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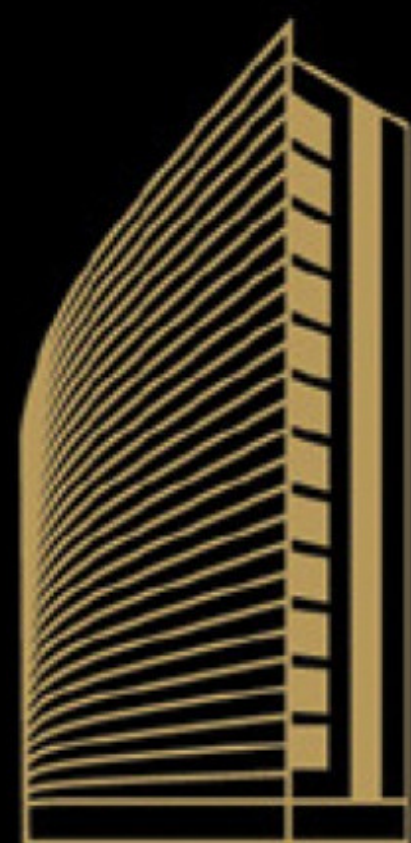
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WELCOME HOME

WITH PARAIC COLLINS



Welcome back to Eamonn Deacy Park for our first home game of the 2023 SSE Airtricity Men's First Division. Our guests tonight are neighbours and promotional rivals Treaty United and all at Galway United extend a warm welcome to their players, staff, and supporters.

Last week we made a rare trip northwest and came away from Finn Park with three important points. In a tight encounter, like on so many occasions last year, a share of the spoils would be the order of the day. However, our new 'USA' hero Vincent Borden made sure United began the season in style by grabbing a game-winning brace against Finn Harps. In this league, every single point counts, and every three points are crucial. The harsh reality of finishing third last season, eight points adrift of league winners Cork City is not lost on United.

Harps suffered relegation last year from the Premier Division and, from a management perspective, a change was needed as Galway man Ollie Horgan had brought the club as far as he could.

It's an understatement to say that during his almost decade-long tenure as boss, Ollie performed miracles with scant resources - gave some memorable post match interviews - and Harps punched above their weight for a long, long time. All good things must end but there is always a new beginning.

Thankfully for us, Ollie has joined the Galway United backroom staff as assistant manager. This must be viewed as a shrewd acquisition by the club as Ollie's years of League of Ireland experience and football knowledge will be needed if the Tribesmen are to navigate and win a league that has many a pitfall and unknowns around each corner.

The club has been busy in the off-season recuring a number of players. Brendan Clarke (Shelbourne), Rob Slevin (Finn Harps), Darren Clarke (Longford Town), Callum McNamara (Treaty United), Maurice Nugent, Regan Donelan (Finn Harps), Colm Horgan (Sligo Rovers), Alex Rutter (Hume City) Vincent Borden (Rudar Velenje) and Ibrahim Keita will call Galway home for this year. The club thanks the outgoing players for their effort and commitment last season.

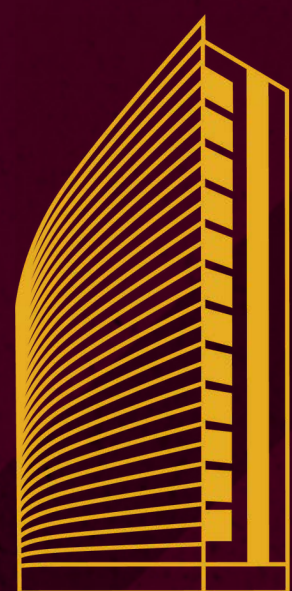
There is only one goal this year and it's winning the league. Come on United!

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**JOHN
CAULFIELD**



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MANAGER'S NOTES

WITH JOHN CAULFIELD



It is great to be back at Eamonn Deacy Park for our first home game of the new SSE Airtricity League of Ireland season.

We welcome Tommy Barrett, his staff, players, and Treaty United supporters for what promises to be a tough match. There has been very little between the sides in recent years and it should be another hard fought encounter.

The fact that so many former Galway United players are involved with Treaty adds another dynamic to the game. We know it's a real local derby. There is a strong former Galway United influence in the Treaty team. Marc Ludden, Enda Curran, Conor Winn, Conor Barry and Stephen Christopher all start for them. They are well organised. Defensively, they are very strong. You have to try to break them down, but they are good on the counter-attack and set-pieces. Obviously Killian Brouder and Ed McCarthy are from Limerick also so there is no shortage of talking points.

