AVENIR SPORTS ALL-ISLAND CUP FINAL

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MATCH DETAILS

The Avenir Sports All-Island Cup Final takes place on Sunday the 23rd of July at 3PM in The Showgrounds in Sligo Town.

Galway United play Cliftonville.

Galway United have been drawn as the "away" team in this game.

Cliftonville will play in their red home kit and Galway United will play in the green away kit.

United are sending supporters buses, more info later in the file.



THE SHOWGROUNDS SUNDAY 23RD JULY 3PM KICK OFF







TICKET DETAILS

Galway United Season Ticket Holders enter for FREE to the game.

Tickets cost €10 for Adults and €5 for U16s

They are available to buy here: srfcdirect.com/match-tickets/









THE MANAGER PHIL TRILL

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Cliftonville are a very good side, they have a lot of senior and underage internationals, but we fear nobody. We are looking forward to testing ourselves and showing how far we have come in such a short space of time.

We need supporters to get on the Supporters Bus this Sunday, it's been amazing this year and we need it to keep up.

The journey has been amazing, travelling the country for the tournament, we are here because we deserve to be and we fear nobody. The journey is a lot bigger than what just happens this Sunday and it's great for Senior Women's football in Galway.











THE SHOWGROUNDS SUNDAY 23RD JULY BPM KICK OFF











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SUPPORTERS BUS

Galway United are running a supporters bus to the final.

It leaves the Connacht Hotel at 12PM on Sunday 23rd July.

All tickets cost just 5 euro for fans.

You can purchase at ClubForce: https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=3333

The link is also in Galway United's bio on social media

















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ON PENALTIES











Galway United travelled to Belfast to face Linfield in the first group stage game of the FAI Cup.

They came away with a 1-0 win thanks to an early long range strike from Jenna Slattery.





GOALSCORER JENNA SLATTERY







THE JOURNEY













Galway United played their first home game of the tournament in Eamonn Deacy Park.

They played out a 0-0 draw with local rivals Athlone Town.





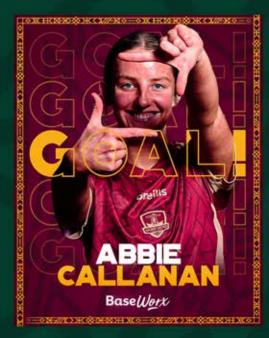
Galway United won an iconic game at home in Eamonn Deacy Park to secure a place at the top of the group and a spot in the Semi-Final of the tournament.

The two teams went in, equal on points, it was decided by whoever won this match OR whoever had the best disciplinary record in the tournament.

Abbie Callanan and Gemma McGuinness scored early on to help United ease past league champions Shelbourne.

Irish internationals Niamh Fahey and Heather Payne also attended the game to support the girls in maroon before heading off to the World Cup.



















THE JOURNEY















Galway United then travelled down to Ferrycarrig Park in the Semi-Final where they faced the tough challenge of Wexford Youths.

Youths went ahead in the first half before United launched immense pressure in the second half, earning a goal through Kate Thompson.

This brough the game to 1-1 at full-time, then straight to penalties. Thanks to the heroics of Jessica Berlin in goal and Gemma McGuinness scoring the winning penalty, United booked their tickets to the final in The Showgrounds.











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GOALKEEPER ABBIEGAYLE RONAANE No.1

Abbiegayle, from Claremorris, County Mayo is one of our goalkeepers in the squad and helped hugely to help us get this far in the tournament.

Abbiegayle started her career at Sligo Rovers in 2018. She then moved to Galway WFC for the next two years, leaving in 2021 to play with Athlone Town.

Ronayne then returned to Galway in 2022 with Galway WFC before signing with the newly formed Galway United Senior Women's side in 2023.

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GOALKEEPER JESSICA BERLIN





BURKE, VIRGINIA UNITED STATES

24YRS

Jessica Berlin who comes from Burke, Virginia in the United States, has been a key performer for Galway United in the Women's Premier Divison and All-Island Cup.

Jessica was a hero in the Semi-Final against Wexford Youths in the penalty shoot out, her iconic performance sealed a ticket to the final for her United team mates.

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Aoibheann has been a key performer for United in the lead up the final putting in some fantastic defensive displays.

