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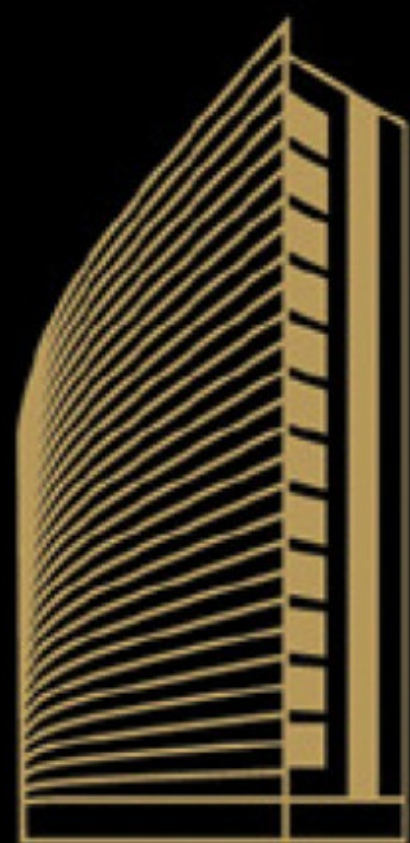
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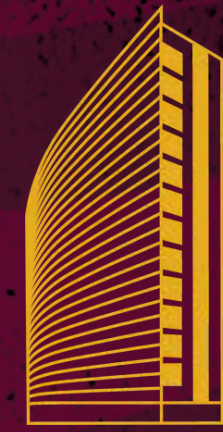


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# UNITED WE STAND

WITH CAOMHÁN O' CONNELL



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*'Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it'. Ferris Beuller*

In the midst of the white heat of promotion battle, all energy shifts instantly towards the next fixture. Little thought is given to the value of the journey as the destination becomes all encompassing. Galway United fans would do well to savour where we are currently.

This squad has put together a winning run unparalleled by any other team wearing maroon. Nothing has been won yet. There is no guarantee anything will be won. But what has been given this season deserves recognition.

Walsh, the talisman of the team, is in the form of his life. His will be a name that will carry as much weight in this town as any other in Galway soccer history.

Brendan Clarke has made as big of an immediate impression as any of the great Galway goalies who have come west. At the back, Colm Horgan, Regan Donelon have brought Premier Division quality and professionalism to the meanest defence in the country. Conor O' Keefe's contribution has been invaluable, slotting in at either side seamlessly.

Limerick lads Killian Brouder and Ed McCarthy personify everything great about this team. The drive, dedication and quality they display each week is a massive part of our story. Brouder's partnership with the immense Rob Slevin has been the best in the league so far. Vincent Borden has already covered more grass in Eamon Deacy Park than Noel Connolly. Alongside him Conor McCormack and David Hurley have thrived, protecting their defence and starting the attack beaverishly.







Up front Walshy has been better able to share the load this season with Ibrahim Keita and Rob Manley both making telling contributions when required.

On the flank Francely Lomboto is hitting form at just the right time. We eagerly await the return of Ronan Manning who has dazzled on the right.

However, perhaps the real story has been those who have come in and showed the true quality in this squad. Maurice Nugent made a case for man-of-the-match in Limerick last week when deputising for the suspended Slevin.

Evan O' Connor, Steven Healy and Mikey McCullagh all showed class coming in last week. Just as Oisin O Reilly did earlier in the season. Mikie Rowe has injected pace and passion every time he has been introduced. Darren Clarke must give full-backs up and down the country nightmares with his class and trickery. He has already won us points and will win more.

Galway people know the ability of the likes of Aaron Neary and David Tarmey. Alex Rutter is proving a capable understudy as sub 'keeper.

Perhaps out of necessity, United fans have often sought solace in nostalgia. But the professionalism this current squad are displaying should give us much pride as anything else. We should back them accordingly.



