

# RUGBY SUMMER TOUR

# Serena but I don't believe it

**IRELAND SQUAD**  
**BACKS:** Bundee Aki (Connacht), Harry Byrne (Leinster), Joey Carbery, Craig Casey, Keith Earls (all Munster), Ciarán Frawley, Jamison Gibson-Park (both Leinster), Mack Hansen (Connacht), Robbie Henshaw (Leinster), James Hume (Ulster), Hugo Keenan, Jordan Larmour, James Lowe (all Leinster), Michael Lowry (Ulster), Conor Murray (Munster), Jimmy O'Brien, Garry Ringrose, Johnny Sexton (all Leinster). **FORWARDS:** Ryan Baird (Leinster), Finlay Bealham (Connacht), Tadhg Beirne (Munster), Jack Conan (Leinster), Gavin Coombes (Munster), Caelan Doris, Tadhg Furlong, Cian Healy (all Leinster), Dave Heffernan (Connacht), Iain Henderson, Rob Herring (both Ulster), Jeremy Loughman (Munster), Joe McCarthy (Leinster), Peter O'Mahony (Munster), Tom O'Toole (Ulster), Andrew Porter (Leinster), Cian Prendergast (Connacht), James Ryan, Dan Sheehan (both Leinster), Nick Timoney, Kieran Treadwell (both Ulster), Josh van der Flier (Leinster).



**A LOVELY CAELAN...** Doris celebrates Ireland's third try against New Zealand in November as Tadhg Beirne and Jack Conan join in

**SERENA WILLIAMS** is heading back to Wimbledon after landing a wildcard at the age of 40.

By **ROB MAUL**

The seven-time SW19 champion will make a shock return in her first competitive singles match in a year.

US ace Williams withdrew from last year's tournament after tearing her hamstring against Aliaksandra Sasnovich on Centre Court.

She has fallen to world No 1,208 due to inactivity – but there was never any doubt someone of her stature would be on the initial wildcard list.

And All England Club chiefs had to bring forward the announcement by a day after Williams broke the news to her 15 million followers on Instagram.

The 23-time Grand Slam singles champ posted a pic of her white Nike trainers on a grass

court and said: "SW and SW19. It's a date. See you there. Let's go."

US Open champ Emma Raducanu, 19, will be seeded in the first round and, if the draw is unkind, she could face Williams (*below*).

Williams will appear at Eastbourne International next week – but only in doubles action alongside Tunisian world No 4 Ons Jabeur.

The icon's last Major triumph was the 2017 Australian Open – before she gave birth to daughter Olympia – and she has lost in four Slam finals since then.

● THE US Open will not follow Wimbledon in banning Russian and Belarusian players.

This means Moscow-born ace Daniil Medvedev – the world No 1 – will be able to defend his men's title in New York from August 29.



By **SIMON MAGUIRE**

**ANDY FARRELL** believes this summer's tour of New Zealand will be harder than any World Cup campaign.

And the Ireland head coach is planning on using the experience to see who will handle the heat – and who will fall by the wayside.

Farrell has named a 40-man squad for the trip which includes five uncapped players. Leinster's Joe McCarthy, Jimmy O'Brien and Ciarán Frawley join Munster's Jeremy Loughman and Connacht's Cian Prendergast as the new faces in the squad.

Ireland face the mighty All Blacks in three Tests – with two midweek clashes against the Maori also scheduled.

It is one of the most testing tours an Irish side will ever undertake and Farrell is well aware of the challenge ahead.

He said: "Along with the staff, there are 70 of us going on this tour – the biggest tour Ireland's ever done."

"It will need the energy, the cohesive energy, of all 70 to make this happen the way that we want it to happen."

"Because, if two or three don't believe – we're not writing the historic report that we want to write."

"In that regard it's brilliant. We're just finding out more about ourselves."

Farrell (*right*) sees the challenge as the ideal preparation for next year's Rugby World Cup in France – given the difficulty he is expecting from the team's hosts this summer.

He said: "When it comes to the World Cup – I reckon we need 40-plus players who are good

# TOUR DE CHANGE

## Faz upbeat on priceless trip

enough to play in knockout rugby stages.

"I'm talking quarter-final, semi-final and final."

"We know who those teams could be in the quarter-final and we need to find out about ourselves. Therefore, we can't lose."

"Some guys on this tour will fall by the wayside. Some guys on this tour will flourish that we didn't think would flourish because of the extreme pressure."

"I have no doubt some guys who didn't make the tour will have an unbelievable pre-season and start next season with a bang and

work their way back into this but we'll find a hell of a lot out about ourselves on this tour and that's why it's priceless to us."

Farrell's side beat New Zealand last November and he is expecting the Kiwis to come out swinging in July.

He added: "We expect them to be at their best – like we always do. We've beaten them before and got on the end of a good hiding on the back of it."

"Again, it's priceless for us to find out more about ourselves and find out who is going to front up and who is going to perform at a level that probably they didn't think they could perform at and that's what we're after – pushing the boundaries."

"We all know what's com-

ing. How we react to that and how we perform is key."

"They've been No 1 in the world for a long time and, you know, they had a couple of losses last year."

"But they'll see this as the start of their World Cup campaign as well. I'm sure, and they'll want to hit the ground running for their international season."

"There's no harder place to go in world rugby than New Zealand. If you look at the five games that we've got – does it get any harder? Is the World Cup harder than that?"

"I don't know – I suppose we'll see on the road. This is what we're facing and unless we meet that challenge head-on, then it's going to be a tough old tour."



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