Costello, from Milltown, County Galway usually plays as a Full-Back who loves to get up and down the touchline for 90 minutes.

Aoibheann was part of Galway WFC previously before joining Galway United in our inaugural 2023 season.

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DEFENDER Jamie ERICKSON



25YRS

Jamie Erickson has been an oustanding presence in the heart of United's defense this season and United would not be in this final without her contributions.

NO. 5

Jamie who hails from Edmonton in Canada, joined Galway United in 2023 and has been an ever present in the starting XI. She is a rock at the back, and commanding with her physical presence and communication.

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DEFENDER THERESE KINNEVEY

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20YR5

Kinnevey has been a star for United this season with her defensive displays and marauding runs forward, even scoring in the penalty shoot out win against Wexford Youths.

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Therese, who used to play with Oughterard prior to joining the then Galway WFC has played mostly as a full back through the years and is getting better with every year that passes with United.

She has been a key figure for United this year and is an important role model for any young girl in County Galway playing football.

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DEFENDER Eve DOSSEN



18YRS

Eve has been another key performer for United in both League and Cup competition in 2023.

NO. 22

Dossen who used to play with Mervue United and Galway WFC, joined United and has made an instant impact in the heart of United's defense.

Eve played 8 games for Galway WFC last season and this season has been an essential in the Starting XI, with her defensive masterclasses, her improvement has been nothing short of exceptional.

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DEFENDER Annie GOUGH





20YRS

Annie Gough has just joined United ahead of the All-Island Cup Final.

Gough, who usually plays as a full-back has been training with United for a number of weeks and is ready to play in the final, she is a great defender with a phenomenal work ethic.

Annie, from Crossmolina Co. Mayo and used to play with Kilmurry and Galway WFC before joining Galway United in July 2023.

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DEFENDER ROISIN JACOB





26YRS

Roisin Jacob, from Carnmore, Claregalway, has been a key player for United this season for many reasons.

Roisin has been been both consistent and versatile for the girls in maroon. Featuring in attack, midfield and defense. She is very commited and passionate and has been brilliant in the United defense throughout the All-Island Cup

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DEFENDER Amy MADDEN



Amy Madden is a brilliant player who has played a key role in United's presence in the All-Island Cup Final.

She is versatile and has played a number of positions for United in 2023, but mostly finds herself in a fullback position, she has excelled here and has had some brilliant defensive performances throughout the league and cup competitions.

Madden is a player who will always give 110% to get the result and it has paid off, with United now in a Cup Final in their first season.

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MIDFIELDER ISABELLA BELETIC

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Isabella Beletic has been an oustanding presence in United's midfield this year, the American has settled into Galway very quickly and made an instant impact.

Isabella usually plays the role of a six in defensive midfield and excels at getting on the ball, beating players and palying through the lines, she is an exceptional technical player but also contributes defensively and is an asset to any team.

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MIDFIELDER JENNA SLATTERY NO. b

Jenna Slattery, from Limerick has been an impressive figure in United's midfield this season, both offensively and defensively.

Jenna scored in United's important win over Linfield at the beginning of the All-Island Cup and is an underage Ireland international, scoring in a win against England earlier this year.

Jenna also won the Women's Premier Division player of the month for April and has been an oustanding asset for United this year.





MIDFIELDER NICOLE MCNAMARA



18YRS

NO. 7

Nicole McNamara has been an important player for United and Galway WFC through the years and has even represented Ireland at underage level also.

She offers something different to United's midfield and helped secure 3 points in United's 2-0 victory over Shelbourne in the group stages of the All-Island Cup.

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MIDFIELDER KATE THOMPSON



Kate Thompson is a brilliant footballer, she was nominated for the FAI U19 International Player of the Year this year and has been phenonmenal for United in 2023.

Thompson, a Galway native who has played for Ireland underage is someone anyone should look up to in football setting standards through her versatility and consistency this season. Playing in midfield and defense and even scoring the goal to equalise the All-Island Cup Semi-Final against Wexford Youths.













MIDFIELDER Lynsey MCKEY

Lynsey McKey is an icon of the League Of Ireland, she brings so much experience to this young United team and it shows on the pitch. Her excellent communication and technical ability have made her one of Galway United's key players this season.

