



Welcome to our 4th quarterly CRISC fanzine where we will talk about everything football. Mostly we will concentrate on our Men's Senior National team but we will also be delving into the women's and underage teams along with an update on the League of Ireland.

We are looking to do a feature on what events are happening in our various members clubs and giving a little insight into the running of these clubs.

The fanzine is just that and without some input from you the fans there can be no fanzine so why not get writing on anything that tickles your fancy or anything that you need to get off your chest.

Chairman's Message

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to our Fourth quarterly newsletter The Green Scene and update you on some CRISC news. A lot of exciting things are going on in the background which I am excited about and we will bring all the news to you shortly once everything has been finalised.

With the vaccine roll out we are getting closer to seeing some form of return to stadium and hopefully we will have news on this for you all in the next few weeks.

In the meantime I am looking forward to the June matches and watching some of the new squad members making their debuts in the Green.

CRISC News

CRISC will be releasing its range of Retro Merchandise to all clubs shortly and we will have special rates for all members of CRISC. There will also be a CRISC Retro Polo top made available to the public to help promote the CISC Brand. We are also working behind the scenes with getting our mascot MACUL up and running and again we are hoping to share news of this in the next few weeks.

CRISC Are also working behind the scenes in finalising details for an away trip to Luxembourg and once everything is finalised we will share this with all club members.

CRISC are now represented in the FAI General Assembly by our Chairman John Joyce so congratulations to John on his appointment.



Underage And Senior Women Team News

UNDER 21

Republic of Ireland Under-21s Manager Jim Crawford has named a 26-man squad for a triple-header of friendlies against Switzerland, Australia and Denmark in Marbella, Spain.

Called-up are seven new faces to the U21s with Sevilla's Ryan Johansson included after he was declared eligible to play for Ireland following clearance from FIFA.

He is joined by Getafe's John Joe Patrick Finn Benoa who is selected in his first Ireland international squad. Sheffield Wednesday's Ciaran Brennan, Derby County's Festy Ebosole and Lincoln City's Sean Roughan get the U21s call for the first time as does UCD striker and League of Ireland First Division top scorer Colm Whelan.

Dan Rose of Schalke 04, who was included in the initial squad ahead of the Wales friendly in March but was unable to travel due to Covid-19 restrictions, will join his first U21 camp.

The games will form part of the U21s preparation for their 2023 European Championship qualifiers against Bosnia & Herzegovina and Luxembourg in September.

Fans of the Boys in Green will be able to watch Jim Crawford's side with the matches against Switzerland and Australia to be shown live on Premier Sports 1 and FreeSports in Ireland and the UK.

Ireland's game with Denmark on Saturday, June 5 (which kicks-off at 17:00pm) will be shown in full at a later time of 21:30pm on Premier Sports 1.

Republic of Ireland squad - Switzerland, Australia, Denmark

Goalkeepers: Sam Blair (Norwich City), Brian Maher (Bray Wanderers), Dan Rose (Schalke 04)

Defenders: Ciaran Brennan (Sheffield Wednesday), Festy Ebosole (Derby County), Shane Flynn (Leicester City), Andy Lyons (Bohemians), Oisin McEntee (Newcastle United), Mark McGuinness (Arsenal), Lewis Richards (Wolves), Sean Roughan (Lincoln City).

Midfielders: John Joe Patrick Finn Benoa (Getafe), Luca Connell (Celtic), Conor Coventry (West Ham United), Dawson Devoy (Bohemians), Alex Gilbert (Brentford), Conor Grant (Rochdale), Ryan Johansson (Sevilla), Conor Noss (Borussia Mönchengladbach), Louie Watson (Derby County).

Forwards: Jonathan Afolabi (Celtic), Will Ferry (Southampton), Joshua 'JJ' Kayode (Rotherham United), Gavin Kilkenny (Bournemouth), Colm Whelan (UCD), Tyreik Wright (Aston Villa).



