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## CORK CITY

V TREATY UNITED

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# FROM THE DUGOUT

Welcome to Dom Foley, his staff and the Treaty United players for tonight's televised game at Turners Cross.

We're delighted to be back home, the girls have had it tough over the last six weeks with travel, but their level of commitment has never wavered, they've been at every session, put in the work, put in the hours, done their video analysis on the opposition, done extra work and I think it's really starting to show in terms of their performance the effort they've put in.

Treaty is a tough game, probably a tougher game than Sligo in attacking areas and they're dangerous off set pieces so we have to make sure we're switched on and do the right things and give ourselves a chance to get a positive result.

We want to get back-to-back wins, can we go and dominate the ball and impose our style of play on good teams. That's what we want to do, have an identity in how we play.

Hopefully we get a big crowd coming out, the girls deserve it. We're such a well-supported club but we want to get more people through the gates supporting our Women's team. People talk about investment but ultimately you need to see people coming to support the girls, which makes that investment easier to justify from a financial aspect.

Enjoy the game,  
*Danny Murphy*



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# AROUND THE CLUB



Danny, Barrett and Aaron (returning to his old school) at Greenmount NS this week.



Laura enjoying the questions at another school visit to Beaumont Girls NS.



Our WU19s on a team bonding event at Airtastic, Little Island



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Niamh Cotter presenting her 2023 Home Jersey to Catherine Buttimer, Director of Nursing at Riverstick Care Center, her player sponsor



# DORO THE EXPLORER

TROUBLE  
BREWING

New signing Dorothea Greulich sat down with 'City View' this week to discuss her football education at a Champions League winning club, playing around the World and how she already feels part of a family at Cork City.

"I've loved every second I've been here in Cork and playing for City, I've felt very welcome on and off the pitch and it feels like a family already for me." says the soft-spoken 'Doro', "I always think it's difficult to compare leagues, I've played in different countries but what I like so far is that it's a competitive league. You have differences between teams, and teams who are better, but overall going into every game you have a chance and it's a challenge. Especially for us, we're more of an underdog, every game you have something to play for and I really enjoy that. You always have something to look forward to."

Doro's football education was unusual by her own admission and even more so compared to her City teammates. "I started playing quite late actually, I joined my first football club at 8, me and my sister played in school with the boys and a local coach came in and said we were good and eventually we joined that club and played for them for a few years. Then, I got the opportunity to play for one of the best Youth Academies at the time in Germany, FFC Turbine Potsdam, who won the Women's Champion League twice and were runners-up twice also."



Dorothea in her FFC Turbine Potsdam years

"The club has a huge tradition in Germany though they are struggling a little these days. In school, from age 12 to 18, I practiced nine times a week with a game at the weekend. I had a unique experience as a teenager as everything was football, I didn't have time for anything else; it was tough, but I enjoyed it and I'm still grateful for that experience."

"It was incorporated into the school, we had soccer practice twice a day, except for one day which was general PE. It was a sports school, with different kids training in different sports. It was very competitive, not easy, a little old school at times. There were times when as a teenager, I wanted to stop playing, but I'm glad I continued. Nowadays, it's probably a better system, there was no focus on mental health, our coaches weren't really aware of it, but some classmates would struggle with the intensity of it."

“I haven't been in Germany much in the past eight years, there's a lot of changes in that time, Women's football in that time has gotten much more professional and there's a lot of the big clubs putting money in the Women's sides. The academies are more open and have changed and they're really successful.”



Doro in competition in College

“After school I wanted an adventure, a new experience, and I went to play in college in the United States. I was very fortunate to get a scholarship offer in a smaller University, but I loved it. I was there for four and a half years, met some great people, made great friends - probably not the best football but overall, a really good experience. I started out studying journalism and got my degree in Journalism, but I also took a second degree in Political Science. I was fortunate to meet some professors who were teaching European politics, which was great for me, as I'm not so interested in American politics. I was always someone who enjoyed studying, so being able to study and learn so

many new things was great.”

“I'm so happy where football has brought me, different countries, cultures and people. I love to hear people's stories. I came to Sweden after the States and I think I expected it to be like Germany, another European country, but it had those little things that every country does differently. I'm figuring that out in Ireland now, I got drenched on the way to work this morning but it's cool, it's all new experiences.”

“I had highs and lows; the lows were my injuries really. I suffered two serious back-to-back injuries that took me out for nearly two years, it was tough but also a great learning experience. I'm much more grateful now for what my body can do and can handle. The other low I think I would say is when a team atmosphere is just not there, and you lose that drive to play and the fun goes out of it, playing just because everyone is doing it. Even a goal to get better every day can make the difference.”

