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Today's cover is the artwork of the phenomenally talented Zara Foley, who recently announced her retirement from the game at the young age of 21.

Everyone at Cork City FC wants to pay tribute to an incredible servant to the club and Senior Irish International who came to the club from Lakewood already a local star and thrilled us all with her athleticism, professionalism and drive.

Captain Ciara McNamara spoke of Zara recently "I've known her since she was 16 and she came into the club and seen her progress, representing her country up to Senior level, up with International Camps. She's been so professional with her rehab and it's hard to think of someone with her experience not being on the pitch with us. We all will be there for Zara and supporting her next step and we hope to see her in and around the club, coaching and things like that."

Manager Danny Murphy echoed Ciara's comments, adding "It's difficult. An injury free Zara is in the Irish squad, no question but It's not really about the football right now, it's about Zara. We believe she will be a huge part of this football club in a different role, we're all there for her and when it's right for her, we want her back because we know she's got a load to contribute."

A joy to work with on and off the pitch, Zara has long been a fan favourite and left a lasting impression on everyone she's interacted with for now, what's important is to reiterate that the club, the staff and her team-mates are fully behind her.



FROM THE DUGOUT

A big welcome to Alban, his staff and players and all from Treaty United to today's game in Bishopstown. It's our second home game away from Turner's Cross this season, but the pitch is amazing, and in immaculate condition and should allow for a great game of football.

Last week was a really good performance, when you watch the game back, we played quite well in the first half but just didn't take our chances and found ourselves 3-0 down. But to have that desire and fight to get back in the game it just shows the level of performance the girls have in them. There's huge amounts of potential in this team and be consistent across the 90 minutes. We do have a great group of players who can go on to achieve great things.

Our preparation hasn't been ideal to be honest, as we had a lot of college games this week and we wanted to manage the girls workload but everyone is focused and knows their roles within the eleven, whoever starts.

I'm confident that we can always get results with the group we have and focus on the things we know we're good at and approach it in the right way. We can't get caught too much up in the emotion of it being a Derby game and just focus on our style of play.

We just need to go out and put on a performance to win the game and we believe we can.

Enjoy the game,
Danny Murphy





D.B. Down Under

Danielle Burke's Women's World Cup Diary.

“I was always going to go to the World Cup, no question because my aunt lives in Brisbane, so she was saying ‘if Ireland Qualify, come over to us’ it was kind of a once in a lifetime thing. I had been in Australia a few years ago when my Aunt first moved over, so it was my second time going to Australia.”

“I flew to Sydney and went to the opening game against Australia and then flew back to Brisbane where I saw the game against Nigeria and then I went to the France and Brazil game, as that was on in Brisbane too. That was unreal.”

“I would have played underage with Heather Payne and Jamie Finn and know a lot of the girls and then obviously just playing against the girls who play and have played in the league here, to see them on the world’s biggest stage it was unbelievable. It just showed that you can get from our league to the absolute highest point in World Football, so that was huge.”

“The whole experience was amazing, the stadiums were huge and every game I went to was packed out and the Irish fans there, most of every ground, never stopped cheering, they made it feel like the Aviva or Tallaght. It almost felt like home games, hearing the national Anthem at the World, I don't think I'll ever forget it, that our tiny little country with it's tiny little league are at the World Cup.”

Danielle got a sense of some of the travel the National Team underwent in Australia, but only a sense. “Brisbane to Sydney was only an hour and a half, but Brisbane to Perth is something like a seven-hour flight, I don't think people realise how big Australia is, with time differences and everything. Even in the Airport going from Brisbane down to Sydney for the game, you would see Irish jerseys around the place, you were never alone. So many people you would pass on the street were kitted out in National jerseys or World Cup Merchandise, everywhere you looked, it was class.”