Women's Senior Team:

The Republic of Ireland Women's National Team will fly to Iceland for an international friendly double header against the host nation in June.

Manager Vera Pauw now has her schedule for the year complete with these two games acting as the final preparation period before the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup Qualifiers start in September.

Ireland were drawn into Group A, alongside Sweden, Finland, Slovakia and Georgia, with games to be spread out over 2021 and 2022 as the quest to secure a place at the World Cup in Australia & New Zealand gets going.

Before then, however, Pauw wants to make the most of the two games against Iceland on June 11th and June 15th in Reykjavik.

"It is really important that we get to use this international window to continue our preparations for the 2023 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. We have made a lot of positive strides in recent months in each of our sessions together and this week, with two tough games, will provide us with another opportunity to continue that work," said Pauw.

"For this window, we had many different options but ultimately we chose to play against Iceland, who are ranked 17th in the World and have qualified for EURO 2022. Just like our decision to play Denmark and Belgium in April, we want to test ourselves against high calibre opposition.

"It is crucial that we maintain the standards that we have raised in our last few camps and work harder to get even better. It's clear to see that the more time that the staff get to have with the players there are noticeable improvements made. I look forward to meeting up with the players and staff again to continue that work.

"Once again, I would like to thank the Government, the Health Service Executive, Sport Ireland and everyone at the FAI for making these games possible. We do not take our elite status for granted during this COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to follow the protocols and the advice of our medical staff."

Ireland have played Iceland five times overall, including in the UEFA EURO 2009 Qualifying Play-Off.

International Friendly Games

June 11: Iceland v Republic of Ireland, Laugardalsvöllur, Reykjavik

June 15: Iceland v Republic of Ireland, Laugardalsvöllur, Reykjavik



U-19's

More than 35 Irish eligible players are taking part in a training camp in Loughborough, England, as Republic of Ireland Under-19 Head Coach Tom Mohan assesses his options for the 2022 UEFA Under-19 European Championships qualifiers this autumn.

The camp which began yesterday (Monday, May 17), and will end tomorrow, will serve as a chance for the Head Coach to look at Irish talent overseas.

Former Ireland international Jon Walters has also joined Mohan's backroom team for the three-day assessment as he makes his first steps into international coaching.

As part of the camp, a selection of Ireland's underage goalkeepers have met up for specialised training. Ireland U21 Goalkeeping Coach Rene Gilmartin will oversee that training.

Aaron O'Reilly (Aston Villa), Connor Barratt (Birmingham City), Will Blease (Blackburn Rovers)

Zak Gilsenan (Blackburn Rovers) Rio McEvoy (Bolton Wanderers) Ruairí Behan (Burnley)

Ciaran Gilligan (Burton Albion) Jay McGrath (Coventry City) Fionn O'Brien (Coventry City)

Noah Watson (Crystal Palace) Ola Ibrahim (Derby County) Cian Kelly Caprani (Derby County)

Cian Coleman (Leeds United) Ben Andreucci (Leeds United) Arlo Doherty (Leicester City)

Billy Brooks (Lincoln City) Matthew Boylan (Lincoln City) Ed McJannett (Luton Town)

Owen Mason (Mansfield Town) Callum Kavanagh (Middlesbrough) Sam Blair (Norwich City)

Osakpolor Solomon (Nottingham Forest) Josh Seary (Preston North End) Harry Nevin (Preston North End)

Jacob Slater (Preston North End) Sinclair Armstrong (QPR) Harvey Cullinan (Sheffield United)

Leonardo Gaxha (Sheffield United) Luke Pearce (Southampton) Noah Jauny (Stade Brestois)

David Okagbue (Stoke City) Joshua Ireland (Stoke City) Sam Knowles (Stoke City)

Caden Kelly (Sunderland) Aaron Maguire (Tottenham Hotspur) Bosun Lawall (Watford)

Joe O'Shaughnessy (Wolves)

Senior Mens Fixtures & News



Republic of Ireland manager Stephen Kenny has named a 27-man squad for the upcoming international friendlies against Andorra and Hungary.