Winning away against Finn Harps was an encouraging start for ourselves. We were under no illusions going up there. Conditions were difficult with the swirling wind and rain. The pitch cut-up, but we still we gave a very controlled performance. We played some excellent football and dominated the game.

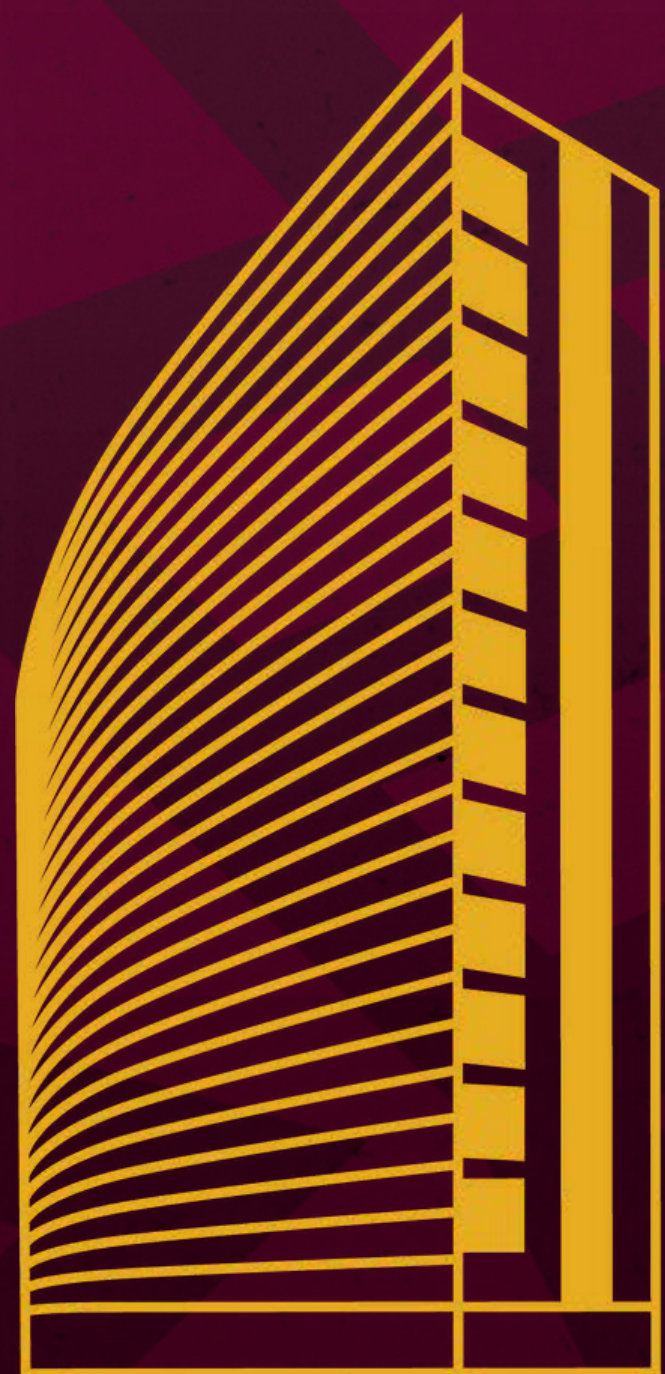
Vincent Borden, a player we signed, made a significant contribution, scoring two goals. We have liked him since he has come, he has been improving every week. We thought he had another level in him and he proved that in Ballybofey.

We need to be bright from the start. We need to be at our best. It's the first home game and it's a big night for our supporters. I'd urge you all for the season to try to get into games early.

The crowds we had in 2022 were incredible, there is a real connection between the team and supporters. I spoke with a number of you at some recent Q and A sessions organised by the Co-op.

It was brilliant to see so many Galway United people travel to Finn Park. On a horrible night you helped to make a real difference, the players and staff really appreciated your support.

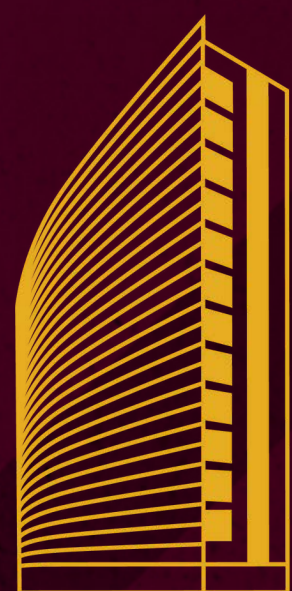
Hopefully we can enjoy a good year, we will be working extremely hard to do our best for Galway United Football Club.



