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CEO MESSAGE

Firstly, welcome to the National Basketball Arena for the 2025 National League Finals weekend. The coming three days will mark the culmination of seven months of hard work from players, coaching staff and volunteers from each of the clubs involved and I would like to commend you all on the dedication it has taken to reach this stage.

The National League Finals join National Cup Finals as two of the most exciting weekends in the domestic basketball calendar and I am looking forward to seeing the National Basketball Arena full of the sound and colour of supporters backing their teams during the next few days.

Earlier this year, we announced Dominos as the new title sponsor of the Men's and Women's Super League and Division One. Having a globally recognised brand such as Dominos investing in our leagues is a massive moment for Irish basketball. The Domino's Men's and Women's Super League and Division One are the platform for the very best talent to showcase Irish basketball and we are delighted to have a partner on board who matches our ambition for its future.

TG4 will once again broadcast the Domino's Men's and Women's Super League Finals to free-to-air tv this Sunday afternoon. They continue to bring outstanding coverage to our game both domestically and the international stage. In tandem with basketballireland.tv and the advanced stats offered through our partnership with NBN23, basketball in Ireland enjoys greater visibility than ever before, so I am excited to see that continue.

It should also be noted that the AIG All-Ireland Club Championships are running throughout this month in Gormanston, bringing some of the brightest U14 and U16 basketball players together to compete in the premiere youth basketball competition of the year. Since becoming Basketball Ireland's Club and Community Partner, AIG have helped raise the awareness of the amazing work being done at grassroots level by our clubs and Development Officers and I am delighted to see the future of our sport being giving the platform to shine.

I'd like to thank them, as well as all our partners including Intersport Elverys, Nike and Molten for their investment and commitment to Irish basketball.

None of these strides forward would be possible without the continued diligence of our referees, table officials and club volunteers – who ensure that games at all levels across the island take place each weekend throughout the year. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for another successful season and wish those taking part in National League Finals weekend good luck. Being selected to officiate or be part of this weekend is due reward for your hard work throughout the year. Enjoy the experience.

Finally, a busy summer lies ahead for our international teams competing at various competitions at all levels from U16 right through to Masters. Representing your country is a fantastic achievement, so I want to take this chance to wish you all good luck and safe travels for the months ahead.

John Feehan

CEO of Basketball Ireland



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

I'd like to welcome everyone to the National Basketball Arena for our 2024/25 National League Finals weekend.

This is always a special occasion for the clubs, players, coaches, volunteers, referees and table officials and as President of Basketball Ireland, I want to congratulate you on a fantastic season so far and thank you on behalf of the governing body for the countless hours you dedicate to Irish basketball across all levels of the game.

This is my first National League Finals weekend as President of Basketball Ireland and I am excited to witness what promises to be a great standard of basketball and some really close contests during the course of the next three days.

If this is your first time attending National League Finals, a basketball game or you are yet to find or become involved with your local basketball club, I would encourage all of you to do so regardless of your age or skill level. From SOCIA-Ball, youth basketball, Basketball For All, National League or Masters – there is a place for everyone in our sport. Away from the court, our clubs are always looking for volunteers and having volunteered at all levels of our sport for many

years, I can say that the reward for the investment of your time is well worth it.

To those involved in this weekend's games – enjoy being part of one of the biggest weekends in our sport, regardless of the outcome. To your supporters travelling from all across the island, I hope you enjoy your experience at the National Basketball Arena. Without you, our referees, table officials and support staff, none of this would be possible.

A special mention goes to my own club, Templeogue who are competing in the U20 Men's National League Plate Final and to Killester, Cavan Eagles and Tralee Warriors who have multiple teams playing in National League finals. That is a magnificent achievement for your club.

Finally, I'd like to thank the staff of Basketball Ireland for their efforts during the season, especially the time and effort that goes into making this weekend a better event year on year. Best of luck to all teams once more and let's enjoy the fantastic feast of basketball at the National Basketball Arena.

