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2027 EUROPEAN
PRE-QUALIFIERS



SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 24TH 2024



VS



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ARENA



15:00 TIP-OFF

A MESSAGE FROM JOHN FEEHAN CEO of Basketball Ireland



A MESSAGE FROM PJ REIDY President of Basketball Ireland

I will start by welcoming you all here to the National Basketball Arena for today's historic FIBA Basketball World Cup 2027 European Pre-Qualifier against Switzerland.

Whether this is your first visit, or you are a regular attendee to watch our international, club or schools basketball teams in action, Basketball Ireland, the players and staff wish to thank you for your support.

On behalf of myself, the Board of Basketball Ireland and everyone who is a part of the basketball community in this country, I want to extend a warm welcome and thank you to the players and staff of our senior women's team following their recent FIBA Women's EuroBasket 2025 Qualifier against Israel in Riga.

All involved handled the additional media and social media attention around the fixture with fantastic courage and maturity, while also battling fiercely on the court.

I wish to thank our partners, CFM,



Intersport Elverys, Kappa, Molten, Gotham Drywall and Azets Ireland for their continued support.

Thank you also to TG4, who are broadcasting today's game, for their ongoing commitment to showcasing our international and club events.

Finally I would like to welcome our guests, Switzerland to the National Basketball Arena and wish good luck to all players, staff and officials involved in today's contest.

JOHN FEEHAN,
Basketball Ireland CEO



I'd like to take a moment to welcome everyone here to the National Basketball Arena for a huge occasion for Irish basketball.

You are all a part of our first home FIBA Basketball World Cup qualifying game. It's fantastic to see us competing at this level following on from our FIBA EuroBasket 2025 Pre-Qualifiers schedule and I am looking forward to another successful campaign ahead.

I want to wish Mark Keenan, his coaching staff and players the very best of luck

in the forthcoming game and future international windows.

Our performances in the last number of years, especially our recent wins against Luxembourg have brought a great energy to men's basketball in this country.

I want to welcome the Swiss delegation to Ireland once again, after their visit to the National Basketball Arena in 2022. I hope you enjoy your visit to Ireland and we look forward to the return fixture.

Finally, I would like to wish all of today's officials and support staff the very best of luck.

PJ REIDY,
Basketball Ireland President

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O'Sullivan, Conor	
Hannigan, James	
Quinn, Aidan	

Keenan, Mark	Head Coach
Fulton, Adrian	Assistant Coach
Summers, Puff	Assistant Coach
Lane, Andrew	Physio
Markievicz, Igor	Phsyio
Hickey, Mike	Team Manager

Mbala, Boris	0
Nzege, Michel-Ofik	1
Polite, Anthony	2
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Ducommun, Dylan	21
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Dell'Aqua, Massimiliano	
Jurkovitz, Natan	
Muhr, Ryan	
Salman, Thomas Zemir	

Papatheodoru, Ilias	Head Coach
Menoudakos, Dimitrios	Assistant Coach
Pembele, Patrick	Assistant Coach

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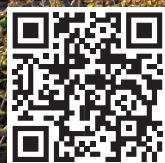


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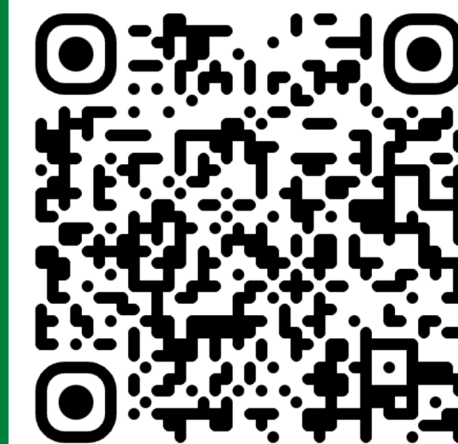
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IRISH ABROAD

Matt Treacy

You made the move to Switzerland this year and it's been going quite well, are you able to give Mark an inside information on our opponents?

Yeah obviously I've been playing in the Swiss League this year. I mean nothing too crazy, I've a couple of teammates that have played with some of the guys growing up, so I'm asking questions here and there. But I mean, we're pretty familiar with the Swiss, obviously playing them last summer too. So it's an exciting matchup for us, kind of knowing who they have coming in.

