captain?
3. How many players are Ireland allowed to have on the court during the game?
4. Who did Ireland beat twice in our last FIBA Women's EuroBasket Qualifying campaign?
5. Which player(s) in tonight's squad are making their Ireland WNT debut?

Answers:

1. Iceland, Switzerland, Azerbaijan.
2. Edel Thornton.
3. FIVE
4. Bosnia & Herzegovina
5. Aoibheann Donnelly



Halloween Scream

Recently we welcomed pupils from Central Model Senior, Rutland National School, St. Laurence O'Toole CBS (boys), St Laurence O'Toole National School (girls) and Gardiner Street Primary School to Diamond Park near Gardiner Street in Dublin's North East Inner City for a Halloween Scream blitz.

It was great to see the next generation back in action in the park following the installation of two new rings. Local amenities such as Diamond Park are pivotal in bringing opportunities to engage with our sport to children across the country.

Basketball Ireland's Development Officers are dedicated to introducing and growing the game of basketball to all areas of the island of Ireland in a fun, non-competitve environment. You can find out more about the work of our Development Officers on ireland.basketball/development officers



RIP SHARON

Recently, staff off Basketball Ireland and the National Basketball Arena were been devastated by the passing of our much loved colleague and friend, Sharon Lyons.

For over 20 years, she was an integral part of the Arena. Sharon was a familiar and much-loved face to so many, and everyone who visited the Arena knew her and loved her. Her warmth, presence, and the connections she built with people over the years made her such a special part of our community. She will be deeply missed, and her absence will be felt by so many.

Our heartfelt thoughts and deepest condolences are with her two daughters Chloe and Harley, her partner Philip and much loved dog Charlie, as well as her wide circle of family and friends at this incredibly difficult time. We hope they can take some comfort in knowing just how loved she was and how many lives she touched throughout her time with us.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.



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A safe and fun environment helps every girl **PLAY. GROW. BELIEVE**

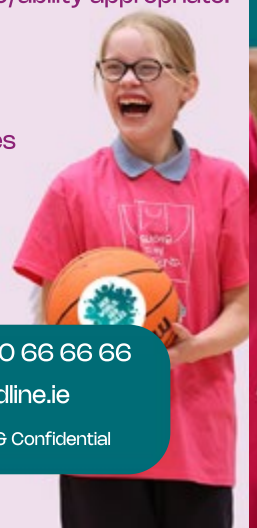
Your attitude as a coach shapes her view on sport and **on life.**

WHAT A SAFE ENVIRONMENT LOOKS LIKE?

She feels welcomed, valued and included.
2. She can be herself and belongs.
3. She feels **SAFE** – physically, emotionally and online.
4. She knows her welbeing matters.
5. She is **RESPECTED.**
6. Her voice is heard and her opinions count.
7. She can **HAVE FUN.**
8. She enjoys training and being part of the team.
9. She can IMPROVE and be **SUPPORTED.**
10. She feels **EMPOWERED.**
11. She is encouraged to make choices, take part and lead.

HOW COACHES CREATE IT?

Lead by example.
2. Show respect, fairness and positivity always.
3. Get to know **each girl.**
4. Build relationships and show interest.
5. Understand what matters to them.
6. **Listen and Respond.**
7. Encourage girls to speak up.
8. Make training enjoyable and age/ability appropriate.
9. Celebrate effort and progress.
10. Promote safety.
11. Follow safeguarding procedures
12. Report concerns.



Speak Up.
Support Her.
Be Her Champion.

Need to raise a concern?
Follow your club's safeguarading proceedures. If you see something, **SAY SOMETHING.**

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EVERY GIRL HAS THE RIGHT TO.....

BE RESPECTED.
Be treated fairly and with kindness at all times.

FEEL SAFE.
Feel comfortable and protected in your sport.

BE INCLUDED.
Feel welcomed and included no matter your shape, ability or background.

HAVE FUN.
Enjoy training, matches and club activities in a positive and supportive space.

BE HEARD.
Your voice matters. You can speak up about anything that worries you.

WHEN TO SPEAK UP?

1. Someone is being mean, leaving you out or bullying you.
2. You feel pressured to do something you don't want to.
3. Someone touches you in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable.
4. You see or hear something that doesn't feel right.
5. You are worried about a friend or teammate.



WHO CAN YOU TALK TO?

1. A parent or guardian.
2. Your coach.
3. A designated liason person in your club.
4. A teacher.
5. Another adult you trust.
6. Childline (see below).





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SAFEGUARDING IS **EVERYONE'S** RESPONSIBILITY.

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IRELAND

11 Edel **Thornton**
2 Ella **O'Donnell**
9 Emer **Dunne**
8 Enya **Maguire**
1 Hazel **Finn**
7 Katie **Williamson**
4 Lucy **Coogan**
17 Maura **Fitzpatrick**
3 Michelle **Clarke**
6 Sarah **Hickey**
0 Aoibheann **Donnelly**
26 Caitlin **Gloeckner**
14 Katie **O'Sullivan**

ICELAND

14 Sara Run **Hinriksdóttir**
2 Isabella **Sigurdardóttir**
5 Helena **Rafnsdóttir**
6 Þóranna **Hodge-Carr**
7 Diljá **Lárusdóttir**
9 Emma **Theódórsson**
10 Thelma **Ágústsdóttir**
11 Anna **Svansdóttir**
15 Ásta **Grímsdóttir**
17 Rebekka **Steingrimsdóttir**
18 Berglind **Hlynsdóttir**
26 Kristrún **Olafsdóttir**

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