Ireland will travel to Andorra La Vella to face Andorra on Thursday, June 3 before travelling to Budapest to take on Hungary on Tuesday, June 8.

Shamrock Rovers midfielder Daniel Mandroiu receives his first call-up to the senior squad as well as Rotherham United winger Chiedozie Ogbene, St. Mirren midfielder Jamie McGrath and Norwich City defender Andrew Omobamidele.

Tranmere Rovers defender Lee O'Connor, who is on loan from Celtic, returns to the senior squad for the first time since he made his debut in November 2019 against New Zealand. Swansea City duo Conor Hourihane and Ryan Manning will link up with the squad following their Play-Off Final against Brentford in Saturday, May 29.

Republic of Ireland Squad - Andorra and Hungary

Goalkeepers: Darren Randolph (West Ham United), Caoimhin Kelleher (Liverpool), Gavin Bazunu (Rochdale, on loan from Manchester City)

Defenders: Seamus Coleman (Everton), Matt Doherty (Tottenham Hotspur), Lee O'Connor (Tranmere Rovers, on loan from Celtic), James McClean (Stoke City), Ryan Manning (Swansea City), Shane Duffy (Brighton and Hove Albion), Dara O'Shea (West Bromwich Albion), John Egan (Sheffield United), Andrew Omobamidele (Norwich City).

Midfielders: Josh Cullen (Anderlecht), Conor Hourihane (Swansea City, on loan from Aston Villa), Harry Arter (Nottingham Forest), Jason Knight (Derby County), Jayson Molumby (Preston North End, on loan from Brighton and Hove Albion), Jamie McGrath (St. Mirren), Daniel Mandroiu (Shamrock Rovers).

Forwards: Callum Robinson (West Bromwich Albion), James Collins (Luton Town), Adam Idah (Norwich City), Aaron Connolly (Brighton and Hove Albion), Troy Parrott (Tottenham Hotspur), Chiedozie Ogbene (Rotherham United), Ronan Curtis (Portsmouth), Daryl Horgan (Wycombe Wanderers).

Fixtures - International Friendlies

03/06 - Andorra v Ireland, Comunal d'Andorra la Vella 5pm

08/06 - Hungary v Ireland, Szusza Ferenc Stadion, 7pm





Review

Club		MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Last 5
1	Sligo Rovers	13	8	4	1	18	7	11	28	✓✓✓✓-
2	Shamrock Ro...	13	8	3	2	20	10	10	27	✗✗-✓✓✓
3	St Patrick's At...	13	7	4	2	20	12	8	25	-✓✗✗✗-
4	Drogheda Uni...	13	6	4	3	26	11	15	22	✓✓✓✓✓-
5	Finn Harps	13	5	3	5	11	16	-5	18	✓✗-✗✓
6	Bohemians	13	5	2	6	20	15	5	17	✓✗✓✓✓-
7	Dundalk	13	3	5	5	16	19	-3	14	✗✓-✗-
8	Derry City FC	13	3	5	5	12	17	-5	14	-✓-✗-
9	Longford Town	13	1	4	8	9	24	-15	7	✗✗✗-✗-
10	Waterford	13	2	0	11	6	27	-21	6	✗✗✗✗✗

Five games away from the mid point of the season and the current SSE Airtricity League of Ireland table shows Liam Buckley's Sligo Rovers leading the way despite Shamrock Rovers breaking the league record for the longest unbeaten run by a club.

The Bit Of Red have only lost one game this season at home to Derry City and head to head against the Champions they have only dropped 2 points in a home draw against Shamrock Rovers having beaten them in Tallaght last night 0 –1 through a 55th minute Romeo Parkes strike.