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**CONOR
McCORMACK**



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CAPTAIN'S LOG

WITH CONOR McCORMACK

Conor McCormack is the heartbeat of this Galway United's side, and he retains the captain's armband for a third successive season. Throughout this season he will be sharing his thoughts on the team's fortunes in Maroon View's Captain's Log.

Welcome back to Maroon View.

It's great to be back. We are all disappointed how last season ended, but it's in the past now.

How was the opening game of the new season?

It was a tough first game away to Finn Harps in very bad conditions but we fought really hard and got the three points we deserved.

How did pre-season go?

We've had a very good pre-season. We did a lot of work during the off season.

Danny Broderick been brilliant at keeping tabs on everyone to make sure we came back in good shape, and in fairness, everyone did.

All the new lads that John Caulfield and Ollie Horgan have brought in have settled in really well and we're all raring to go.

It must be exciting to be back in Eamonn Deacy Park tonight in front of our home support?

First home game of the season is Treaty United. We know what Treaty is going to bring Friday, and they're always up for this game. There's a few familiar faces with them, that used to play here, so those players will again be out to prove a point. We must be careful and prepare properly. We're all looking forward to the game.

You seemed delighted with the Galway support that travelled to Donegal on Friday?

There was a great turn out in Donegal last weekend for us in really bad conditions. We're grateful of the support and hope to see a full Eamonn Deacy Park on Friday night. The Galway fans have been magnificent as long as I've been here, and we really enjoy playing in front of them. We've got to try and make Deacy Park a fortress this season if we are to get promoted.



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WOODQUAY WANDERER

Bernie O'Connell

Íls gearr a bhíonn an t-am ag imeacht a deirtear agus seo muid anois ag tabhairt faoin bhfeachtas peile úr i bPáirc Eamonn Deacy. Ár gcroíthe lán le dóchas agus an aeráid níos dearfaí ná mar a bhí le tamall.

Seo an chéad deis ag leantóirí baile breithiúnas tomhaiste a bheith acu faoi na sínithe nua ag an gclub agus iad ag imirt sa tsraith. Fáilte mar sin ar ais do Colm Horgan agus na leads nua mar Brendan Clarke, fear an Dúin Mhór Regan Donelan, imreoirí lár páirce Callum McNamara, Darren Clarke agus Vincent Borden. Beidh súil géar leis ar an tosach as an bhFrainc Ibrahim Keita.

Fáiltíonn muid tráthnóna roimh neart iar chomrádaithe a thug an-sheirbhís anseo i dTír Oileáin. Tá an-mheas anseo ar Enda Curran, Mark Ludden, Connor Winn, Stephen Christopher, Colin Barry agus Colie Kelly. Bhí sár chluichí idir na clubanna agus ná bímis ag súil le haon cheo eile anocht.

T'éis dóibh a bheith buailte in aghaidh Bré Chualainn i bPáirc an Mhargaidh is cinnte go mbeidh siad ag lorg toradh anseo.

Dé hAoine seo caite cuireadh tús leis an tsraith againn i mBealach Fé. Ócáid aisteach i saol fear Bhóthar na Trá Ollie Horgan t'éis an scothsheirbhís aige ag stiúradh na Cláirsigh. Níl amhras ar bith ach go spreagfaidh saineolas, cur amach agus paisean Ollie daoine. An manna againn féin anseo. Pobal, Peil, Paisean.

Ní raibh éinne ag súil go mbeadh tada éasca in aghaidh na Cláirsigh. Ina dhiadh sin agus uile bhí snas ar an taispeántas againn agus péire cúil maith ag Vincent Borden a d'ardaigh croíthe leantóirí a chur suas leis an mbáisteach agus an aistir fada. Thógfá bua i mBealach Fé am ar bith. Tús maith leath na hoibre.

Bhí brón faoi leith an mhí seo caite nuair a d'imigh Colm Feeney ar shlí na Fírinne. Iar chathaoirleach ar an gclub seo agus fear nach ndearna dhá leath dhá dhícheall ariamh. An bua is mó a bhí ag Colm ná go raibh sé breá ábalta daoine a thabhairt leis.