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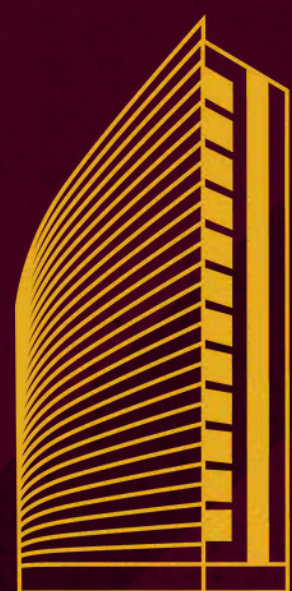


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# CAPTAIN'S LOG

WITH CONOR McCORMACK

**Another tough win down at Treaty United last Friday night, could you tell us about the game?**

We knew what they'd bring to the game as it was a type of cup final for them. Treaty always up their game against us as they've ex-Galway players, to try to prove a point. They sit in and try to make it difficult. Thankfully we settled well and scored an early goal. After that, the game was under control and we played excellent football and scored some very well-worked goals.

**Looking forward to tonight's encounter with Athlone Town?**

Tonight's game is totally different against Athlone. They're a good team and the games are always tough. They have a lot of good technical players that are allowed to play and express themselves. We've been watching their games back so we know their strengths and weaknesses. Our lads will be looking to continue this winning run at home but we know we will have our work cut out. We've to make sure we work our socks off and take our chances without giving too much away.

**How is the atmosphere in the squad?**

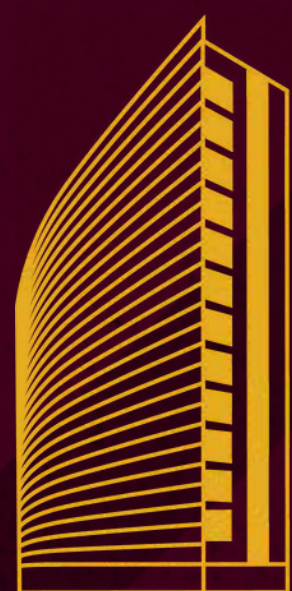
The atmosphere in the squad has been very good. We've been improving as a team each week. We learn from the mistakes that we make. We work hard on the training pitch to put them right. We have a great bunch of lads that love working hard for each other which is vitally important. We will continue to do that and focus on the next game and try our best to grab the three points.

The last thing I want to say is thank you to the travelling fans down in Limerick last week. We love all the support we're getting and are hopeful that it continues. It really helps drive us on. Hope to see you all tonight.





**JOHN  
CAULFIELD**



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# FROM THE DUGOUT

WITH CIAN O'CONNELL

This is another crucial match at Eamonn Deacy Park. Thank you all for your continued backing during an exciting spell for Galway United Football Club.

Welcome to Athlone Town's management, officials, players, and supporters. It was vital for us to produce a solid display at the Markets Field on Friday against Treaty United.

We always feel, with a lot of ex Galway United players involved, that they raise their game. We also know how good some of their players are.

It has always been tight and well contested against them down there. We felt that we needed to score the first goal, we knew they'd sit in, to try to play on the counter attack.

We put in a disciplined performance. Certainly the referee was under pressure with some of the stuff going on, but at the same time we were very disciplined and concentrated on the game.

We went a goal ahead and once we got a second goal, we were in total control. It was pleasing to win.

Now we have to be similarly effective when Athlone visit Eamonn Deacy Park. Athlone have brought in a lot of foreign players, a lot of them from America with a Portuguese coach.

Certainly they have a number of players adapting to the league, but you can see that they have four or five tremendous footballers. The centre forward Frantz Pierrot has impressed, he is a lethal goalscorer.