Margaret Miley
President of Basketball Ireland

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SATURDAY

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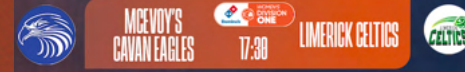
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PLATE FINAL



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SUNDAY



TRALEE WARRIORS

BIDL Women's Plate



GLAMIRE BC

BIDL Women's Plate

Holly O'Brien (c)	5
Aisling Counihan (c)	13
Priya O'Donovan	1
Grace Lucid	2
Claire O'Mahony	3
Kelly Fitzgerald	6
Niamh Collins	7
Lucy O'Donnell	8
Anna O'Sullivan	9
Sorcha Casey	11
Emily Flynn	14

Head Coach	Caitriona Collins
Asst. Coach	Tomás o Hanlon
Asst. Ciach	Linda Raymond
Team Manager	Niamh Collins

Róisín Quirke (c)	20
Mia Finnegan (c)	5
Shona Bohane	4
Katie Mae O Neill	6
Chloe O Driscoll	8
Lauren Crean Hickey	9
Katie Quinlan	10
Abby Furlong	11
Jessica Quirke	13
Ruth Patterson	21
Ella O Sullivan	22
Sarah Rose Walsh	23

Head Coach	Nicky Bohane
Asst. Coach	
Asst. Ciach	
Team Manager	Orla Butler

METEORS BC

BIDL Women's Final



ST MARY'S CASTLEISLAND

BIDL Women's Final

Sinead Keane (c)	24
Riona Greal	18
Aisling Moran	11
Jodi Geaney	10
Freya Blennerhassett	9
Kira Lynch	5
Riodhna McGrath	19
Kate Donnelly	53
Helena Keane	33
Sarah Donnelly	63
Tara Greal	15

Head Coach	Alan Fearon
Asst. Coach	Rachel Rice
Asst. Ciach	Seamas Donnelly
Team Manager	Dolores Geaney
Asst. Manager	Anna O'Sullivan

Roisin Casey (c)	6
Shauna Ahern (c)	1
Suzanne Large	2
Aisling O'Connell	3
Keeva Ahern	5
Miram Leane	7
Clodagh Coffey	9
Seodhna O'Dono-	10
ghue	12
Emma Buckley	15
Amy Curtin	16
Erin O'Connor	18
Kate O'Connor	19

Head Coach	Cormac O'Donoghue
Asst. Coach	Eamon Egan
Team Manager	Fiona Cahill



CLAIRE MELIA MAKES HISTORY

Ireland international Claire Melia has become the first Irish woman to pick up a European club medal, but her side Baxi Ferrol were unable to overturn a four-point deficit in the second leg of the FIBA Women's Euro Cup Final.

The Spanish outfit lost out 84-70 on the night and 162-145 on aggregate against Villeneuve d'Ascq LM of France in Lille, capping a historic first season for Melia in Galacia with a silver medal.

The 25 year-old adds a FIBA Women's Euro Cup medal to a cabinet that already contains two FIBA Youth EuroBasket medals, as well as every domestic honour in Irish basketball.

The home side showed no signs of nerves early, racing into a 7-0 lead before Baxi Ferrol could respond – Moira

Joiner draining a three following a pass from Melia, her first of four assists in total on the evening. Her first points came with 3:26 remaining in the quarter, a driving layup reducing the arrears on the night to five, 17-12.

Two more assists would follow before the end of the first, Julie Pospisilova the beneficiary on both occasions as the Spanish side – who had come through the qualifiers to earn a spot in the tournament back in September – fought to keep their dream alive.

Backed by a sold out arena in Lille, Villeneuve d'Ascq were not going to be denied in their bid to win a second FIBA Women's Euro Cup though. This success arriving a decade on from when they first raised the trophy and they duly found their range superbly in the second and early in the third to put the tie to bed.

When Melia next found the basket with 6:55 to go in that third period, the score had reached 51-37 and Ferrol now needed to outscore their opponents by 18 in the closing stages if they were to pull off the miracle within the miracle. It was not to be.

Melia's final points of her European season came just under two minutes later, as she got to work beneath the basket in what has been a staple of this European journey. One more assist followed to Angela Mataix for a pull up jump shot with 8:20 remaining, but Melia and the Ferrol faithful will have to settle for a silver ending to a fairytale campaign.