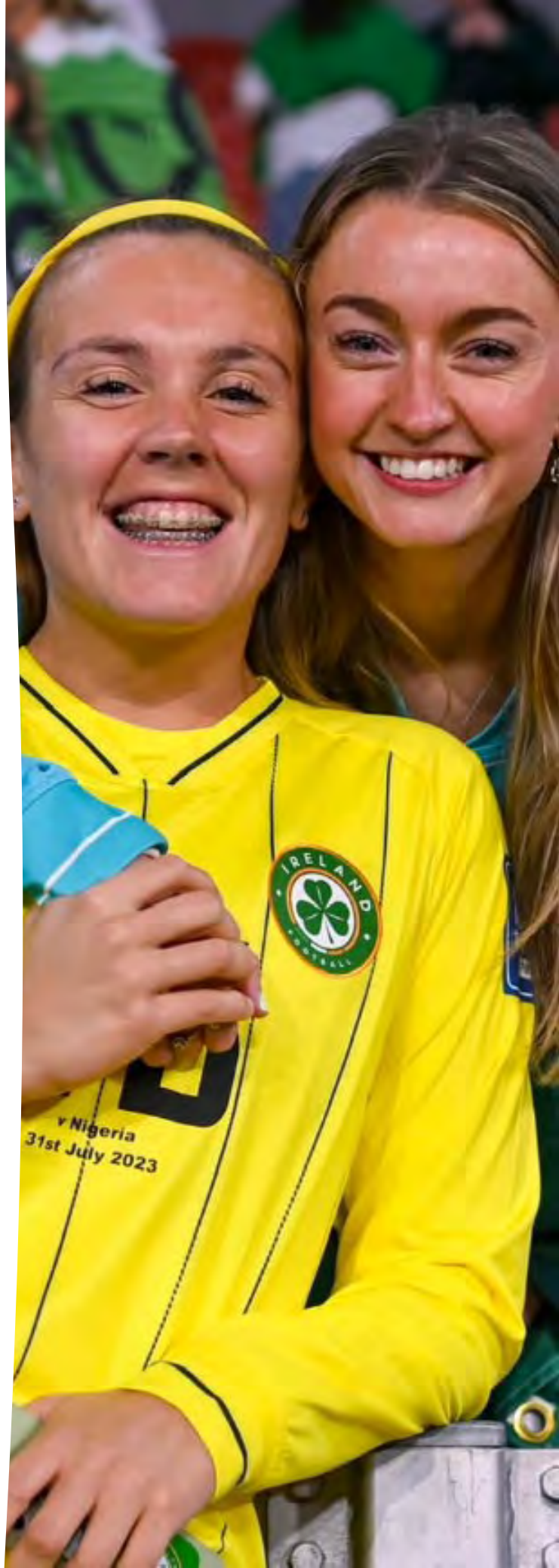
Staying with family in Australia gave Danielle a chance to see what average Australians thought of the World Cup too “Yeah, all my Aunts friends were saying how incredible it was to have an event like that in the country, to be able to experience it. A few girls I know who'd moved over there as well, they all flew around all the games, there's so much Irish there, you just couldn't have gotten that in other places.”

Danielle can finally laugh about it now, but Denise O'Sullivan's injury scare the week before the opening game of the tournament was a heart-stopper. “Yeah, Grace [Moloney] my girlfriend was Denise's roommate, and she rang me from the hospital, and I asked what was after happening and she said Denise was in the hospital and I was like “Oh my God”, complete panic. But the team knew she was OK quicker than everyone else and obviously she was around them and they were seeing her improve every day. It was panic stations alright at the start though”, she laughs.

The opening game “I’ll never forget driving to it; I was in the back of the Uber crying with the emotion, it was only then it sunk in it was really happening I think, there were so many events going on around the stadium, everyone was hyped up, in their colours. The stadium was packed an hour before kick-off, the roar when the girls walked out and then hearing the National Anthem, it was so emotional. It was amazing.”

“At the start, it was happy to be there and proud to be there, but it was great that we were so competitive too. As the game went on, we felt we could get something out of them. Right to the last ten minutes everyone was out of their seats. That was important, that we weren’t there just to make up numbers. The girls looked like they had no fear out on the pitch, and they took the game in their stride, as though they were used to World Cups.”

Danielle doesn’t want to single out players from an exceptional squad, but when pushed she relents “Courtney Brosnan was great, Katie had a great tournament. Louise Quinn puts her life and soul on the line for Ireland. Abbie Larkin was a different person to who I’d seen in the league, she was phenomenal and really upped her level. Ruesha was great, probably her best back-to-back games in an Irish shirt.”





As a neutral the France and Brazil game, was that more relaxed. “I’ve never heard anything like the Brazilian fans, they were incredible, so loud. When they scored, it felt like the stadium would collapse. Then Marta came on and everyone, even the French I think, went wild just to see her come on. The standard was so good too, the quality of the game was class. Just being in the same stadium as her and seeing her go on, growing up, everyone knew Marta and to see her in the flesh was surreal.

The debacle around the Spanish FA has to be spoken about and Danielle doesn’t hold back “I think to be fair; it took away from the celebration, but even going into the final there was so much talk about the manager, and I think everyone who was supporting Spain in the final was supporting them despite the management and hoping they did it for themselves. I think the stuff that came after probably took away from their enjoyment at the time, but in the end they’re World Champions and that can’t ever be taken from it, but it’s unfortunate that their moment was tarnished.”

“I think it’s important for younger players to see the public support that the Spanish players got from high profile figures across the game, because it makes it harder for other organisations to just brush stuff under the carpet. While the timing wasn’t great, I think it’s important that women players saw that support coming across, right across the game and that is a positive. Hopefully, we get change from it.”

“The hope is that we make the Euros in Switzerland now. I think the Irish Team’s standard has just gone way up and it’s not enough to just pick up results here and there and it’s instilled in the team that major tournaments is where we’ll want to be.”

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