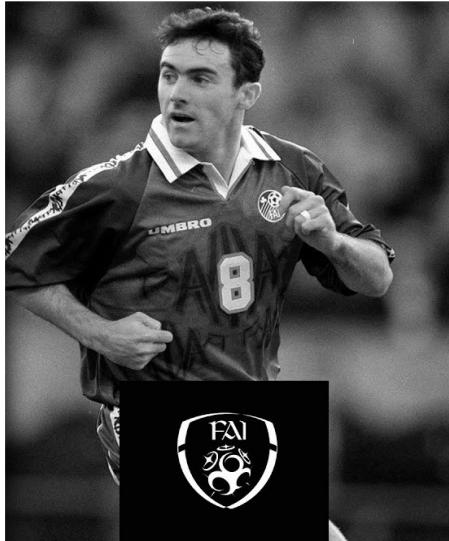
Shamrock Rovers sit one point behind Sligo with St. Patrick's Athletic a further 2 points back. All this makes for a very exciting league with teams capable of dropping points both home and away.

Dundalk's 5– 1 defeat to Bohemians suggest a club in turmoil and along with the fans protest before their home win which ended Shamrock Rovers unbeaten run the club seems to be in a downward spiral with 5 defeats this season.

Waterford are propping up the league having only won two games so far this season with wins over Derry City and Longford.

Some great games coming up in the next few weeks which begins this Friday with St. Pats at home to Dundalk in what could be a game that defines Dundalk's season. On the 11th of June Bohs travel to Derry City and then St Pats at home to Sligo Rovers on the 18th of June should let us know where both teams stand in terms of title credentials.

So plenty for us to look forward to and I look forward to watching it all unfold on LOIWatch.



ALAN McLOUGHLIN 1967 - 2021

On the 4th of May Alan McLoughlin lost his fight with cancer and Irish football lost a man that will be long remembered with reverence and affection by all Irish Supporters that were alive to witness the World Cup in USA 1994.

What can I say about Alan McLoughlin—well I had the honour of sitting down to a meal with him in a Tullamore Hotel before a charity event a few years ago and to be honest it was all a bit surreal for me as this was the man that gave me one of the most memorable matches supporting the Boys in Green when I was lucky enough to have seen Ireland beat Italy in USA 1994.

Giants Stadium in The Meadowlands may have been a long distant memory for me but as we chatted about life and football while we tucked into our meals I thought to myself this is definitely something I should savour.

Alan was a very humble man as he spoke about his current football role with the Swindon Town Academy about Portsmouth and about how proud he was to have represented Ireland. He talked openly and his love for both the game and for Ireland was spoken with absolute passion and with a huge sense of pride.

Of course it would have been remiss of me not to ask him about that famous night in Windsor Park and as he answered I listened in awe and wonderment at how humbly he spoke. He recalled Big Jack, Mick McCarthy and the backroom staff with great fondness and it was wonderful to hear how much it meant to him to score that night. He was also quite funny and regaled us with stories and anecdotes that kept us intrigued and wanting more.

That evening Alan did a Q&A along with Kevin Kilbane and both men chatted freely about their time playing with the boys in green. One member of the audience intimated that he considered both of them to be a 'Plastic Paddy's'. If we were ever in doubt as to what it meant to both of these men being of Irish descent and being born in the UK and representing Ireland their reply to this question left us in absolutely no doubt. As to what their reply was well lets just say that will remain with those of us that were in the room that night. Later that night Alan was treated to Phelim performing his rendition of Declan O'Brien's monologue of that famous night in Belfast and I genuinely think Alan was blown away by it.

As Ireland fans we were blessed to have a man like Alan McLoughlin represent us at International Level and I for one owe Alan a debt of gratitude for the 18th of June 1994 a memory that will be with me for the rest of my life as I got to witness Ireland defeat a great Italian side and to see the spectacle of Irish Fans taking over Giants Stadium and of my Grandad panic buying 6 beers for himself at half time as he was told that the stadium was running out of beer for the first time in its history.



Audio Descriptive Commentary, an initiative for clubs and internationals games?