Speaking afterwards, Melia said: "We thought we'd be closer to them, but they played very well today. They couldn't miss and they played well as a team on defense all around the court. Look, we never thought

we'd be here and now we have a silver medal, so it's not too bad. Maybe someone else will be over here or someday, everyone has their own journey. You never know what can happen, but always remember there's more to life than basketball.

MERRY MONK BALLINA

BIDL Men's Plate



CAVAN EAGLES

BIDL Men's Plate

Ronan O'Malley (c)	10
Connor Burke	4
Theo Daly	5
Reuben Daly	6
Peter Papik	7
Jamie Forde	8
Paddy Walsh	9
Mark Cunningham	11
Ronan McGarrity	12
David Marrey	13
Eoin Noone	14
Brian Donoghue	15

Head Coach	Derek Cunningham
Asst. Coach	Paul Barrett
Asst. Ciach	Kevin McHale
Team Manager	Sean McHale

Alex Kelly Flynn	25
Jason Eronmhonse	1
Sean Brady	3
Ben Kelly Flynn	4
Sean O Donoghue	6
Glenn Ryan McCann	7
Ivors Zubrickas	10
Jack Tobin	11
Dominykas Kersys	12
Dan Debosz	13
Petras Jankauskas	14

Head Coach	Ryan McCormick
Team Manager	Sandra Ryan McCann

TRALEE WARRIORS

BIDL Men's Final



Steve Bowler (c)	12
Aaron Fleming (c)	1
Joshua Osayranhion	0
Olaf Michalczuk	2
Zygi Kaletka	3
Doiminic Craig	5
Christopher Nolan	7
Adam O'Keeffe	11
James Fernane	13
Dan Bowler	21
Padraig Fleming	22

Head Coach	Rick Leonard
Asst. Coach	Daire Kennelly
Physio	Valerie Beahan
Team Manager	Ryan Sheehy



LIMERICK CELTICS

BIDL Men's Final

Cian Gleeson (c)	23
Eoghan Donaghy	0
Bryan Morrisson	3
Martin Frawley	4
Connor Donaghy	6
Dennis Matthews	7
Matthew Barry	9
Philip Kearney	12
Sean Ryan	14

Head Coach	Paul Kennedy
Asst. Coach	Tony Hehir
Asst. Ciach	Jordan Hehir
Team Manager	Miriam Gleeson
Coach	Paul Kennedy

TEMPEOGUE BC

U20 Men's National League Plate



ST PAUL'S KILLARNEY

U20 Men's National League Plate

Jacob Fazande (c)	35
Tyrone Gonga	1
Gian Melvern G Cabello	2
Wilfred Omorusi	3
Joseph Patrick Ga-an	4
Jake Mullins	7
Liam Egan	8
David Dowling	9
Alexandru Cristian Puiu	12
Joshua Fazande	13
Kareem Matonmi	15
Adam Tighe	16
Jack Finn	33

Head Coach	Jay Fazande
Asst. Coach	Anthony Murray

Mark Sheehan (c)	21
Shane Daly	4
John Hugues	6
Oisin Spring	8
Cian Forde	9
TJ O'Sullivan	11
Adam Whitty	14
Eoin Carroll	15
Cathal Spring	16
Dara O'Sullivan	17
Chris Healy	18
Jack O'Sullivan	23

Head Coach	Manuel Suarez
Asst. Coach	Tim O'Sullivan
Physio	Paul Sheehan
Team Manager	John Carroll





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ABBEY SEALS DUBLIN LIONS



FINAL PREVIEW

An unbeaten season is on the line, as well as promotion in the Domino's Women's Division One Final. McEvoy's Cavan Eagles have enjoyed a 21-0 record in league and National Cup this season, but that'll all be for nought if they can't extend that run against Limerick Celtics when it counts.

This will be the fourth meeting between the two sides this campaign, with McEvoy's Cavan Eagles coming out on top on all three previous occasions. The closest tie though was the Women's Division One National Cup semi-final in Cork in January, where Limerick Celtics got within four points of their rivals in defence of their title.

