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# WELCOME TO THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2023™

## VERA PAUW

**MANAGER**

We have always said that we are nothing without our fans and that includes you, because you are taking the time to read this book and complete the activities. Our players and staff really appreciate your support and hope that you enjoy watching our team during the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™. But, most of all, we hope that you learn something from this book and can be inspired to be creative in your own way.

## KATIE McCABE

**CAPTAIN**

I grew up dreaming of representing Ireland at a World Cup and now I'm hopefully going to realise that dream in July. You never achieve anything on your own, so I'm incredibly privileged to be part of this team and excited about what we can do in Australia. I hope that you will be supporting us Down Under and that we can do you and the nation proud in our games. C'mon Ireland!





# FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2023™

## GROUP STAGE

All teams play each other in the group.

The top two teams from each group go on to the next stage.

## KNOCKOUT/LAST 16

Eight Matches are played between the 16 remaining teams.

The eight winners progress to the quarter-finals.

## QUARTER-FINALS

Four matches are played between the remaining eight teams.

The four winners progress to the semi-finals.

## SEMI-FINALS

Two matches are played between the four remaining teams.

The two winners progress to the final.

## PLAY OFF

The two losing teams from the semi-finals play each other for third place.



## THE FINAL

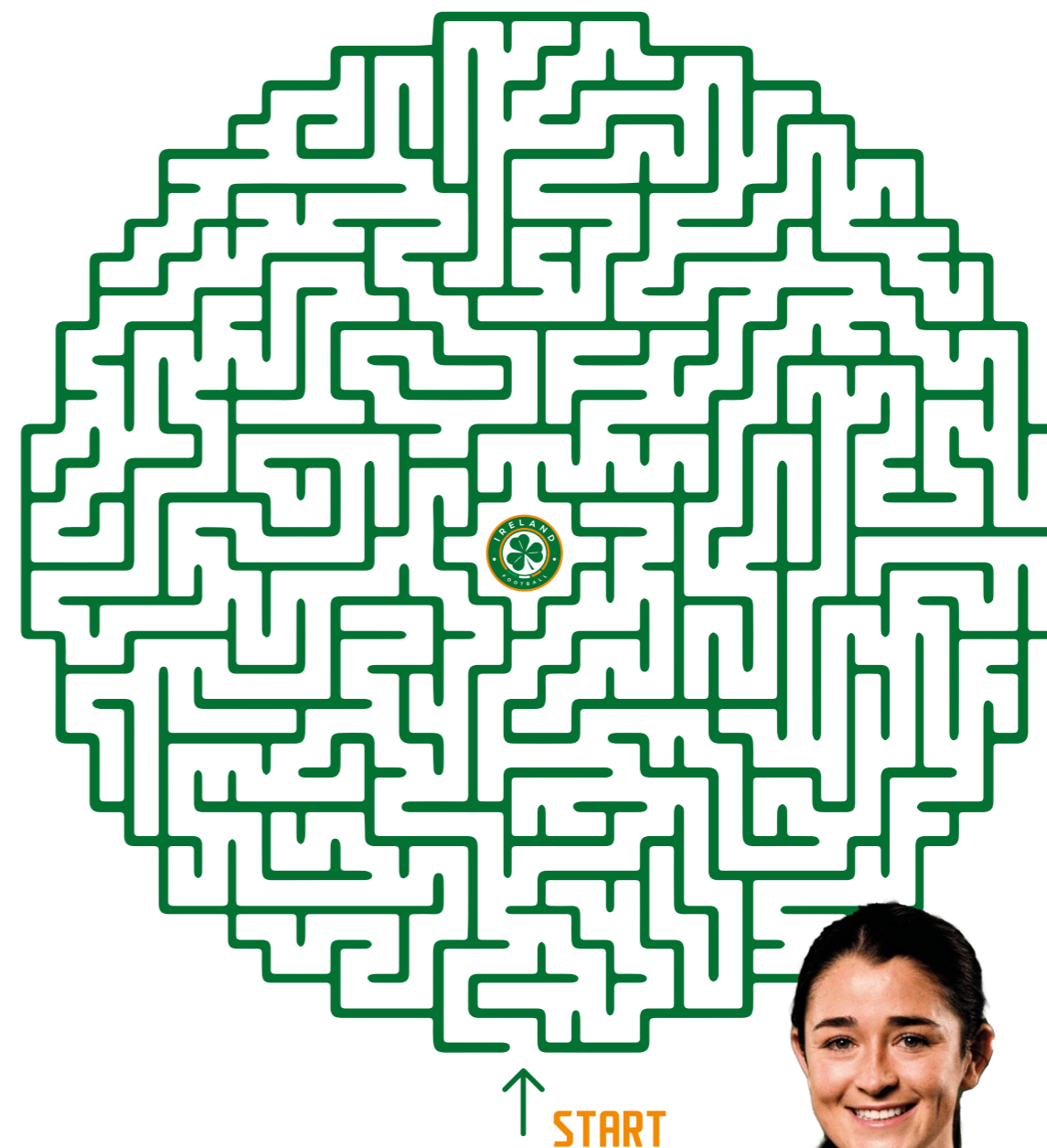
The two winners from the semi-finals play each other for the trophy.