Bhí sé i gcónaí flaithiúil, foighdeach agus gníomhach i gcur chun cinn na peile. Tugadh ard mholadh dhó ag a shocraid i Séipéil Naomh Iosaf agus ba sólás mór da mhuintir an cion agus omós a bhí ag a chomharsain agus chuile géag do shaol na Gaillimhe dhó.

D'oibrigh mé go leor daoine anuas tré na blianta in imeachtaí an chumainn. Ní bréag ar bith a rá gur fhág Colm Feeney agus a sheirbhís dhil tionchar faoi leith orm. Fear séimh, cumasach, uasal. Leaba i measc na naomh ag Colm.

Peileadóir agus bainisteoir cumasach eile a d'fhág an saol seo an tseachtain seo caite ná Theo Dunne athair Tommy. Fear peile den scoth agus cur amach cumasach aige ar an gcluiche agus ar an saol. Níor labhair sé mórán ariamh liomsa faoin ngaisce aige féin le Shels ná le UCD ach thug éachtaí Tommy le Corcaigh agus linn féin mórtas faoi leith dhó.



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VS FINN HARPS





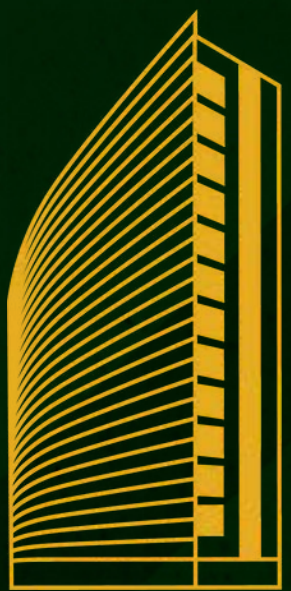








ISABELLA BELETIC



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TRILL OPTIMISTIC

CAOMHÁN O' CONNELL

A small piece of Galway footballing history was registered on Saturday the 11th of February, when Galway United fielded their first women's team in a pre-season friendly against Sligo Rovers.

A Galway team with an average age of 19 eventually succumbed 2-1 but did much to encourage their manager Phil Trill ahead of their forthcoming campaign.

Speaking to Maroon View, Trill brimmed with positivity. 'I was really happy. We are at the stage where we are bringing the girls that have had the underage success to the fore. We are mixing that with experienced players.'

Many of the established Galway WFC players have been retained for the forthcoming season but some have been lost to competitors such as Athlone Town and Shamrock Rovers.

Trill is bullish however on the quality of his squad and enthusiastic about some final acquisitions. 'We are delighted with the signing of Isabella Beletic, a 24 year-old from Racing Louisville in the NWSL. She has played professionally at the highest level. We'll also announce one or two players in the coming weeks.'

The number of underage caps that exist in the squad backs up Trill's assertions on the quality of his players. Jenna Slattery, Kate Thompson and Aoibheann Costello will all be involved when Ireland Under-19s take on England.

Perhaps given this calibre, he is not concerned about the age profile of his squad.

‘I wouldn’t be too worried about being young. The past experience we have had shows that the Under-17 league was won with Under-15 players and the Under-19 league was won with Under-17 players. The age demographic of the league in general is young.’

Galway has a really strong history of producing underage talent. Our players are young but experienced. For example, Therese Kinneavy is 19 but has played 3 seasons at senior level. We will have a mix. The likes of Lynsey McKey will be a big player for us.’

Since this historic first outing, United played out a 0-0 draw with DLR Waves. They entertain Treaty United tomorrow, (Saturday the 26th of February) in their last pre-season game. However, thoughts are already creeping towards their first fixture against Wexford Youths on March the 4th.

‘Wexford are going to be a really good test for us. They have recruited well. That’s what you want. You want to be able to test yourself against the best.’

A mouthwatering prospect for football fans who have only a little over a week to await the start of a historic season for women’s football in Galway and Ireland.