The matchup between Stephanie McBride and Shelby Harmeyer of Limerick Celtics and Rahmena Henderson and Lanetta Williams is sure to prove crucial, but the team that receives the biggest contributions from their Irish core is likely to come out on top. Emma, Ciara and Niamh Tolan have all enjoyed excellent seasons, but so have Sabhbh Edwards-Murphy and Jessica Scannell of Limerick Celtics.

"Honestly, just winning like that, we want to experience that feeling again," said McEvoy's Cavan Eagles Lanetta Williams, looking back on

their National Cup title success in January. "I just know that we can do it again if we're working all together as a team and you know that's what we go for, to win every game in that way and just get better as we do it."

"We're just taking it one game at a time still," she says quickly when the unbeaten season is brought up. "Every game is different and so all we can do is try to win every battle individually and as a team, do the best we can and hopefully show out for the fans and win."

The two teams figure to be closely matched in the paint and Williams is well aware that a physical showdown awaits on Saturday afternoon. "They're a great team. They have everything they need in every spot to be successful against any team in this league, so I really believe this is going to be a great game. It's going to come down to which team can play harder and make shots, so hopefully that's going to be us when it's all said and done," added Williams.

Key Players

Rahmena Henderson, Lanetta Williams and Emma Tolan have all been decisive factors at different points this season, but it is

Henderson, who was selected to the Domino's Women's Division One All-Star First Team that will be expected to be the main offensive threat for McEvoy's Cavan Eagles. Henderson is averaging 21.6 points and 9.4 boards with an efficiency rating of 23. She's also above the league average from the free-throw line at 78%.

Limerick Celtics' Stephanie McBride and Shelby Harmeyer both earned selections to the All-Star first team for their consistency this season. McBride finished 3rd in the league in scoring with Harmeyer 5th, so both are capable of taking a game over. McBride is also phenomenal on the offensive glass and her coaching team will be asking her to steal a few extra possessions at the National Basketball Arena on Saturday evening.

MCEVOY'S CAVAN EAGLES

Domino's Women's Division One Final



LIMERICK CELTICS

Domino's Women's Division One Final

Niamh Tolan (c)	7
Rahmena Henderson	0
Emma Tolan	10
Caitlin Carroll	11
Ciara Brady	12
Ciara Tolan	13
Casey Mulvey	14
Jane Larkin	15
Laura McFarland	16
Lanetta Williams	51

Head Coach	John Stephens
Asst. Coach	Ben Kelly Flynn
Team Manager	Dee Tuohy
Stats	Caitlin Brady

Sabhbh Edwards Murphy (c)	11
Alli Walsh	6
Aine Keating	7
Louise Scannell	8
Amy Buckley	9
Stephanie McBride	10
Laura Gocek	13
Jade You	15
Sorcha Cronin	20
Meabh Purtill	21
Shelby Harmeyer	23
Anna K Nealon	24

Head Coach	Jordan Hehir
Asst. Coach	AJ Williams
Team Manager	Eoghan Donaghy
Physio	Christine Buckley





ND AUDIT PORTLAOISE PANTHERS



MAIGH CUILINN



ND AUDIT PORTLAOISE PANTHERS



MOY TOLKA ROVERS



TITANS BC



MOY TOLKA ROVERS

ND AUDIT PORTLAOISE PANTHERS



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SCOTTS LAKERS KILLARNEY



FINAL PREVIEW

The Domino's Men's Division One Final pits the two most complete teams in the league against one another for the third time this season, with the ultimate prize of promotion on the line.

Limerick Celtics have come out on top on both previous occasions they faced ND Audit Portlaoise Panthers, most notably a 72-60 success when both sides met as unbeaten teams in the Presidents' National Cup Final at the National Basketball Arena in January.

"We've been looking forward to this rematch since losing in the cup," said ND Audit Portlaoise Panthers forward Xabi Arriaga ahead of the game. "We knew that if we made it to the championship game, it would be against Limerick Celtics."

On what they can do to change the outcome, Arriaga is preaching a closer attention to two players defensively.

"I think we know that we need to focus more on Finn (Hughes) and Ariyon (Williams) – they've been the best players in the league for them – but also having Abdul (Wurie) and Chima (Obikwelu) as the big guys, it makes it a very tough matchup. We will definitely be doing something

differently though because we lost the last two games against them so we have to."