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# MAZE

Can you find your way to the centre of the maze and help **Marissa Sheva** meet up with the team and get to the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.



**Q: How do football players stay cool during the game?**

**A: Stand close to the fans**

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# ROAD TO THE WORLD CUP

## QUALIFYING RESULTS

21 OCTOBER, 2021  
**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND 0-1 SWEDEN**

26 OCTOBER, 2021  
**FINLAND 1-2 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

25 NOVEMBER, 2021  
**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND 1-1 SLOVAKIA**

30 NOVEMBER, 2021  
**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND 11-0 GEORGIA**

12 APRIL, 2022  
**SWEDEN 1-1 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

27 JUNE, 2022  
**GEORGIA 0-9 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

1 SEPTEMBER, 2022  
**REPUBLIC OF IRELAND 1-0 FINLAND**

6 SEPTEMBER, 2022  
**SLOVAKIA 0-1 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

11 OCTOBER, 2022  
**SCOTLAND 0-1 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

## QUALIFYING STATS

GOALS SCORED:	27
GOALS CONCEDED:	4
ATTEMPTS ON GOAL:	109
ATTEMPTS ON TARGET:	56
ATTEMPTS BLOCKED:	19
PENALTIES CONVERTED:	1
FREE-KICKS TAKEN:	54
CORNERS TAKEN:	32
FOULS COMMITTED:	54
YELLOW CARDS:	10



# WORLD CUP FACTS

Republic of Ireland star Abbie Larkin has been collecting interesting facts about the upcoming FIFA Women's World Cup™. What do you think is the most amazing?

3

minutes is the fastest ever goal at a FIFA Women's World Cup™. It was by Carli Lloyd against Japan in 2015 for the United States.

6

different countries have previously hosted the FIFA Women's World Cup™ – Canada, China PR, France, Germany, Sweden, United States.

17

goals makes Brazil forward Marta the all-time top goalscorer in FIFA Women's World Cup™ tournaments.

32

teams will compete in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ expanding from 24 teams in the last tournament in 2019.

4

different countries have won the tournament – United States (4), Germany (2), Japan (1) and Norway (1).

64

matches will be played in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™, starting on July 20 and finishing on August 20.

4

teams have come 2nd in the FIFA Women's World Cup™ without ever having won the tournament – Brazil, China PR, Netherlands, Sweden.

1991

was the year of the first official FIFA Women's World Cup™, which was hosted in China PR and won by the United States.

7

nations will join Ireland in playing at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ for the first time - Haiti, Morocco, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Vietnam, Zambia.

90,185

is the record attendance for a FIFA Women's World Cup™ match when the United States beat China PR in the Final in the Rose Bowl, California.



# THE STADIUMS

## FACT 01

THERE ARE 10 WORLD CUP STADIUMS. 6 IN AUSTRALIA AND 4 IN NEW ZEALAND.

## FACT 02

ALL OF IRELAND'S GROUP GAMES ARE IN AUSTRALIA.

## FACT 03

THE 2023 TOURNAMENT IS THE 9TH EDITION OF THE COMPETITION

## FACT 04

THERE ARE SEVEN TEAMS THAT HAVE PLAYED IN EVERY FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP™. USA GERMANY, NORWAY, SWEDEN, BRAZIL, JAPAN & NIGERIA.

## FACT 05

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP™ SIX FEMALE VMOS (VIDEO MATCH OFFICIALS) HAVE BEEN SELECTED.

## FACT 06

THE FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2023™ TOURNAMENT WAS EXTENDED FROM 24 TO 32 TEAMS.