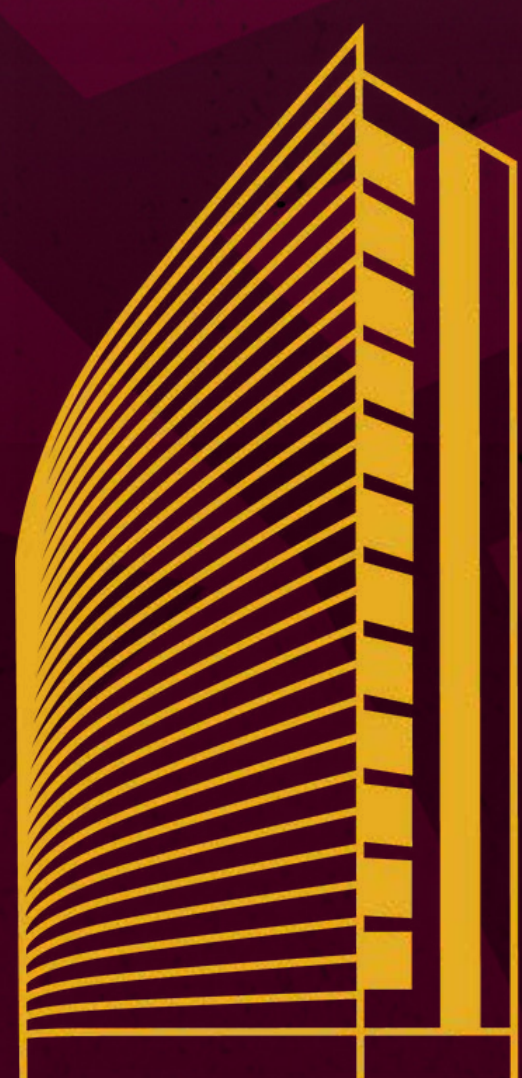
They also have Jamar Champion-Hinds, who as we know from the game in Athlone can cause lots of problems, he has great pace too. While a lot of players are unknown to League of Ireland supporters, we have been watching them closely and are aware they are a dangerous team.

Overall is an exciting time for domestic football, but a real challenge is that we need to have a reserve or U23 league. Too many players aren't ready at 17 or 18 for the first team.

The gap is too big and they need that 12 or 18 month period of developing. They need to develop in a number of ways, S&C and overall with their football development. We have seen that over the last few years with players not quite ready for the first team. For me that is an urgent thing that needs to happen.

We have to provide a system where players can go from U19 into reserve team football, to give them a proper pathway to give them a chance to develop. There is too much being asked of them at the moment to be ready at 18 for the first team. The gap is too great, you will always have a few exceptional players, like Alex Murphy, who will come through, but generally guys need time to develop.

Enjoy the game.



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# WOODQUAY WANDERER

WITH BERNIE O'CONNELL

Fearann Gaillimh Aontaithe fíorchaoín fáilte roimh ár gcomharsain as Átha Luain don chluiche sraithe seo anseo i bPáirc Eamonn Deacy anseo tráthnóna. Cé go raibh an sway le Gaillimh sa chéad dreas níl éinne againn ag glacadh go mbeidh tada éasca tráthnóna. Bíonn contúirt le na cuairteoirí i gcónaí.

Thaistil Átha Luain ó dheas chun castáil le Cobh Ramblers Dé hAoine seo caite. Bhí leads Shane Keegan buailte ag Port Láirge an tseachtain roimhe agus díocas orthu an toradh sin a dhíbirt as a nintinn. Ag iarraidh an caillteanas i gcoinne Ciarraí a chur díobh a bhí na fir lár tíre.

Léirigh Átha Luain idir cumas agus spiorad chun teacht ar ais faoi dhó chun an creach á roinnt. Bhí an naoscaire as Haiti Frantz Pierott ar an marc arís anseo. 2-2 a chríochnaigh sé le Átha Luain ag cinntiú áit sa chúigiú áit t'éis cluichí na deireadh seachtaine. Foireann atá ag feabhsú go mór.

An oíche céanna is ar Luimneach a bhí ár dtrial féin le Stephen Walshe agus Rob Slevin ar fionnraí. Cur san áireamh as láithreacht Ronan Manning agus Colm Horgan le gortaithe bhí sé soiléir roimh réidh go scrúdófaí go géar doimhneacht painéal na Gaillimhe. Cuimhnigh freisean go raibh ceithre bua as a chéile ag foireann Tommy Barrett ag dul isteach sa gcluiche.