"We've definitely gotten better (since the loss to Limerick Celtics three months ago), we're playing better basketball offensively and defensively, so hopefully that will lead to a different outcome on Saturday night."

Both clubs are known as great family environments, something reflected immediately by Limerick Celtics Abdul Wurie. "It's my first finals in a long time, so I'm really looking forward to it. My family are coming over from London to watch, which makes it even more exciting for me."

Prior to the men taking the court, Limerick Celtics women will compete for the Domino's Women's Division One title. Wurie is proud of what the club have been able to achieve in both competitions this season.

"It's been a special season for both the men and women's team," said Wurie. "It'd be crazy if both teams could reach the Super League next season."

One of the most exciting offenses in Irish basketball this year, Limerick

Celtics have been near impossible to stop for the majority of sides, averaging 98 points per game with a league high offensive efficiency rating of 109.5. Ariyon Williams, Finn Hughes and Wurie have struck up a great connection, but what does he put that chemistry down to?

"We train every day so just knowing what one another is going to do, knowing that we are all going to work hard on both ends of the floor and just getting on with one another outside of the court too. It really helps."

"We're 2-0 against Portlaoise this season," emphasises Wurie when asked about their opponents on Saturday. We won't be getting carried away though. We know what we have to do and just how hard we'll need to work defensively if we want to take the win for the Limerick Celtic fans. The whole community has been great all season so looking forward to hearing their support again one more time."

LIMERICK CELTICS

Domino's Men's Division One Final



ND AUDIT PORTLAOISE PANTHERS

Domino's Men's Division One Final

Eoghan Donaghy (c)	0
Jordan Hehir (c)	44
Ariyon Jamal Williams	2
Martin Frawley	4
Cian Gleeson	5
Conor Donaghy	6
Dennis Matthews	7
Finn Hughes	8
Matthew Barry	9
Chima Obikwelu	10
Abdul Wurie	11
Philip Kearney	12
Sean Ryan	14
Vadjikiba Dosso	22

Head Coach	Tony Hehir
Asst. Coach	Paul Kennedy
Team Manager	Miriam Gleeson

Dylan Dunne (c)	1
Cillian O'Connell	0
James Phelan	5
Cormac Howson	6
Eric Anderson	7
Davin Mc Evoy	8
Kevin Donohue	9
Gary Morrissey	11
Xabi Arriaga	13
Kyle Burke	15
Aleksander Kovasevic	22
Liam Kinsella	26

Head Coach	Rick Leonard
Asst. Coach	Daire Kennelly
Physio	Valerie Beahan
Team Manager	Ryan Sheehy

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TITANS BC

U20 Men's National League Final



TRALEE WARRIORS

U20 Men's National League Final

Sam Cassidy (C)	4
Eoin Hardiman	5
Stephan Owede	6
Luke Herrick	7
Jason Nwose	8
Filip Stosic	9
Eoin Potito	10
Declan Gbinigie	11
Viktor Tashev	12
Fortune Igbokwe	23
Valentino Edobor	24
Cassian Fuerst	25

Head Coach	Jack Considine
Asst. Coach	Jacob Tiernan
Team Manager	Aaron Potito

Evan Boyle (c)	3
Joshua Osayanrhion	0
Patrick Lucid	1
Olaf Michalczuk	2
Ryan Sheehy	4
Brayden Pierce	7
Oisin McGibney	8
David Lucid	9
Jamie Burke	11
Aaron Nolan	21
Brian O'Donnell	24

Head Coach	Luke O'Hea
Asst. Coach	Brian Boyle
Physio	Valerie Beahan
Team Manager	Rick Leonard





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FINAL PREVIEW

It's a tale of contrasting traditions in the Domino's Women's Super League final at the National Basketball Arena on Sunday afternoon.

Killester – bidding to become the second team in 15 years to defend their title and aiming for their third trophy in 18 months – against Utility Trust St. Paul's – the team from Killarney competing in their first top tier national final at senior level. St. Paul's will also become the first team to get promoted and win the Domino's Women's Super League in the following season should they hoist the trophy aloft at roughly 16:15 on TG4.