By Phelim Warren

In February 2020, following a previously successful pilot by Bohemians FC (and publicised on RTE Television's "Nationwide"), Shamrock Rovers FC, with the help of the Iona Resource Centre and the NCBI, appealed for volunteers among its fan base to be trained in Audio Descriptive Commentary to enable blind and/or visually impaired football fans to attend its matches in Tallaght Stadium. I was one such Rovers fan who volunteered with five others.

A one day training course was set up at Tallaght Stadium and provided by the NCBI's Maggie Richardson and James Flanagan (James is now the Disability and Social Inclusion Officer for Bohemians FC) and I was trained in how to commentate on football using Audio Descriptive Commentary.

So what is the difference in Audio Descriptive Commentary and for example "normal" radio commentary/television commentary? The most crucial aspect of ADC is "mapping the ball". The visually impaired fan at the match or listening on the audio stream needs to know where exactly the ball is so it's not essential (but obviously helpful) to know the names of each and every player on the park. Therefore the expressions you'll hear regularly throughout a game will be "and the ball is on the far side/near side", or "right of centre/left of centre", "in the Rovers attacking/middle/defensive third of the pitch". You must paint that picture of how play is evolving. It is important to give the fan/listener as much visual information as possible. Has the player on the ball got time? Is he under pressure? Has he movement ahead/inside of him? Is he inside or outside the penalty area/on the halfway line/centre circle? If and when a keeper saves or is beaten, was the shot to the keeper's right or left? Was the shot low or otherwise? At a corner kick, is the kick an out-swinger or in-swinger? I hope you're getting the picture of what ADC entails during play. In stoppages, you need to be able to pick out something that is happening too, are players being summoned to the bench for tactical instruction? Are coaches exchanging verbals? Are players warming up? Is the fourth official getting an earful if a referee makes a mistake (highly likely). When fans are back in, it's important to describe the fan behaviour, jumping in unison, gesticulating at opponents (players and fans), fireworks, describe the flags, describe the weather conditions. In the pre-kick off minutes, explain who's playing in what direction. Describe the teams' kit colours. All in all as you can see, while it may seem obvious that all these things are happening, it is essential that all this is conveyed to the fan at the game/listener on the stream.

Needing to give out so much information and constantly talking without a break is why it is helpful to have two commentators on site as one definitely needs a break so we usually take 22 minutes per half each or 15 minutes at a time and it works out well. A full bottle of water is as essential as your iPhone to commentate. What equipment is required? For fans inside the ground, quite simply a headset which has a receiver to be able to hear the nearby commentator's words. This was all set to go live at Tallaght Stadium last March for the visit of Finn Harps, but we all know what happened in March 2020. So in order to still get the initiative off the ground, for the shortened remainder of the 2020 season, an audio stream was developed and used between Bohs and Rovers for their respective games as when the games restarted, the kick off times were always different. An app called PocketStreamer can be downloaded onto an iPhone and is connected to an audio web stream which goes live for the duration of the game (and half an hour beforehand) meaning the commentator only needs an iPhone to commentate on the game with no other technical requirements. The reception is clear and heretofore without interruption.

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For 2021, Rovers (with the help of the Iona Resource Centre) developed their own audio stream in order that we wouldn't have to share with Bohs again if games kicked off at the same time.

Since the LOI resumed in July 2020, the Rovers volunteers have shared the games well between them and it has been a real privilege to be able to gain admittance to games to commentate while every other fan has been locked out due to restrictions. I was lucky to be one of the two chosen to commentate on AC Milan's visit to Tallaght Stadium for the Europa League game last September and I also covered the 2020 FAI Cup Final in Lansdowne Road when unfortunately (for me anyway), Rovers succumbed 4-2 to Dundalk in extra time in a cracking but absolutely Baltic Cup Final, it was the coldest I felt in my life at a game but I didn't care as I was just delighted to be allowed in to see it to do the job.

So far this season (it is the end of May as I write this), I've been lucky to cover every Rovers home game and the other volunteers have covered the away ones.