“But it's why I've enjoyed it so much coming to City, the girls on the team are so willing to learn and improve and work hard, I didn't have that so much in Sweden, so it's really cool to be in a team where everyone is giving their best every day, in every practice. I think those are my highs, the small things, having fun on the field, playing together and being there for one another.”



Doro at Lidköpings FK, Sweden

Coming to City "happened really fast. I was playing in Sweden up until last December and I knew I wanted to go to a different country, but I didn't know where."

"I was talking to a few teams and then my agent rang me that there was this Irish coach I should speak to, that they were building something, and it was really exciting, and I said "Sure", I was open to moving anywhere, I just knew I wanted to stay in Europe although maybe a warmer country, but that didn't happen" she laughs.

"When I spoke to Danny, he made a good impression on me and I came over a week later, and that's pretty much it. I knew nothing about Irish football, or Cork City to be honest, but I'm so happy I'm here."

"It's been such a positive experience, I was very happy that I found a job very quickly, it's an adjustment because before I always studied and played football and that worked very well, it's more flexible, you have classes, but you have more free time to structure. Now that I work every day, I have to wake up early" she smiles "I'm not very good at that. The company is diverse, there are people from all over Europe working there and I really enjoy it. It's a completely new experience."

Her hopes for the season are modest, but typify her nature "Personally, I hope to stay fit and healthy through the season and I've noticed that coming into the team, I've been able to take on a different role. As one of the older players, and with my experience I wanted to get out of my comfort zone a little and become more of a leader and mentor to some of the younger girls, to help them grow in their role. We have so much potential in the team, so I want to help them get better every day."





# AROUND THE CLUB

## APRIL POTM NOMINEES



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Congratulations to Eva Mangan & Kiera Sena, who have been nominated for Player of the Month for April!

Click on the Image to hear Ciara Mac on the club's Rebel Army Podcast



What a result – Kevin Barry Dorney's photo of the squad after last weekend's win in the Showgrounds.



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It's been whirlwind start to life at Cork City for former Midleton FC star Faye Dunlea, who picked up the club's Wu17 Player of the Month award after her first few games as a League of Ireland player.

Faye started her soccer journey early; "I started playing soccer when I was about 5 or 6, my brother was playing, and he got me into it. I started going down to Midleton FC and then started playing Camogie and Football a bit later then, when I was about 8 maybe. There is a Lady from Midleton, Denise McArdle Moore who was a huge part of girls' soccer in Midleton and she saw me kicking about and asked me to join. She was a big supporter of mine through the years too. When I started in the academy there were loads of girls but it wasn't just a single age so there were girls who were older too. The coaches we're great, I think we won 4 Cork Cups and a few leagues with Midleton, which was great. A few of the girls went into GAA as we got older. I did too I suppose, but always came back to soccer."

Faye downplays her talent in GAA but starred for her club, and eventually for the County. "I played with Cork Camogie for two years, but then I decided to focus on the soccer, and I love it really with City and with my school; we've a very good soccer team as well in St. Mary's Midleton, I've won a Munster title with the school, and we got to an All-Ireland semi-final in both Soccer and Gaelic Football."



Faye holding the Women's FAI Cup with Nathalie O'Brien & Maggie Duncliffe

Soccer always won out with Faye, as she featured, and captained, the Cork Schoolgirls Soccer sides too "I was involved in three Gaynor teams with Cork, but because of Covid we actually only went to one tournament in UL, I was captain that year."

"We won the shield I think, it was great to be in a final, even though it wasn't the Cup. We brought something home with us anyway, so that was great. I loved the experience, I'll probably remember it for the rest of my life, I loved it."



Faye receiving the Una Moore Cup with Midleton FC in 2023

“When I was younger, I went to the City academy for a year, when anyone could join to get extra coaching and I really enjoyed it. Ronán and Sarah Healy were coaching there, and Sarah was my coach in Midleton too, she's great. Then at the start of this year I said I'd go to the trials and give it a go. I was nervous about it for a while, on whether I should go, but now that I've made it onto the squad, I'm delighted. I wouldn't change a bit of the experience.”

The move to Cork City also saw Faye make a big choice to give up GAA “I really enjoy soccer with the club, and I didn't want to regret it, if I didn't give it everything, so I took a chance in stepping back from the Camogie to focus on soccer. I wanted to focus on it, and not half-do two things. I was surprised to be picked as Vice-Captain, but I was really happy at the same time, yeah, I love it.”