How did that move to Switzerland come about?

So they had reached out to my



agent to see if I would have had any interest in the first place. And then obviously playing in Switzerland for the two friendly games last summer, I guess I've been on their radar somewhat, so they made an offer and I was happy to go over there and play there.

Where is your team based? How are you finding the adjustment?

Yeah, I'm enjoying it. I'm in Zurich,

lovely city and the league is pretty strong. I'm enjoying that too. And everything has been good so far, no complaints at all.

Are there many similarities to playing in Ireland?

I would say it's awfully dissimilar to Ireland in terms of it being a pretty small community. All the teams know each other. Guys are very familiar, familiar with each other and each other's games. So that's kind of been a similarity too, and it's been an adjustment. Obviously coming in as a foreign player, there is a bigger expectation on you than you would be in a local player in the Irish league, as I was last year.

So that's been an adjustment. But I mean, I'm off to a good start having good form and just kind of hoping to continue that on into this week.

Does Zurich live up to the stereotype of being expensive?

Yeah that's definitely been an





adjustment too. It's basically everyday stuff like food or going for a coffee, that kind of thing definitely adds up. I mean, Dublin's heading in that direction now so I won't get too ahead of myself.

How about finding accommodation? We all know that is a big issue back home?

I'm lucky enough that my club kind of takes care of all of that for us. So, I mean, it would have been a nightmare trying to go into a city like Zurich looking for accommodation and trying to figure out the ins and outs of it, but that's been completely taken care of by the club, which is ideal, lovely apartment, middle of the city.

What is it like to be representing Ireland in our first ever FIBA Basketball

World Cup qualifying campaign?

I mean, it's really exciting. It's kind of great to see us back on this stage. I think we've kind of shown over the past couple of years that we've continued to grow as a squad and as a team, and it's just fun to continue on with that. Now we've got a pretty young team here and just kind of trying to develop on our last couple of years and try get some results.

I mean, I think we're past the stage of showing up and trying to, you know, make up numbers and that kind of thing. So we're we're definitely looking to come in and get two results here this week, and that's the main focus.

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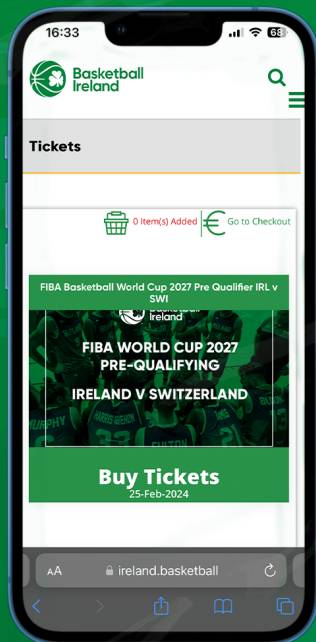
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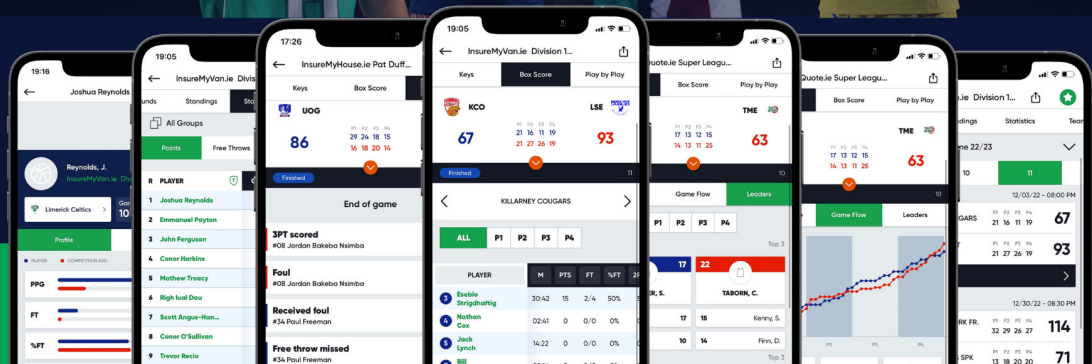
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