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Lynsey, who hails from our neighbours in County Clare, has added some creative flair and expression to United's attack this season, popping up with many assists throughout the season. McKey was formerly with Galway WFC, Cork City and Lifford Ladies.

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SHANNON,

CO. CLARE

33YRS

MIDFIELDER

JODIE GRIFFIN



Jodie Griffin is a very talented young midfielder who is very technical and direct.

Griffin, a Limerick native, loves to have the ball at her feet and running at defenders and creating chances.

Jodie used to play with Fairview Rangers growing up in Limerick before joining Galway WFC and now Galway United.

Griffin also has represented Ireland underage, showing her pedigree

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MIDFIELDER Emma DUFFY



16YRS

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Emma Duffy has been one of the great stories of the season, she just turned 16 last week and made her debut against Peamount earlier in the season at 15. The very next week, she came on as a sub against Shamrock Rovers, where she lost the ball to World Cup Star Aine O'Gorman, she won it back right away and helped setup a goal.

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Emma is a fantastic midfielder who has a little bit of everything to her name, and at such a young age she really has shown her class already in central midfield putting herself about and getting on the ball.

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ATTACKER GEMMA MCGUINNESS



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NO. 11

Gemma is exceptionally technical and loves to be direct and take on any defender who stands in her way, she usually plays in any role across a front three and is a great option to have for any team.

The Donegal native, from Greencastle signed for United in 2023 following a succesful spell at Sligo Rovers and Derry City.

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GREENCASTLE, CO. DONEGAL

27 YRS

ATTACKER ANNA FAHEY



Anna Fahey is a very talented striker and an exceptional finisher and has shown that through the years for Galway United and formerly Galway WFC.

The skillful striker has been Galway based for her whole career and scoring goals for Galway WFC as far back as the U17s before joining Galway United in 2023 in our first season, she's an asset to any team with her efficient finishing prowess.

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ATTACKER Rola OLUSOLA



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Rola Olusola has played a crucial role in United's place in the Cup Final. She has been an impact substitute of late but that is no discredit to her her amazing ability, she has absolutely transformed games when she enters the fray late on.

Olusola is direct, pacy and technically gifted and always has opposition defenders on the backfoot. She is a very talented winger and certainly might have a role to play in the Cup Final.

Rola formely played with Mervue United locally.

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ATTACKER Abbie CALLANAN



NO. 16

19YRS

Abbie Callanan, from Claregalway, is a talented striker who has been crucial for United reaching this Final.

Abbie scored the first goal against Shelbourne to set the tone before Gemma McGuinness' second. Her finishing ability is second to none and her goal in that game shows exactly that, finishing from a tight angle.

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Aoife Thompson is an exceptionally talented player who is both versatile and commited.

Aoife, a Galway native from Mountbellew has played various positions for United in 2023 and has performed in all of them, from striker to central midfield she has been very effective for the girls in Maroon.

Aoife used to play with GalwayWFC for many years before signing for United in our first season.

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ATTACKER SIOBHAN DOOLAN





Siobhan Doolan is a very technically gifted winger who is direct and skilfull.

Siobhan who is from Wexford, played locally with Curracloe United before joining Wexford Youths and then signing for Galway United, luckily for her she was on the right side last weekend as we head into the final of the All-Island Cup Final.

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ATTACKER AISLINN MEANEY

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Aislinn is one of the most talented wingers in the country and recently signed for United in the summer transfer window. She has represented Ireland on a senior level and is exceptionally technical and agile.

NO. 25

Meaney, who is from Ennis in Clare, made her debut for United in the Semi-Final against Wexford Youths, and you could see the class she posseses, she couldn't quite get on the scoresheet that game, coming close hitting the post and creating chances, but who knows, the final may change that.

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ADRIAN CRONIN ASST. MANAGER & DEVELOPMENT













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Once the Avenir Sports All-Island Cup finishes, it's important to still support the girls in Maroon, below is how you can do exactly that.

United play their home games at 5PM on Saturdays in Eamonn Deacy Park, Galway City.

Our next home game is against Cork City on August 19th Saturday, 5PM and we need your support.

You can view our full list of fixtures on our club website at GalwayUnitedFC.ie









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