The tale of the tape suggests a tight battle on the horizon. This is the third time the sides have met this season, with the highest margin of victory five points and the record currently standing at 2-1 in favour of the Dubliners.

Utility Trust St. Paul's will feel as if they owe Killester. Mark Grennell's side rallied from nine points down to reach the Paudie O'Connor Cup final at the expense of Sunday's opponents back in January, but St. Paul's captain Denise Dunlea insists they'll play without fear come Sunday.

"Quietly confident, to be honest," she said during Tuesday's National League finals media day. "We're going in without fear. That's what we've done in our last two games because we're in bonus territory having just come up from division one last year. We're just delighted to be here and hopefully we can put in another good performance for our supporters this weekend."

In Dunlea, Lynn Jones and Rheanne O'Shea – head coach James Fleming has players who don't feel as if they're just representing themselves or their club, Dunlea says they are representing all of Kerry basketball this weekend.

"It's massive for the likes of Lynn that she came come up here almost 20 years on from playing in her previous final, with her three young children and have that experience. I mean it's the whole community in Kerry as well you know there's a few supporters buses coming, so fingers crossed we can get a result on the day for the people of Killarney and Kerry."

Standing opposite Dunlea will be Irish international Hannah Thornton, who made the move from DCU Mercy to play with Killester this season and has enjoyed the introduction of

the playoff system to the Domino's Women's Super League this season.

"I think it's brought an extra kind of fight and an exciting finish to the season," she said. "It's about not peaking too early at the start of the season and I feel as if we are peaking at the right time now and hopefully

that's how it works out for us." Killester vanquished a few demons by defeating their Paudie O'Connor Cup final conquerors FloMAX Liffey Celtics in the last four to reach this stage and Thornton indicated that the victory did mean just a little more than usual.

"We were still hurting from the cup final in the semi-final two weeks ago, but we knew what we had to do to try and get the win and we managed to play really well as a team, there was a really big support behind us from Killester and it was a fantastic feeling to get that win."

The 33-year-old isn't buying into Utility Trust St. Paul's underdog status too much, however.

UTILITY TRUST ST. PAUL'S

Domino's Women's Super League Final



KILLESTER BC

Domino's Women's Super League Final

Denise Dunlea (c)	12
Leah McMahon	4
Abby Doherty	5
Lynn Jones	7
Rheanne O Shea	6
Clodagh Clancy	9
Gracen Kerr	11
Lorraine Scanlon	14
Siofra O Shea	15
Callie Cavanagh	19
Mathilde Diop	20
Kate Healy	22
Queralt Almasque	

Head Coach	James Fleming
Asst. Coach	Shane Horgan
Asst. Coach	Brian Clarke
Team Manager	Christina Bartlett O'Rourke
Team Manager	Vince Barry

Michelle Clarke (c)	12
Destiny Strother	1
Sam Haiby	0
Leilani Turner	2
Sarah Courtney	3
Bree Shelley	5
Ali Connolly	7
Robyn Malone	11
Ieva Bagdanaviciene	13
Hannah Thornton	21
Maeve O'Seaghdha	22
Sara Fernandez Lopez	

Head Coach	Mark Grennell
Asst. Coach	Sarah Malone
Team Manager	Colm Malone





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FINAL PREVIEW

It's been a decade since either UCC Demons or Killester have etched their name on the Domino's Men's Super League trophy. One of those droughts will end on Sunday evening live on TG4 at the National Basketball Arena.

This is a rivalry that has been building throughout the season, with the last instalment a chippy affair in the Mardyke Arena shortly after Killester lifted the Pat Duffy National Cup at the expense of UCC Demons earlier this year. Demons had the last laugh on that occasion in a 108-96 win in front of their home fans, but reversing January's final defeat with silverware on the line would be much sweeter.

"People definitely play differently with more pressure," believes UCC Demos guard Patrick Robinson, who joined the team at the start of December. "That's why playoff basketball suits us as a team though, because we have practiced those critical situations which allows us to come out on top."

Robinson was this week named to the Domino's Men's Super League All-Star first team, along with team mate Elijah Tillman, whom Robinson is very thankful to be playing with.

"He's a big, big help down the stretch in games. Even if we're struggling to get him the ball during the game, when it's crunch time and we find a way to give him the ball, he's likely to get fouled and that free-throw is almost always going in."