Le taispeántas tomhaiste gairmiúil d'éirigh linn Páirc an Mhargaidh a fhágáil le bua 3-0. Ar feadh tréimhse sa chéad leath bhí contúirt le brath ach idir an aclaíocht, crot, taithí agus cinnearacht bhí Gaillimh níos fearr. Ba deas Tommy Lally a fheiceáil l.

Ní raibh dochar ann go raibh briseadh tógtha t'éis seirbhís na mbliant. Chuir an athrú séasúr agus easpa foirne ó Shraith na hÉireann isteach ar an gcomórtas roinnt. Chuir Covid a ladar isteach ar chúrsaí freisean ach i mbliana tháinig coiste úr an bhfód chun an comórtas a athbhunú. Ré nua agus smaointe nua. Comhgairdeas le Salthill Devon. Is mór linn an samhlaíocht agus an misneach sa gclub. Go nÉirí Leo!



# GERRY DALY

WITH PAUL O'BRIEN

The AGM of the Galway United Friends Co Op took place last week. It was unanimously decided to appoint Gerry Daly as an honorary ambassador for the club. Gerry had a distinguished career at the club which was cut short by serious injury.

Gerry was at last week's away game in Limerick against Treaty where he was well received by former Limerick City and Limerick United players.

Gerry Daly played 209 times scoring 3 goals. His debut was on 26/3/78 H v Dundalk (1-1). Gerry's first goal was on 26/9/82 A v Waterford (2-3 loss) League Cup He played the final 5 games of the 77/78 season, 13 games in 78/79, 18 games in 79/80, 26 games in 80/81, 26 games in 81/82, all 31 games in 82/83, 32 games in 83/84, 35 games in 84/85, 16 games in 84/85 until his injury against Dundalk on New Year's Day 1986, he returned for 7 appearances in the 88/89 season but we lost every match he played! Once Seamus McDonagh took over he didn't play again. His final match was A v Limerick City 20/11/88 (lost 1-2)

The Co Op will be running a series of events where we will be looking into the history of the club and talking to former players and managers. We look forward to Gerry and his peers talking about their times at the club.

The photo of Gerry was taken by Joe O'Shaughnessy in Saint Mel's Park, Athlone in 1985 when Galway United beat Limerick City in the FAI Cup semi final replay. United won 1-0 after extra time to send the club to its first ever FAI Cup Final. This was the start of a golden era for the club when we qualified for Europe three times over a six year period.





# STATS WITH JULIAN

## DIVISION 1 TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1	Galway United	15	14	0	1	41	6	35	42
2	Waterford	15	10	2	3	38	14	24	32
3	Bray Wanderers	15	6	5	4	19	21	-2	23
4	Cobh Ramblers	15	6	4	5	23	22	1	22
5	Athlone Town	15	6	2	7	27	24	3	20
6	Treaty United	15	5	4	6	21	22	-1	19
7	Longford Town	15	4	5	6	16	18	-2	17
8	Wexford	15	4	3	8	13	25	-12	15
9	Finn Harps	15	3	5	7	14	31	-17	14
10	Kerry	15	1	2	12	12	41	-29	5

## DIVISION 1 RESULTS

Cobh Ramblers	2 - 2	Athlone Town
Finn Harps	0 - 4	Waterford
Kerry	0 - 2	Bray Wanderers
Treaty United	0 - 3	Galway United
Wexford	0 - 3	Longford Town

## DIVISION 1 FIXTURES

Bray Wanderers	v	Cobh Ramblers
Galway United	v	Athlone Town
Kerry	v	Wexford
Longford Town	v	Waterford
Treaty United	v	Finn Harps