“We're all friends in the squad, there's not even any little cliques, we've just all come together, especially in the last few weeks with away travel, getting closer every week. I was travelling a bit with Cork GAA, but I love going on the busses with the girls and we have a great laugh.”

“I was delighted to be picked as player of the month, Craig and the coaches pick it, I think. I was delighted when I clicked on Instagram and saw it.” she laughs. Wait, Really? “Yeah, that's how I found out, I hadn't a clue until I saw it there.”

“This year I just want to keep improving and learning, I think I've learned so much already. As a group, we just want to win as many matches as we can and see where that takes us. I'd love to stick with City as long as I can, I'd love to get to Senior with City, that's the hope. That and then I think I'd like to be a teacher, but part of that is that I'd have a load of time off for sport too” she laughs.

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# WU17 ROUNDUP

It's 3 wins from 5 so far for Cork City's Wu17 this seasons. Craig Robinson's side are 6 points adrift of Wexford FC at the top of the Wu17 Group C table, but with a game in hand and a refixed game against Wexford to come.

Weather and pitch conditions have seen games postponed, and it's resulted in a double bill this weekend as City host CK United on Saturday and Kerry FC on Monday. Discussing an impressive 8-0 win in Cobh last weekend, Robinson wants to build the type of momentum that saw his Wu17s win 11 in a row to the end of last season.

“Obviously a brilliant result and performance, I think tactically we got it right and the players implemented the couple of things we tried really well. It was great for the girls to get the goals, but also the clean sheet was important, we've been very good defensively this season and when we lose the ball or are out of possession, we're solid, so really good to see that.”

“Looking to the weekend, it's going to be extremely busy, the timing of the CK United game Saturday is great from our point of view. We'll play our game and then we'll all head to the Cross and hope to help bring a good crowd for the girls. We got a good result the last time we played them up in Kilkenny and we just want to repeat that, we want to target a clean sheet again and get the three points.”



“We're hoping we can build a few positive results into a bit of a run.”

“On Monday then, we have Kerry in the refixed game. They've gotten some really good results and while we played them in pre-season, I wouldn't read too much into that. They're a good side, especially for a side which has just come into the league, and that's what you want; more competition to bring the standard across the league up as a whole. They offer a very different threat to CK so we want to get the balance right too in terms of workload on the girls and it will be two very different games tactically. Some girls will be more suited to one type of game, and we have a squad that can adapt.”

“Two games in a weekend will be a challenge, but the target is to have six points under the belt on Monday evening.”

# WU19 ROUNDUP

Cork City's Wu19's bright start to the season stuttered a little in recent weeks with back-to-back narrow losses, both against Wexford Youths, both games that Manager Trish Fennelly-Hunt feels here side could have gotten pints from.

Last week's game against Waterford United has thrown a little question mark about the league table, meaning that City, right now, are unsure if they are in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

"Yeah, Waterford was a strange game, we were 2-0 down and disappointed to be in that position, but the game itself was abandoned with 20 minutes to go."



We all wish Lauren Healy a speedy recovery

"Unfortunately, Lauren Healy suffered a head injury, an ambulance had to be called and by the time it got sorted the referee decided it was too late to continue, and the game was abandoned so we're still waiting to see what the story will be, will it be awarded, or if it'll be replayed in full



or will we have to play the final 20 minutes."

"Lauren sprained her neck and also injured her back, so will be out for a few weeks but the main thing is that it wasn't as serious as we'd first feared."

"On the game itself, look, we weren't at our best, we were hoping for a reaction after a very narrow loss to Wexford. We were very disappointed in how we played, we weren't up to our usual standard, things on the pitch didn't go right. As a team and a coaching staff, we were just, disappointed is the word really. This week was about rectifying the problems and improving ahead of the Treaty game on Sunday. We know we are way better than we showed last weekend and with a Munster Derby to look forward to, we're confident we can get the passion and fight back."



# GETTING TO KNOW CCFC's U17s & U19s



Name: Shauna Sheehan

Team: WU19

Position: Striker/Winger

Previous Clubs: Blarney United

Describe Yourself: Competitive, Determined, Hard-working

Favourite Player: Lionel Messi

Biggest Influence: My Parents

Favourite Sporting Memory: Winning the Bob Docherty Cup with Ireland and being last years Cork City U17 top scorer

Favourite Food: Pasta Carbonara

Favourite Film/TV Show: Outer Banks

Favourite Game: Hayday

If you had a superpower, what would it be: Invisibility

Name: Maisie Murphy

Team: WU17

Position: Midfield

Previous Clubs: Macroom FC

Describe Yourself: Hardworking and Kind

Favourite Player: Denise O'Sullivan

Biggest Influence: My parents

Favourite Sporting Memory:

Winning player of the final at Gaynor cup

Favourite Food: Beef stir fry

Favourite Film/TV Show: Mamma Mia

Favourite Game: Watermelon drop

If you had a superpower, what would it be: Time Travel





# Talking Treaty

Treaty United's five game unbeaten start to the season came to an end last week, and the disappointment in the aftermath of that loss away to Bohemians shows the rise in expectation of the team.