## GROUP B TEAMS



AUSTRALIA



CANADA



NIGERIA



REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

# THE FIXTURES

Fill in the score after each match has been played then complete the final group table.

THURSDAY 20TH JULY • SYDNEY • KO 11.00 AM

AUSTRALIA	V	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
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FRIDAY 21ST JULY • MELBOURNE

NIGERIA	V	CANADA
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WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY • PERTH • KO 1.00 PM

CANADA	V	REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
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THURSDAY 27TH JULY • BRISBANE

AUSTRALIA	V	NIGERIA
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MONDAY 31ST JULY • MELBOURNE

CANADA	V	AUSTRALIA
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MONDAY 31ST JULY • BRISBANE • KO 11.00 AM

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	V	NIGERIA
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# DENISE O'SULLIVAN

MIDFIELDER

**Favourite moment whilst representing Ireland?**  
Qualifying for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™

**Most challenging game you've played in for Ireland?**  
Away to Germany

**If you weren't a footballer, what would you be?**  
PE Teacher

**The best thing about being a footballer is...**  
Being in a competitive environment and making long-lasting friendships

**Who is the best player that you have played against?**  
Carli Lloyd

**Who is the most talented player you have played with?**  
Debinha



# AMBER BARRETT

FORWARD

**Any pre-game superstitions?**  
Only thing I really do consistently is; I always walk left when entering the pitch pre game. Start my lap that way!

**Who is the best player that you have played against?**  
Carli Lloyd

**Who is the most talented player you have played with?**  
Katie McCabe

**Favourite book to read when growing up?**  
The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

**Three favourite movies?**  
Titanic, The Green Mile, Beaches

**Dream dinner party guests?**  
Roy Keane, Stevie Nicks, Meryl Streep



# WORD SEARCH

Help **Megan Connolly** find the hidden words listed in the green box below. You can go up, down, left, right or diagonally.

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A F T R Y S R T Q L U O F M G T K U L I  
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W E N W E E X T S T A A L T H S B O N G  
B A W D N Y H S G Q D D N M A A V N O M  
Q Y R A D D D Q M W V F P R U L L E P M  
E L Q D E Z S R W N N E I C U X U B F G  
E E E X R O L Y I I Y X B J P O P J V D  
A J J U V R N E W Z E A L A N D T C N X  
S I L J C R P U O R G F U D L R F Y S D

AUSTRALIA  
CORNER  
FANS  
GOAL  
MANAGER  
NIGERIA  
REFEREE  
STRIKER  
TICKETS  
WIDE

BRISBANE  
DEFENDER  
FOOTBALL  
GROUP  
MATCH  
PENALTY  
SCORE  
SYDNEY  
TOURNAMENT

CANADA  
DRAW  
FOUL  
IRELAND  
NEWZEALAND  
PERTH  
SKILLS  
TEAM  
WHISTLE





# WORD HUNT

Using the letters in the words below see how many words you can create.

## FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

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### 8 LETTER WORDS

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# JAMIE FINN

## MIDFIELDER

**Best stadium that you have played in?**  
Tottenham Hotspur Stadium

**Most challenging game you've played in for Ireland?**  
Sweden away in the World Cup Qualifier

**The best thing about being a footballer is...**  
Doing something that I grew up loving for a job

**Who is the best player that you have played against?**  
Sam Kerr

**Who is the most talented player you have played with?**  
Denise O'Sullivan

**What one word would your team-mates use to describe your play?**  
Hard-working



# COURTNEY BROSINAN

## GOALKEEPER

**Dream holiday destination?**  
Maldives

**Favourite artist or song to listen to pre-game?**  
Love dance music with good beats before games. Favourite right now is 'I'm Good' by David Guetta

**Favourite Movies?**  
Prisoners, The Departed, The Dark Knight

**Favourite book to read when growing up?**  
Harry Potter by JK Rowling

**Dream dinner guests?**  
Tom Brady, Michael B. Jordan, Amy Poehler







# FOOTBALL IN NUMBERS

Help Aoife Mannion match the question on the left to the number answer on the right.