## TOP GOALSCORERS - 2023

R. Coughlan	Waterford	18
F. Pierrot	Athlone Town	11
V. Borden	Galway United	8
J. Doherty	Cobh Ramblers	7
E. Curran	Treaty United	7
D. Hurley	Galway United	7
S. Walsh	Galway United	6
R. Kelliher	Kerry	6
C. Omorehiomwan	Bray Wanderers	5
A. Dobbs	Wexford	5
V. Dolya	Athlone Town	5
B. Feeney	Bray Wanderers	5
J. Giurgi	Longford Town	5
R. Rainey	Finn Harps	4
F. Da Silva	Finn Harps	4
E. McCarthy	Galway United	4
W. Aouachria	Waterford	4
R. Idowu	Waterford	4
I. Keita	Galway United	4



# CLUB TABLES & FIXTURES

## WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1	Peamount United	10	8	1	1	18	7	11	25
2	Shamrock Rovers	10	7	3	0	26	7	19	24
3	Shelbourne	10	7	1	2	24	5	19	22
4	Bohemians	10	7	0	3	15	11	4	21
5	Galway United	10	6	1	3	11	8	3	19
6	Athlone Town	10	4	1	5	20	12	8	13
7	Wexford Youths	9	4	1	4	12	13	-1	13
8	DLR Waves	10	2	2	6	9	14	-5	8
9	Treaty United	10	1	3	6	5	22	-17	6
10	Sligo Rovers	10	1	0	9	7	26	-19	3
11	Cork City	9	0	1	8	3	25	-22	1

### WEEKEND CLUB FIXTURES

Saturday 27th May

Shamrock Rovers	v	Galway United	Women's National League	17:30	Tallaght Stadium
Galway United	v	Bray Wanderers	Men's u17 Mark Farren Cup	15:15	Moyne Villa
Galway United	v	St. Patrick's Athletic	Men's u14 Eddie Wallace Cup	13:00	Moyne Villa

Sunday 28th May

Athlone Town	v	Galway United	Men's u15 Lol Academy	12:00	Athlone Town Stadium
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### U19 PHASE 1 GROUP A TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1	Shelbourne	10	9	1	0	24	8	16	28
2	Galway United	10	9	0	1	32	6	26	27
3	Shamrock Rovers	10	8	0	2	26	12	14	24
4	Cobh Ramblers	10	6	0	4	20	12	8	18
5	Treaty United	10	5	1	4	18	13	5	16
6	Waterford FC	10	5	0	5	20	19	1	15
7	Bray Wanderers	10	3	3	4	15	19	-4	12
8	Cork City	10	3	1	6	16	16	0	10
9	Kerry FC	10	1	3	6	12	27	-15	6
10	Wexford FC	10	1	1	8	15	25	-10	4
11	CK United	10	0	0	10	6	47	-41	0

### WOMEN'S U19 PHASE 1 GROUP A TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1	Shamrock Rovers	10	9	1	0	29	5	24	28
2	Sligo Rovers	10	6	1	3	12	6	6	19
3	Athlone Town	10	5	1	4	19	16	3	16
4	Galway United	10	3	2	5	9	17	-8	11
5	Bohemians	10	2	3	5	4	11	-7	9
6	DLR Waves	10	0	2	8	7	25	-18	2

### WOMEN'S U17 PHASE 1 GROUP C TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1	Athlone Town	8	8	0	0	40	3	37	24
2	Galway United	8	6	0	2	22	11	11	18
3	Sligo Rovers	8	4	0	4	12	14	-2	12
4	Treaty United	8	1	1	6	10	25	-15	4
5	Longford Town	8	0	1	7	5	36	-31	1

### U17 PHASE 1 GROUP A TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1	Shamrock Rovers	10	7	1	2	28	10	18	22
2	UCD	10	6	0	4	28	14	14	18
3	Athlone Town	10	6	0	4	19	12	7	18
4	Sligo Rovers	10	4	0	6	18	19	-1	12
5	Longford Town	10	3	1	6	9	37	-28	10
6	Galway United	10	3	0	7	12	22	-10	9

