



NELSON... hopeful

## Oz pair still in the '23 plan

By PAUL KEANE

**NEW** Meath manager Davy Nelson says AFLW duo Vikki Wall and Orlagh Lally are 'part of our plans' for 2023.

The Royals will chase an All-Ireland three in a row though it appeared they would be without up to a third of their starting XV.

Kelsey Nesbitt and Aoibheann Leahy have suffered knee injuries while Emma Troy is set to travel.

Player of the Year Wall and Lally are contracted to AFLW sides North Melbourne and Fremantle.

But Nelson aims to have the pair next year.

He said: "I sincerely hope so. I have had no communication with them."

"I wanted to ensure that I was ratified before I started doing anything."

"My understanding is that the girls are very keen to get home if they can."

"I think it's basically at the mercy of the clubs."

"If there's a will there's a way. Hopefully that will be the way. We aim to have them part of our plans."

Nelson won Meath championships as a player and manager with Navan O'Mahonys. He has also managed the Meath Under-21s though this is his first job in the ladies game.

He told LFM: "Never in my wildest dreams did I see this coming down the tracks."

# GAA SKY BLUES TO REBUILD

**DUBLIN** hurler Donal Burke 'holds no grudges' with Liam Rushe, Chris Crummey and Cian O'Callaghan over their decision to go travelling.

The Sky Blues trio have opted out for 2023 to experience something new, which is a huge blow for new boss Micheál Donoghue.

Burke, 24, spent the summer of 2019 in Boston and although the departures will have a big impact on Dublin's fortunes, he insists there is more to life than hurling.

He said: "It'll be different. Obviously they're big losses."

"They've been stalwarts of Dublin hurling for the last ten years or so."

"So any time you lose characters or leaders like that...but look, at the end of the day, hurling is just a game, there's more to life than hurling."

"You can't be holding any grudges against them."

"They have put in a huge service

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to Dublin hurling and huge commitments, huge sacrifices.

"They're big losses but there's not going to be any...I suppose, it's time for younger lads to maybe step up and try to fill those shoes."

"Sure I took a similar decision myself a couple of years ago, to take a break."

"It's a big commitment. Any inter-county player will know there's a lot of sacrifices you have to make."

"I was over in Boston in 2019, the year before the Covid summer. I went with a few of my mates."

"Colin Currie on the team with me now would have been over as well."

"Sometimes you have to try to live a little as well."

"They've been great leaders. I grew up watching 'Rushie' and to play alongside him now, it's been great."

"Hopefully they will be back but it's up to them."

On the plus side, Dublin have an

All-Ireland-winning manager now. Donoghue led Galway to Liam MacCarthy for the first time in 29 years back in 2017 and is taking over from his fellow countyman Mattie Kenny.

Skipper Eoghan O'Donnell is also back on board after switching to the Dublin football panel in June.

Burke, meanwhile, has helped Na Fianna reach back-to-back county SHC finals and they take on Kilmacud Crokes on Sunday week.

And the Dubs hitman admits there is plenty to be excited about from an inter-county perspective for 2023 despite losing three key men.

He said: "Eoghan told us it was never in any doubt so I don't think any of us were ever worried."

"He's a great addition to have in any locker room."

"He's a huge leader and an unbelievable player so any time you have someone like him in the locker room it's an unbelievable boost."

"Micheál is a great appointment, yeah, a great appointment for

Dublin hurling. I've had a tiny bit of contact as I'm focusing on the club at the moment."

"I have no doubt he'll bring huge experience and hopefully bring us up to the next level."

Burke has no issues with the new split season either.

He explained: "It has been a long year for the trainee accountant who has been on the go constantly since January between club and county."

And winning a first ever county title with the Glasnevin club would make it all worth it.

Burke continued: "I don't mind, I know what I'm getting into and the opportunity we have is bigger."