1. How many goals is in a hat-trick?

2. How many minutes are in each half of football?

3. How many countries compete in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™?

4. Number of Referees chosen for FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™?

5. Number of players each team has on the pitch during a game?

6. Total number of players competing in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™?

7. Number of Video Match Officials for FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™?

8. How many years between each world cup tournament?

9. Number of times USA has won the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™?

10. Number of Assistant Referees for FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™?

11. Number of games in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™?

12. Minimum number of minutes of football during the tournament?

832

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5760

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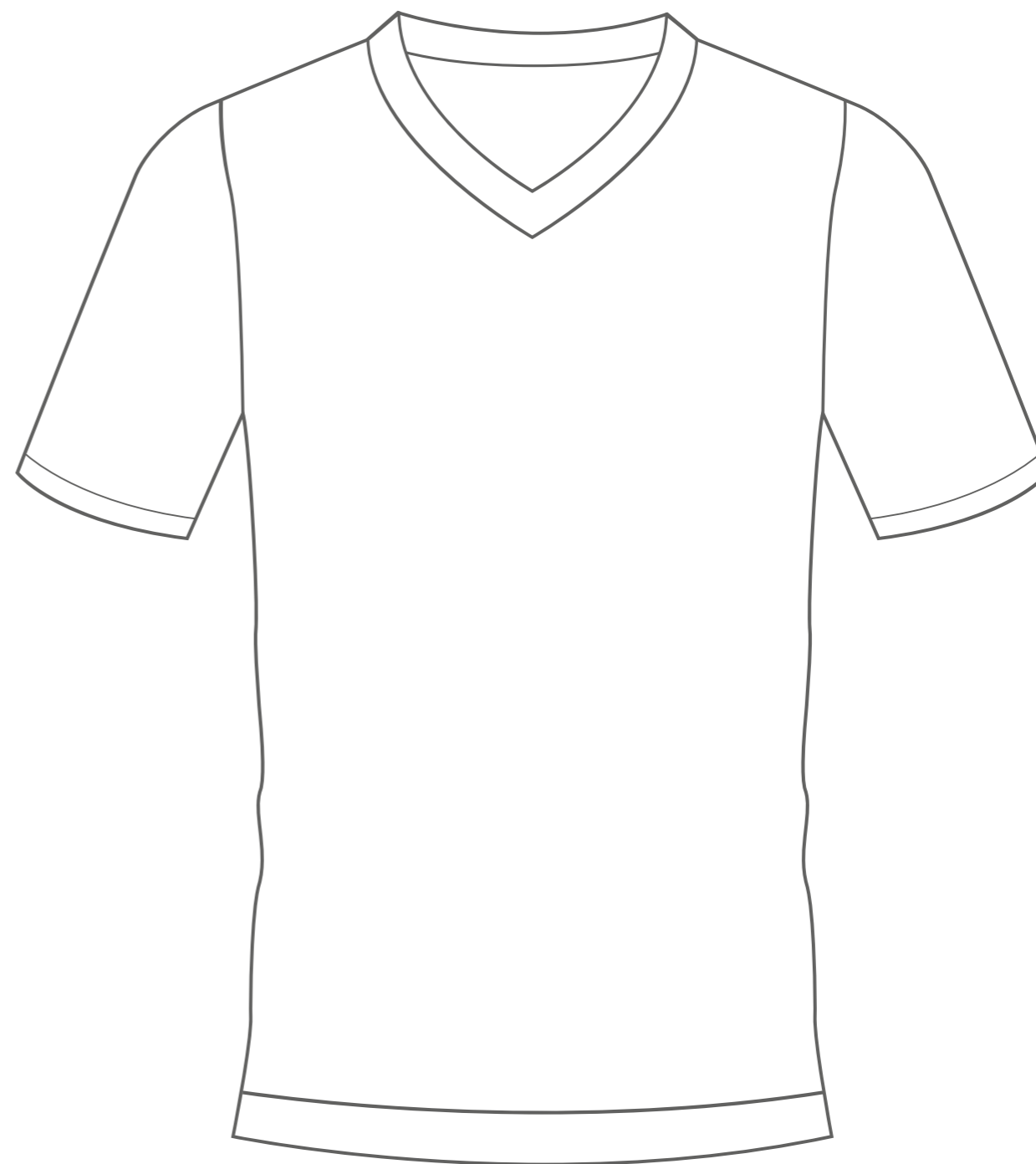
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55



# DESIGN A JERSEY

Using your imagination design and colour a jersey and crest that you would like your favourite player to wear.



Q: Why did the coach buy bibs for all the football players?

A: They kept dribbling



# SHIRT NUMBER SUDOKU

Fill each grid with one of the 4 numbered shirts/country. Use each numbered shirt/country only once in each row, once in each column and once in each block.