### U15 PHASE 1 GROUP A TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1	Finn Harps	9	6	1	2	24	17	7	19
2	Galway United	9	6	0	3	34	17	17	18
3	Sligo Rovers	9	5	1	3	20	18	2	16
4	Athlone Town	9	5	0	4	16	16	0	15
5	Derry City	9	3	0	6	17	22	-5	9
6	Longford Town	9	1	0	8	8	29	-21	3



# HEAD TO HEAD

## GALWAY UNITED -V- ATHLONE TOWN

PLAYED  
**109**

WON  
**44**

DRAWN  
**30**

LOST  
**35**

GOALS FOR  
**163**

GOALS AGAINST  
**145**

LAST 5 H2H  
**WLWWW**

LAST 5 H H2H  
**LWWDW**

### DIVISION 1 RECORD v ATHLONE TOWN

PLAYED  
**45**

WON  
**23**

DRAWN  
**12**

LOST  
**10**

### HOME RECORD v ATHLONE TOWN

PLAYED  
**53**

WON  
**24**

DRAWN  
**13**

LOST  
**16**

POSITION

**1**

**42 PTS**

LAST PLAYED

**ATFC 1 GUFC 3**

**7th April 2023**

F. Pierrot 35' 1-0

1-1 36' D. Hurley

1-2 60' D. Hurley

1-3 78' S. Walsh

POSITION

**5**

**20 PTS**

### BIGGEST VICTORIES v ATFC

**4-0 (x 3)**

(H) 1993, 1998 & 2004

**5-0**

(A) 28th Oct 2006

### BIGGEST GUFC VICTORIES 2023

**9-1**

H v KERRY

**4-0**

A v WEXFORD

### TEAM TOP LEAGUE GOALSCORERS 2023

VINCE BORDEN - 8

FRANTZ PIERROT - 11



# MATCHDAY PHOTOS



This photo was taken at our last home game. The young man is Cúán MacGearailt with his uncle Terry O'Reagan who played for Galway United. Terry is originally from Cork but has lived in Galway all of his adult life.

Beside Terry is former Galway United captain Derek Rogers. Derek has the distinction of being the last player to lift a trophy as a Galway United player. That was the League Cup final win over Cork City in 1997. Ironically, current Galway United manager John Caulfield played for Cork in that final. Derek won FAI cup, League Cup, First Division & Shield while he was at the club. He still attends all home games where he is a commentator for Galway Bay FM. Finally, George Guest is the gentleman on the right of the photograph. George was the club physio covering an era of over three decades and it's always good to see him at our games.