That expectation comes on account of two wins and three draws that the side picked up in the opening five games, as well as the large number of additions to the side of the club over the off-season including a new manager in Irish international Dominic Foley, eight players from North America and one Australian amongst others. Many will bemoan the presence of so many outsiders, but the fact that so many Limerick natives are at clubs like Galway

United and Wexford FC means that the introduction of new senior players was a necessity.

The introduction of Dominic Foley in particular has been an interesting addition and one that has worked well for the side. The softly spoken Charleville native has taken to senior management well in the very early days of his time with Treaty, but his ability to line out his side in an organised fashion while giving them to freedom to think for themselves has seen his Treaty United become a formidable opponent in 2024.

With a host of new additions on the pitch, the introduction of Canadian centre-halves Kayla Kyle and captain Talia White have been two of the best



and have made the side teak tough at the back. Both defenders possess great strength and a noticeable height advantage, while Kyle's endless energy will often see her overlapping attackers late in games. Attacking midfielder Delana Friesen has been a gem for the side and her creative spark has seen her chip in with a number of assists in the opening five games. The attacking ability of wide player Caleigh Boeckx makes her a constant threat and there is a sense that a first goal is coming for the Canadian.

A familiar face to the Cork City faithful will be that of Fiana Bradley. The Kerry native made the move from Turner's Cross in the off-season

but has yet to feature fully for Treaty after an injury very early in the opening game. Her second start of the season isn't out of the question for tonight's game, and she could be the difference maker if so.

Tonight's game provides a big opportunity for Treaty United to bounce back from last week's defeat, but they meet a Cork City side with their tails up and for good reason. Both sides occupied the bottom two spots in each of the last three seasons so seeing them being competitive this season is a big boost for women's football in the region and for tonight's game which is likely to be a cracker.

*Jason Shanahan*

# FIXTURES & STANDINGS

For up-to-date fixture information, visit [CorkCityFC.ie](http://CorkCityFC.ie)

DATE	OPPONENT	COMPETITION	H/A	W/L/D	RESULT	ATT
9/3	Peamount Utd	LOI Women's PD	H	L	0-2	512
16/3	Galway United	LOI Women's PD	A	L	5-0	203
23/3	Wexford	All-Island Cup	H	D	2-2	143
30/3	Bohemians	LOI Women's PD	A	W	0-1	392
13/4	DLR Waves	LOI Women's PD	A	D	1-1	75
20/4	Shelbourne	All-Island Cup	A	L	3-0	125
27/4	Sligo Rovers	LOI Women's PD	A	W	0-1	183
4/5	Treaty United	LOI Women's PD	A		7:35	
11/5	Shamrock Rovers	LOI Women's PD	H			
18/5	Cliftonville	All-Island Cup	A			
25/5	Shelbourne	LOI Women's PD	H			
8/6	Athlone Town	LOI Women's PD	H			
29/6	Wexford	LOI Women's PD	A			
6/7	Peamount Utd	LOI Women's PD	H			
13/7	Bohemians	LOI Women's PD	A			
27/7	Shamrock Rovers	LOI Women's PD	A			
10/8	Shelbourne	LOI Women's PD	H			
17/8	Galway United	LOI Women's PD	A			
31/8	Treaty United	LOI Women's PD	H			
7/9	Athlone Town	LOI Women's PD	A			
14/9	Wexford	LOI Women's PD	H			
28/9	DLR Waves	LOI Women's PD	H			
5/10	Sligo Rovers	LOI Women's PD	A			

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Galway United	5	4	1	0	14	2	12	13
2	Athlone Town	5	3	1	1	8	4	4	10
3	Shelbourne	5	2	3	0	4	1	3	9
4	Peamount United	5	2	1	2	4	5	-1	7
5	<b>Cork City</b>	5	2	1	2	3	8	-5	7
6	Bohemians	5	2	0	3	3	7	-3	6
7	Treaty United	5	1	2	1	5	4	1	5
8	Shamrock Rovers	4	0	4	0	4	4	0	4
9	Sligo Rovers	4	0	2	2	2	4	-2	2
10	DLR Waves	4	0	2	2	2	7	-5	2
11	Wexford	4	0	1	3	1	5	-4	1

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