				AUS	NIG		
				CAN	IRL	NIG	
				IRL	CAN		

# QUINN OR QUINN?

Both Louise Quinn and Lucy Quinn play for the Women's National Team but do you know which one of the statements below applies to which? Answer Lucy or Louise.

- STARTED HER PLAYING CAREER AT PEAMOUNT UNITED IN IRELAND
- HAS 100+ CAPS
- PLAYED FOR TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
- MADE IRELAND DEBUT IN 2008
- SHE IS 5 FT 6 IN TALL
- WON THE GOLDEN BOOT AT 2017 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES



Go to [FAI.ie/ireland/senior-women](http://FAI.ie/ireland/senior-women) to find out

# KYRA CARUSA

## FORWARD

- Which Ireland team-mate is the best person to be beside on a long flight?  
Courtney Brosnan
- Which Ireland team-mate is the best singer?  
Abbie Larkin
- Which Ireland team-mate have you roomed with the most?  
My last room-mate was Lucy Quinn
- Favourite book to read when growing up?  
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- Footballing hero growing up?  
Mia Hamm
- Most prized possession from football?  
The game ball from my first ever Champions League goal

# DIANE CALDWELL

## DEFENDER

- What is your earliest footballing memory?  
Playing football on the green with the boys
- Favourite book to read when growing up?  
Famous Five by Enid Blyton
- First football jersey?  
Manchester United - Andy Cole, 17
- Footballing hero growing up?  
Roy Keane
- Most prized possession from football?  
My Ireland caps
- If you could try one job for a day, what would it be?  
President





# ALPHABET CHALLENGE

Help **Megan Campbell** use the letters below and see how many football themed words for each letter of the alphabet you can create?

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# UNSCRAMBLE AND MATCH

Can you unscramble the countries competing in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™.

**NPAIS**



**THOUS AREOK**



**LTASAURIA**



**RAINGIE**



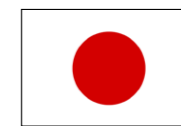
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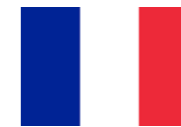
**TMVEAIN**



**AJAPN**



**TRAGANINE**



**DLNNEGA**



**AZMIAB**



**ZALIBR**



**Q:** What part of a football ground is never the same?

**A:** The changing rooms





# CRISS-CROSS PUZZLE

Help **Ruesha Littlejohn** place each of the words listed below into the Criss Cross puzzle.

**DUBLIN**  
**AUSTRALIA**  
**TROPHY**  
**LIBRARY**  
**QUALIFICATION**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**HALFTIME**  
**IRELAND**  
**PENALTY**  
**GOAL**



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# WORLD CUP WATCHOUT

The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ will hopefully be full of unforgettable moments. Watch the tournament like **Áine O'Gorman** and keep an eye out for the action listed below. See if you can get 3 in a row and if you can complete the whole grid.



**01**  
A penalty

**02**  
A red card

**03**  
An overhead kick at goal

**04**  
A hat-trick

**05**  
A handball

**06**  
An Ireland shirt at a game where Ireland aren't playing

**07**  
A long range shot from outside the box

**08**  
A penalty shoot-out

**09**  
A nutmeg

**Q:** Why is Cinderella so bad at football?

**A:** Because she ran away from the ball



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# HEATHER PAYNE

**FORWARD**

Which Ireland team-mate is the best person to be beside on a long flight?  
Roma McLaughlin

Favourite book to read when growing up?  
'Born to Run' by Michael Morpurgo

Which Ireland team-mate have you roomed with the most?  
Harriet Scott

What is that team-mate's worst habit?  
Turns the light on in the middle of the night when going to the bathroom

Best stadium that you have played in?  
Rose Bowl, California

If you could try one job for a day, what would it be?  
Actress

# NIAMH FAHEY

**DEFENDER**

If you were trapped on a desert island...Which Ireland team-mate would make you laugh the most?  
Denise O'Sullivan

Which Ireland team-mate would successfully plan your escape?  
Harriet Scott

Which Ireland team-mate would be absolutely no help at all?  
Heather Payne

Which Ireland team-mate would you pick to save a penalty kick if the goalkeeper was off the pitch?  
Louise Quinn

Which Ireland team-mate has the best goal celebration?  
Amber Barrett

# WHO'S WHO?

Now you know some of the players, look at the photos below and work out which six players are shown?