# GALWAY UNITED FC

## 2023 FIXTURES

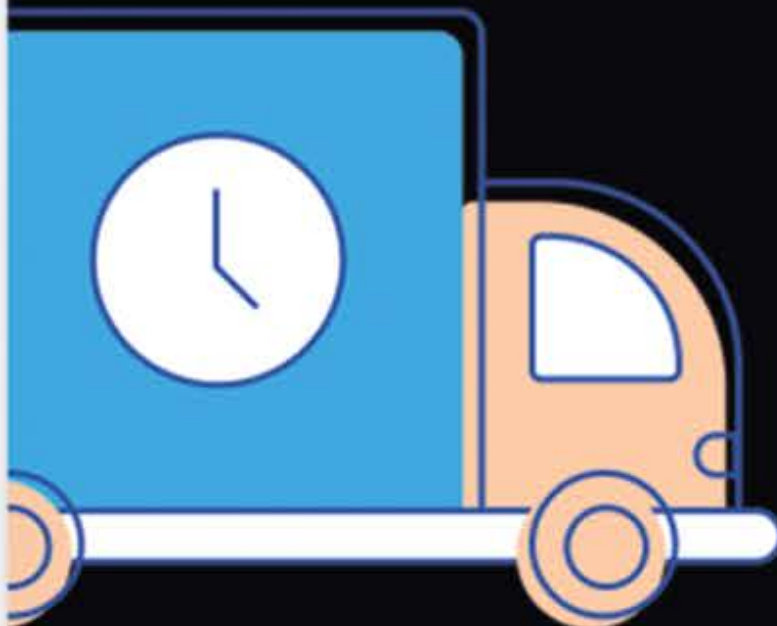
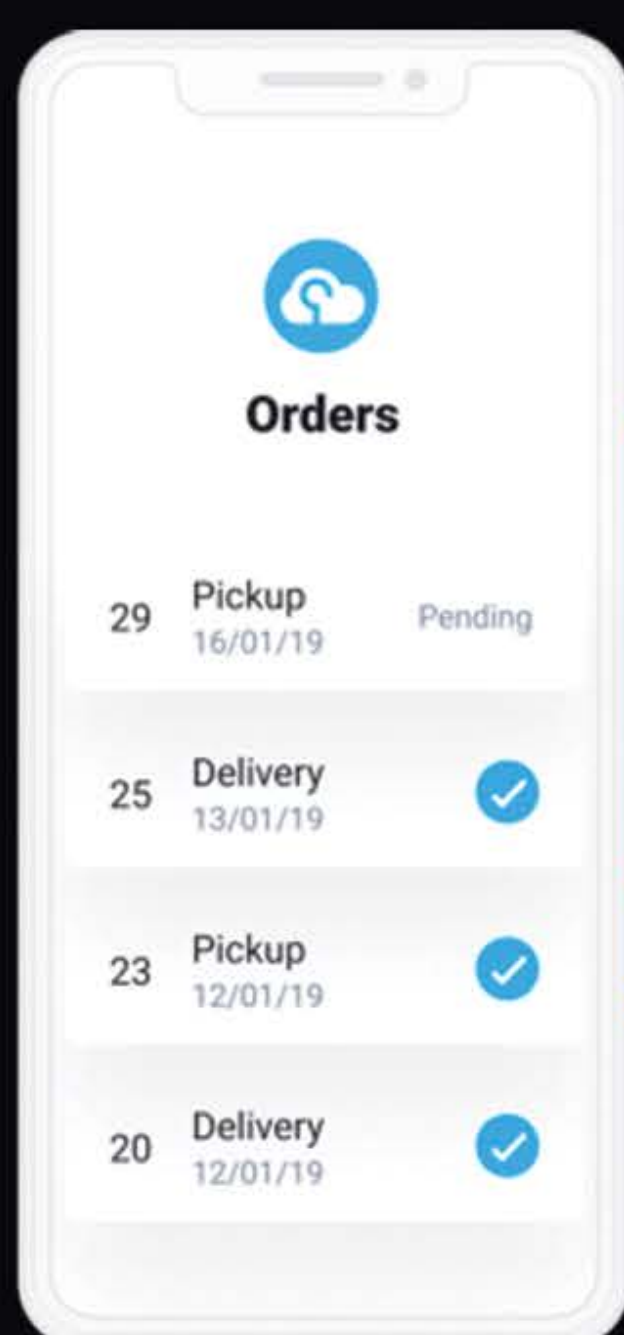
**17/02/23** Finn Harps  
**24/02/23** Treaty United  
**03/03/23** Waterford  
**10/03/23** Kerry  
**17/03/23** Cobh Ramblers  
**24/03/23** Longford Town  
**31/03/23** Athlone Town  
**07/04/23** Wexford  
**14/04/23** Bray Wanderers  
**21/04/23** Kerry  
**28/04/23** Cobh Ramblers  
**01/05/23** Longford Town  
**05/05/23** Waterford  
**12/05/23** Wexford  
**19/05/23** Treaty United  
**26/05/23** Athlone Town  
**02/06/23** Bray Wanderers  
**05/06/23** Finn Harps  
**09/06/23** Wexford