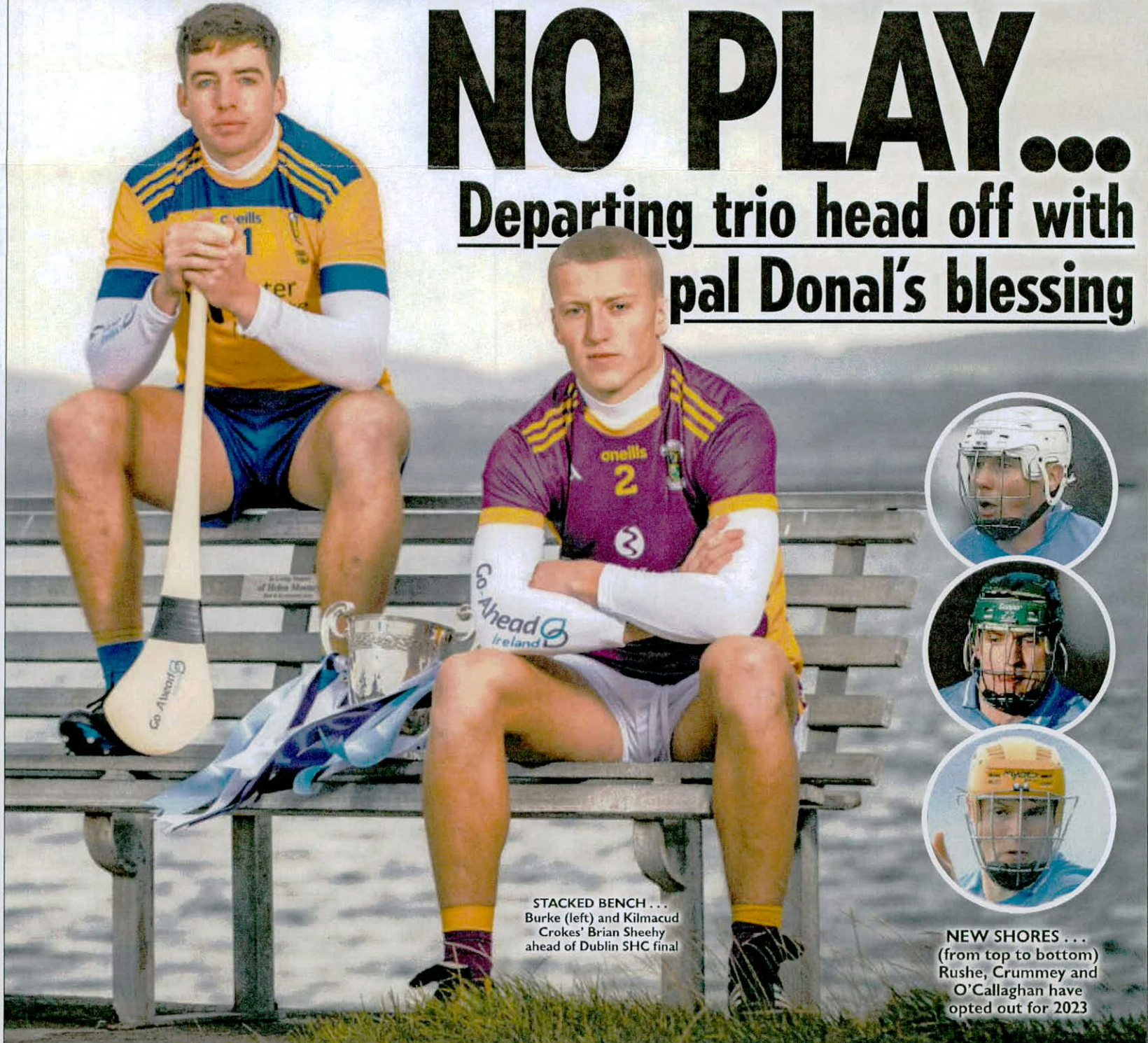
"You have to make sacrifices to try and compete with the likes of the Limericks and the Kilkennys."

"So yeah, for me personally, it's not too bad. I know why I'm doing it. I love hurling, so it's not the hardest decision."

PROUD sponsors of the Dublin GAA club championships, Go-Ahead Ireland hosted a media event with Donal Burke of Na Fianna ahead of the Go-Ahead Dublin SHC final taking place in Parnell Park on October 23.

# ALL BURKE AND NO PLAY...

## Departing trio head off with pal Donal's blessing



STACKED BENCH... Burke (left) and Kilmacud Crokes' Brian Sheehy ahead of Dublin SHC final

NEW SHORES... (from top to bottom) Rushe, Crummey and O'Callaghan have opted out for 2023

### Legal Notices

#### Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

Planning permission is sought by John and Catriona Barry, for amendments to a previously approved planning Ref No D21B/0519 for the construction of an extension to the rear of existing ground floor (area=6m2) new porch to front entrance, conversion of attic with 2No. dormers on the rear roof, and associated site works at 68 Priory Avenue, Stillorgan, Co Dublin A94K153. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire during its public opening hours. A submission/observation may be made on payment of €20 within a period of 5 weeks from the date the application is received by the planning authority.

#### SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

Danielle Whelan is applying for Planning Permission for Construction of a 1.5 storey, 3 bedroom detached, dormer bungalow to rear garden of existing dwelling; site works proposed including modification to shared vehicular entrance and boundary walls to separate new access road to site at rear of existing dwelling; landscaping and associated site works including new soakaway; existing bungalow to front and new proposed dwelling to rear to be separate sites at 11 Esker Cottages, Esker South, Lucan, Co. Dublin. This application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of South Dublin County Council during its public opening hours of 9am - 4pm, Mon-Fri, and a submission or observation may be made to South Dublin County Council in writing and on payment of the prescribed fee (€20.00) within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by South Dublin County Council of the application.