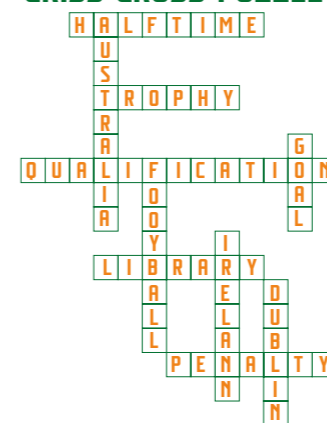


# ANSWERS

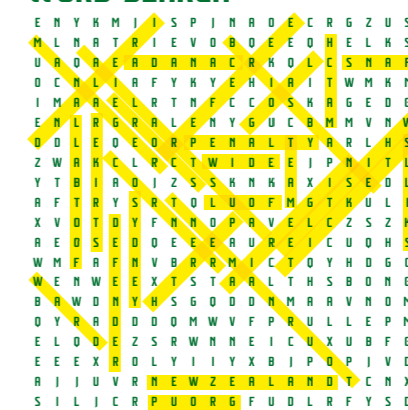
## UNSCRAMBLE & MATCH

- SPAIN
- SOUTH KOREA
- AUSTRALIA
- NIGERIA
- FRANCE
- VIETNAM
- JAPAN
- ARGENTINA
- ENGLAND
- ZAMBIA
- BRAZIL

## CRISS CROSS PUZZLE



## WORD SEARCH



## FOOTBALL IN NUMBERS

- 1. 3
- 2. 45
- 3. 32
- 4. 33
- 5. 11
- 6. 832
- 7. 19
- 8. 4
- 9. 4
- 10. 55
- 11. 64
- 12. 5760

## SUDOKU


AUS	NIG	IRL	CAN
CAN	IRL	NIG	AUS
NIG	AUS	CAN	IRL
IRL	CAN	AUS	NIG

## QUINN OR QUINN

Louise, Louise, Lucy  
Louise, Lucy, Lucy

## WHO'S WHO?

Courtney Brosnan  
Katie McCabe  
Jamie Finn

Louise Quinn  
Denise O'Sullivan  
Dianne Caldwell



# IRELAND'S PLAYERS



**GRACE MOLONEY**  
GOALKEEPER



**HARRIET SCOTT**  
DEFENDER



**SOPHIE WHITEHOUSE**  
GOALKEEPER



**TARA O'HANLON**  
DEFENDER



**CHLOE MUSTAKI**  
DEFENDER



**HAYLEY NOLAN**  
DEFENDER



**LILY AGG**  
MIDFIELDER



**MEGAN WALSH**  
GOALKEEPER



**CIARA GRANT**  
MIDFIELDER



**SINEAD FARRELLY**  
MIDFIELDER



**CLAIRE O'RIORDAN**  
DEFENDER



**ROMA MCLAUGHLIN**  
MIDFIELDER

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# NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Find out where all of Ireland's players come from.

## DONEGAL

Amber Barrett  
Aoife Colvill  
Ciara Grant  
Roma McLaughlin  
Harriet Scott  
Marissa Sheva

## SLIGO

Lucy Quinn

## MAYO

Aoife Mannion

## ROSCOMMON

Heather Payne

## GALWAY

Niamh Fahey

## LAOIS

Kyra Carusa

## LIMERICK

Aoibheann Clancy  
Claire O'Riordan

## KERRY

Courtney Brosnan  
Savannah McCarthy

## CORK

Lily Agg  
Amanda Budden  
Megan Connolly  
Éabha O'Mahony  
Denise O'Sullivan  
Saoirse Noonan

## TIPPERARY

Grace Moloney

## WEXFORD

Rianna Jarrett  
Megan Walsh

## ANTRIM

Ruesha Littlejohn

## TYRONE

Eve Badana

## CAVAN

Sinead Farrelly  
Leanne Kiernan

## LOUTH

Megan Campbell

## KILLDARE

Hayley Nolan

## DUBLIN

Isibéal Atkinson  
Diane Caldwell  
Deborah-Anne  
De La Harpe  
Jamie Finn  
Abbie Larkin  
Katie McCabe  
Chloe Mustaki  
Tara O'Hanlon  
Jessie Stapleton  
Emily Whelan  
Sophie Whitehouse  
Stephanie Zambra  
Jess Ziu

## WICKLOW

Aine O'Gorman  
Louise Quinn  
Claire Walsh

\* All players are either born in their respective counties or have direct relations from there