**23/06/23** Longford Town  
**30/06/23** Kerry  
**07/07/23** Cobh Ramblers  
**14/07/23** Athlone Town  
**23/07/23** FAI Cup 1st Round  
**28/07/23** Bray Wanderers  
**04/08/23** Finn Harps  
**07/08/23** Treaty United  
**11/08/23** Waterford  
**20/08/23** FAI Cup 2nd Round  
**25/08/23** Cobh Ramblers  
**02/09/23** Longford Town  
**08/09/23** Bray Wanderers  
**15/09/23** Finn Harps  
**22/09/23** Kerry  
**29/09/23** Athlone Town  
**06/10/23** Waterford  
**14/10/23** Treaty United  
**20/10/23** Wexford



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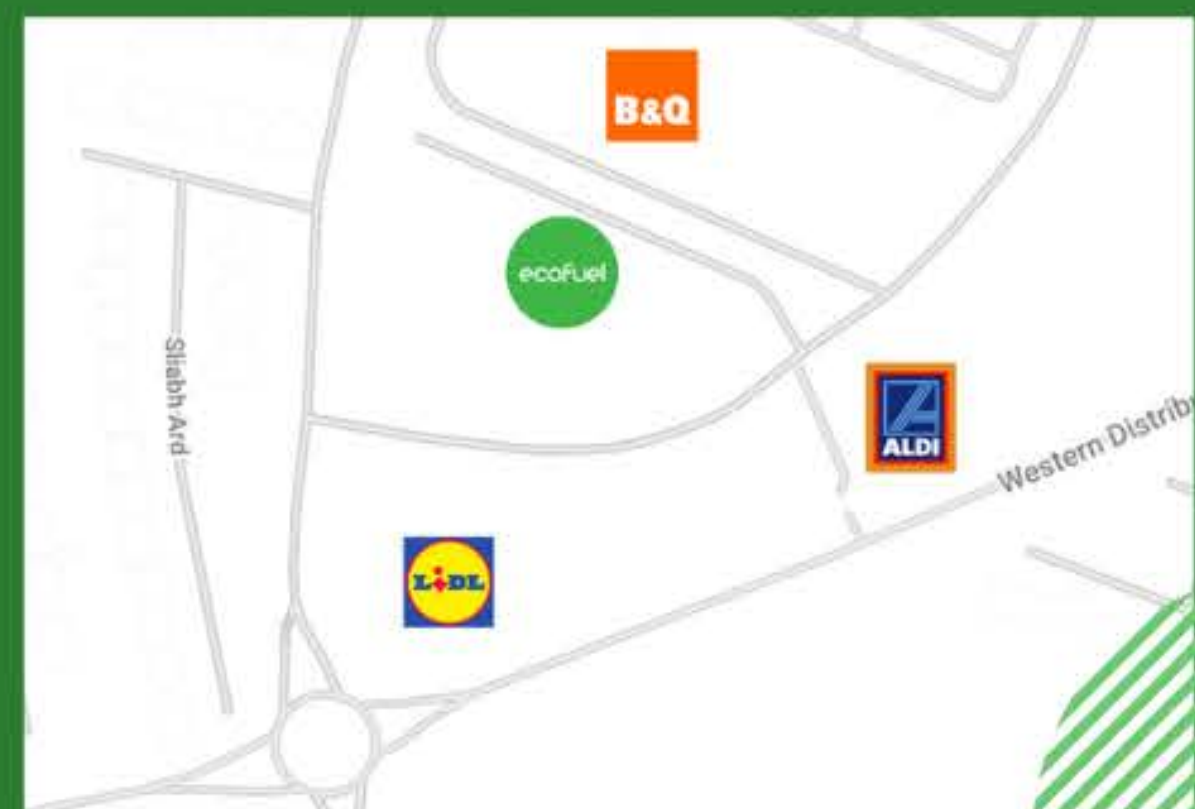


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17. Vince Borden
18. David Tarmey
19. Francely Lomboto
20. Evan O'Connor
21. Colm Horgan
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