The listenership is growing with each game as the ADC stream is promoted via social media and tagging relevant organisations who assist with visually impaired people. As it is Rovers fans commentating, there is unashamed bias to how we see the game and we make no apology for that. We do however attempt to not get too carried away or be heard to abuse referees or opposition players. But the green and white-tinted microphone will be fairly apparent if you are listening to the commentary.

In conclusion, I can't recommend ADC highly enough to anyone reading this who has an affiliation to a LOI club. Quite apart from it enabling me to attend games very few others have, the initiative is of more value than ever in this rightly more inclusive world we live in. The initiative gives visually-impaired fans a great sense of the match day experience. Football fans who stopped going after they developed sight problems late in life can and have come back to attend games due to ADC. Sponsorship was secured by Rovers for the 2021 season to pay for its coverage. The Iona Resource Centre and NCBI are always available to us for assistance and advice. The reaction of listeners to the commentary has been very positive and many fans listen to ADC as an alternative to watchloji.ie or RTE television coverage. Professional commentators attended the initial launch of Rovers ADC and were enthusiastic and encouraging to us volunteers in providing it and Con Murphy in particular (him being a Hoop) has been a great source of support for us.

So I would hope more clubs will enquire about and take up the Audio Descriptive Commentary initiative. Just google the Iona Resource Centre in Drumcondra or contact Shamrock Rovers about how they did it. While fans remain locked out, the Rovers ADC stream is available at this link: tinyurl.com/radiorovers but we are so looking forward to having visually-impaired fans inside Tallaght Stadium before too long.

Go dip in and take a listen when Rovers are playing next and maybe it can and will be extended at some stage to Ireland games.

Phelim and Barry At Tallaght Stadium



Bhí Grá Mór ag Cairde

Tony McKee -

For the third time in less than a year West Belfast Ireland Supporters Club have had to say their final goodbyes to a member. It was with a heavy heart that we learnt of Tony's passing on 26th March 2021.

Tony had been a member from September 2013 and both his sons are also WBISC members. Due to ill health Tony had been unable to attend fixtures for several years but he was fondly remembered by all in the club and was quite simply known as a 'true gentleman'.

Sincere sympathy to the entire McKee family.

Tony is pictured below at the Catalpa pre match social at the Lansdown Rugby Club with his 2 sons and fellow club members Tomás and Ruairí.



Did You Know

Ray Houghton was voted the Scottish man-of-the-match by Scottish journalists after the Republic of Ireland's 0-1 victory over Scotland at Hampden Park in the Euro 88 qualifiers.



There have been seven sets of fathers and sons that have played soccer for Ireland down through the years. There has also been at least one uncle / nephew relationship that appeared for the Republic of Ireland in the same team.

Among them Ronnie Whelan Senior and Junior. Alan Kelly Senior and Junior. John and Mick Lawlor.



Past Player Profile

ALAN McLOUGHLIN (MIDFIELD)

Born: Manchester 20th April 1967

Debut for Ireland v Malta June 1990.

Alan McLoughlin the man that scored the multi-million dollar goal and secured his place in the annals of Irish Football Folklore with his 2nd half goal at Windsor Park against the Northern Ireland. With a Galway father and a Limerick mother there was no other international choice for him. He made his full debut in a friendly against Malta in 1990 as he got a dramatic late call up for Italia 1990 as a replacement for Gary Waddock although he never got the opportunity to play in Italy.

McLoughlin never really had many chances to play under Jack Charlton and it was with Mick McCarthy that McLoughlin blossomed when starting in 1996 in a 5-0 defeat of Liechtenstein. It was his 24th Cap. He had joined Man Utd in April 1985 and left for newly promoted Swindon Town in August 1996. Alan went on to play for Torquay before returning to Swindon. He moved to Southampton for £1million when Swindon got into financial difficulty and his final move was his transfer to Portsmouth in Feb 1992. From 2018 up to his passing this year Alan was Manager at the Swindon Town Academy.

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