STATS WITH JULIAN

DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D
Waterford FC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Athlone Town	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Cobh Ramblers	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Galway United	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
Bray Wanderers	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Finn Harps	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1
Treaty United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1
Longford Town	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2
Kerry FC	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2
Wexford FC	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3

DIVISION 1 FIXTURES

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

DIVISION 1 RESULTS

Kerry FC	0 - 2	Cobh Ramblers
Finn Harps	1 - 2	Galway United
Treaty United	0 - 1	Bray Wanderers
Wexford FC	0 - 3	Waterford FC
Longford Town	1 - 3	Athlone Town

TOP GOALSCORERS - 2023

W. Aouachria	Waterford FC	3
V. Borden	Galway United	2
F. Pierrot	Athlone Town	2
T. O'Brien	Cobh Ramblers	1
R. Rainey	Finn Harps	1
J. Doherty	Cobh Ramblers	1
B. Feeney	Bray Wanderers	1
D. Lynch	Longford Town	1
J. Campion-Hinds	Athlone Town	1

HEAD TO HEAD

GALWAY UNITED -V- TREATY UNITED

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DIVISION 1 RECORD v TREATY UNITED

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GOALS FOR

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GOALS AGAINST

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POSITION

4

3 PTS

LAST PLAYED

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30/09/2022

E Curran 10' 1-0

1-1 S Walsh 80'

POSITION

7

0 PTS

BIGGEST VICTORIES v TUFC

2-1

HOME 14/03/2022

3-2

AWAY 29/04/2022

BIGGEST VICTORIES 2023

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TEAM TOP LEAGUE GOALSCORERS 2023

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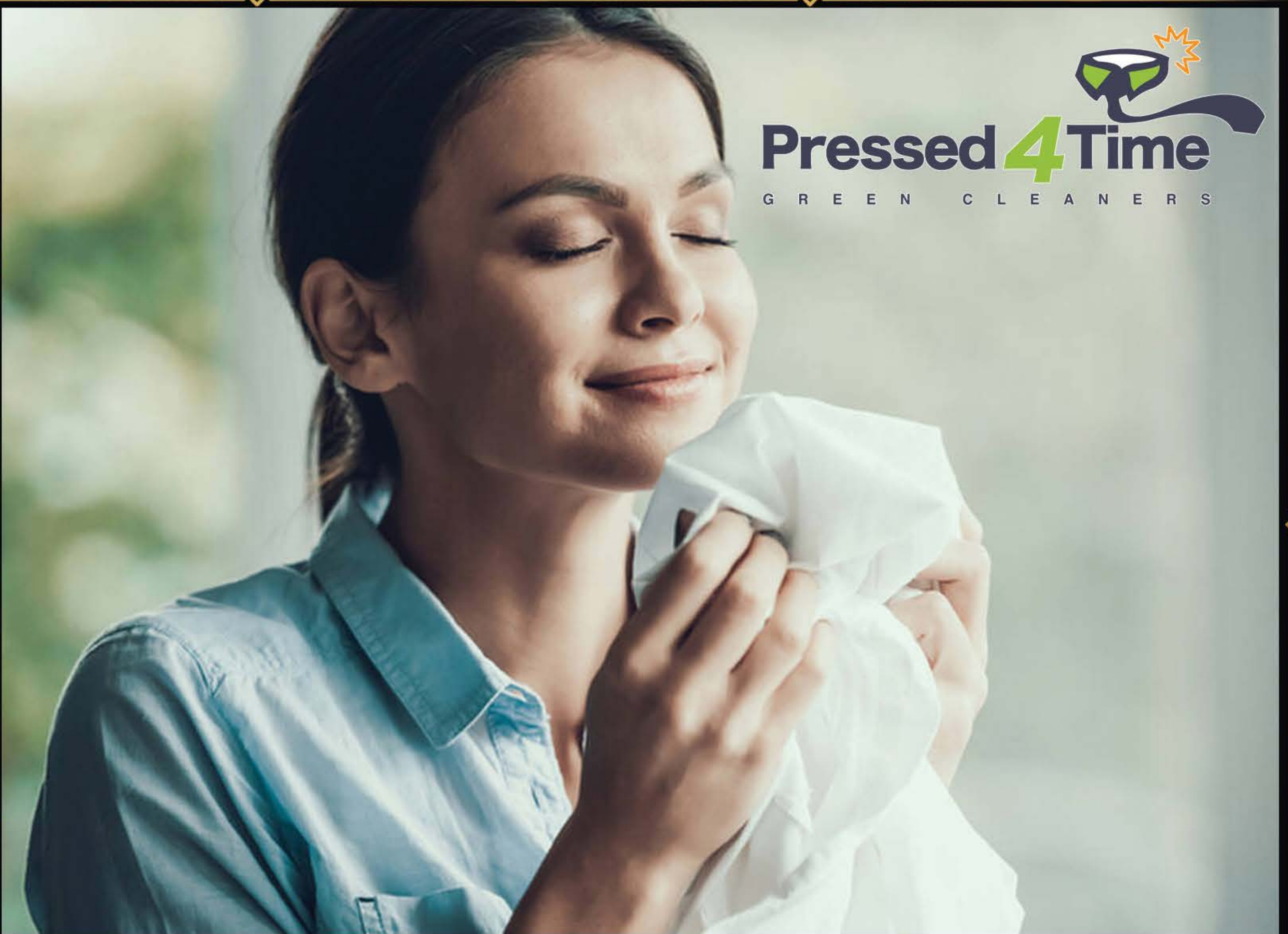