The College of Charleston graduate isn't wrong. Tillman is averaging 22.5 points this season, including a whopping 69.8% from inside the arc and 75.7% from the foul line as the North Cork side bid for their ninth league success.

"I'm sure we're going to pick it up where we left off," Robinson adds with a smile when the subject of tension between the teams is raised. "Both teams are hungry, both teams are well coached. This is the number one versus the number two team in the league playing for a championship, that's always exciting to be a part of."

Kason Harrell's fourth season as a Killester player couldn't be going much better. The Pittsburgh guard picked up the MVP award in the Pat Duffy National Cup final and joins Tillman, Robinson and his teammate Paul Dick on the Domino's Men's Super League All-Star First Team.

One of his biggest disappointments in orange and black came at this stage last season though, when he was unable to lead Killester past Griffith College Éanna in the decider.

"Jonny's probably not going to like me saying this, but that game has been on my mind since April of last year," Harrell began. "It's definitely a big reason why I wanted to come back, to try and get to this stage again and I'm just thanking God that I've been afforded this opportunity to be back here just one year later."

Having started the year 13-2, the club were hit by an injury to Irish international Paul Dick in January. Harrell is delighted to have him back close to full fitness ahead of the final on Sunday.

"Anytime you lose one of the best players in the country, you're going to struggle. Paul is amazing not only as a player, but as a teammate, so him going down like that definitely added a little bit of struggle to the regular season and we dropped a couple of games, but one thing about our team is that we stay together, stay resilient and when he did come back, we were able to pick up where we left off."

This is going to be a war on Sunday," continued Harrell. "We were able to get them in the cup and I know they took that very personally as defending champions, so we knew going into the Mardyke (in the league the following month) that it was going to be intense and it surpassed expectations."

"Meeting them again for another trophy is going to be 40-minutes of all out war. I think the fans can expect a really good game from both teams and at the end of it, I believe the best team will come out on top," he added.

If that team is Killester, it'll be the first championship for the team since the 2013/14 season and the perfect conclusion to Harrell's four year journey to the top of the mountain in North Dublin.

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Domino's Men's Super League Final



KILLESTER BC

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David Lehane (c)	10
Scott Hannigan	4
Blake Murphy	6
Tobias Christensen	7
Kyle Hosford	8
James Hannigan	9
Eimantes Spudlis	11
Patrick Robinson	12
Carleton Cuff	13
Cian Looney	14
Daryl Cuff	23
Elijah Tillman	32

Head Coach	Daniel O Mahony
Asst. Coach	Stuart Rodgers
Asst. Coach	Tomassio Rosario Ricci
Team Manager	Pat Keane
Stats	Jordan Griffin

Ciaran Roe (c)	15
Isaac Westbrook	4
Andy McGeever	5
Dan Sheridan	8
Paul Dick	9
Paddy Sullivan	12
Isiah Dasher	13
Farouq Raheem	14
Kaiwen Yang	17
Ethan McKean	20
Baptiste Chavelas	21
Kason Harrell	32
Eoghain Kiernan	33

Head Coach	Jonathan Grennell
Asst. Coach	Brian O'Malley
Team Manager	Ciara Curran



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MCCALLAMICHELL
CLARKE

ALL-STAR 2ND TEAM

DELIA MOORE
MAKAYLA MILLER
LANETTA WILLIAMS
CAITLIN GLOECKNER
EMMA TOLAN

ALL-STAR 3RD TEAM

MEGAN ORMISTON
HANNAH MURPHY
CIARA WHEELER
GEORGIE MCGRATH
SOPHIE STAUNTON



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HAIBYSORCHA
TIERNANAISHA
MCCALLAMICHELL
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DEAJA RICHARDSON
DELJANAE WILLIAMS
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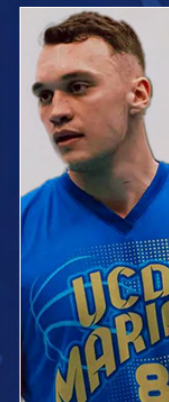
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HARRELL



ELIJAH
TILLMAN



PATRICK
ROBINSON



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