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2023 FIXTURES

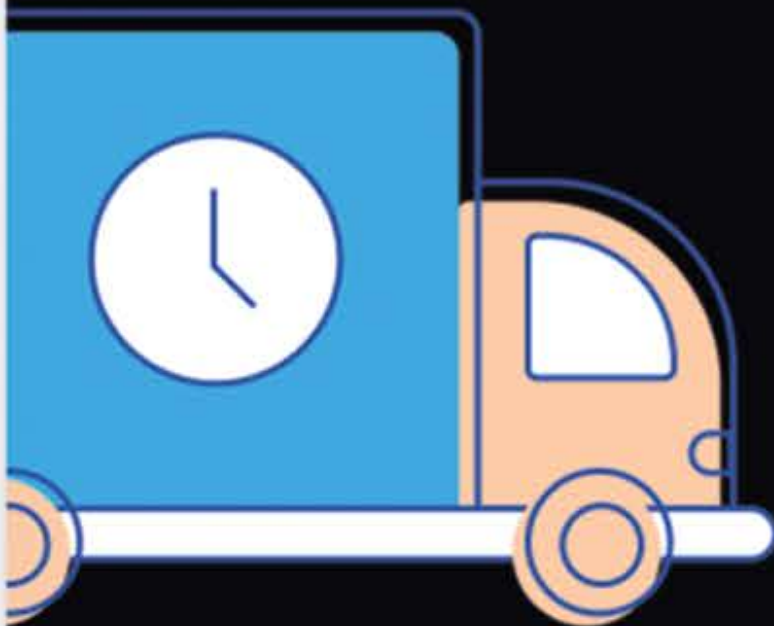
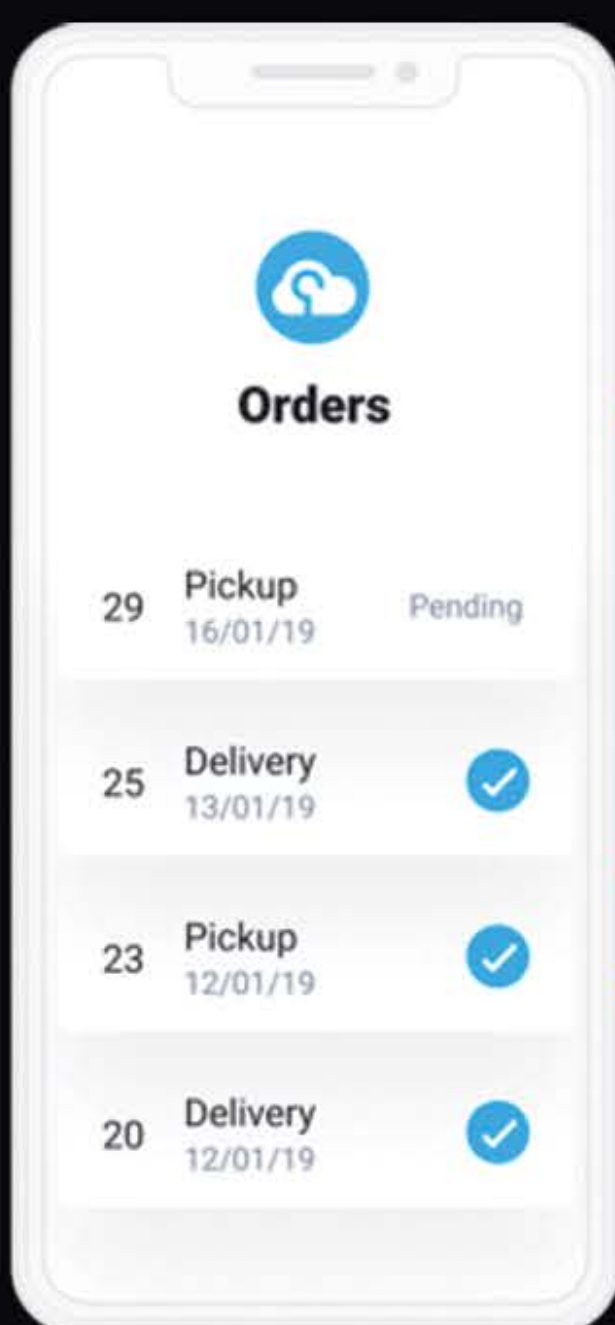
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 26/05/23 Athlone Town
 02/06/23 Bray Wanderers
 05/06/23 Finn Harps
 09/06/23 Wexford

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
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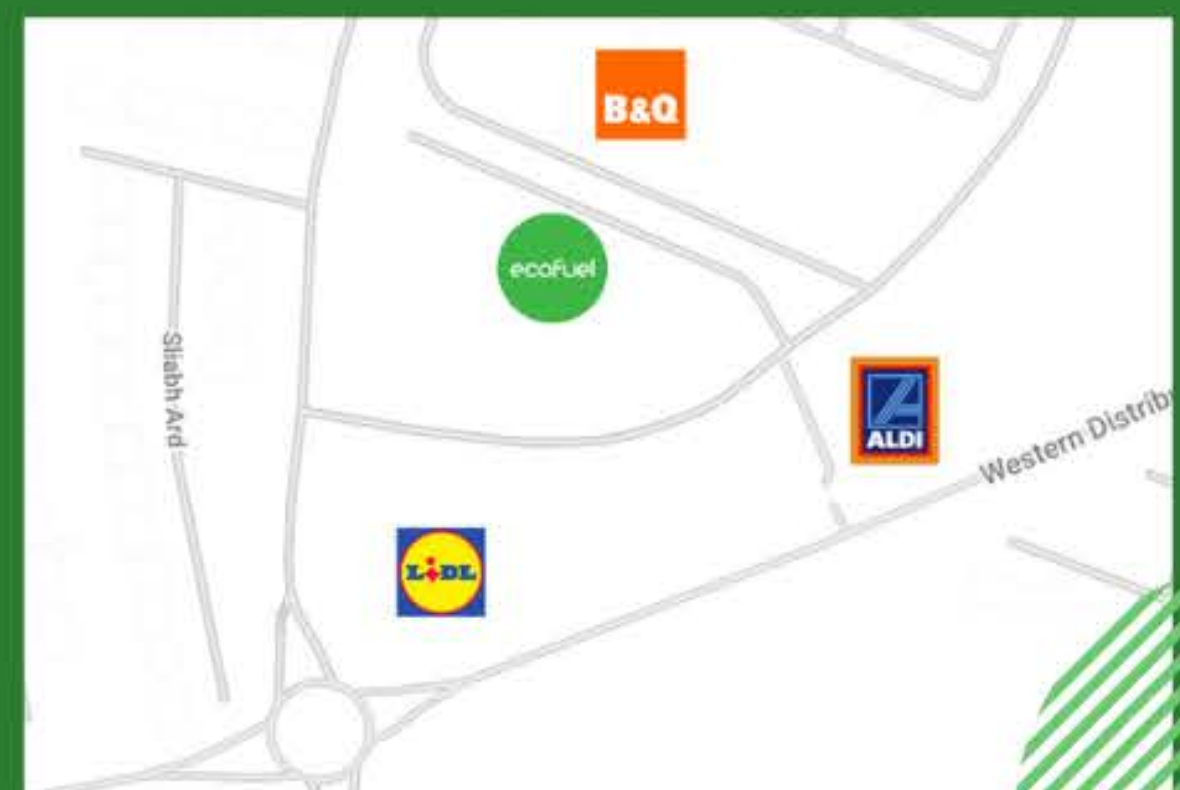
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11. Ibrahim Keita
12. Marc Guasch
14. Ronan Manning
15. Calum McNamara
16. Alex Rutter
17. Vince Borden
18. David Tarmey
19. Francely Lomboto
20. Evan O'Connor
21. Colm Horgan
22. Conor McCormack
23. Darren Clarke
24. Ed McCarthy
25. Aaron Neary
27. Steven Healy
28. Mikey McCullagh
29. Oisín O'Reilly

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2. Ben O'Riordan
3. Marc Ludden
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