



# Let's just go for one 'n a Rowe

ROWE IN TOGETHER... star at Lidl launch with students from Dundalk's O'Faich College

**CARLA ROWE** says it will be a winter of reflection after her 'most disappointing' year in a Dublin jersey.

The Sky Blues co-captain suffered an All-Ireland quarter-final defeat to Donegal – the earliest Championship exit of her career. She was used to smashing in goals when Dublin won the four-in-a-row from 2017 to 2020, contributing 4-4 across the four finals. But the experienced attacker was powerless to prevent defensive-minded Donegal doing a number on the Jackies last July.

Dublin did at least make it to the final in 2021 but Meath memorably denied them the five-in-a-row on that occasion.

Lidl ambassador Rowe admitted: "It was hugely disappointing, the most disappointing year I've had to be honest."

"But a lot of reflection has gone into it and a lot of thinking and there is still more to be done."

"But that is the main thing, that these things are being done. I

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think we are ready and willing for the battle now."

The Dubs have been boosted by confirmation that manager Mick Bohan will remain in charge for a seventh consecutive season.

Rowe said: "We'll be getting up and going again soon. Mick is a fantastic manager. I'm sure he's been in hot pursuit by many teams, in men's and women's football."

"We've been a very successful team in the last four years so we'd hope to have the same pillars in place – and one of those is Mick and the management team."

"There will be ways of refreshing things and changing things around but at least those main pillars are already in place."

● LIDL ambassador Carla Rowe was speaking at the launch of Lidl's #SeriousSupport Schools Programme, which will see one school from each county selected to participate during the school year. The programme is designed to educate girls about the positive mental and physical health benefits of playing ladies Gaelic football and also aims to increase participation and reduce drop-out rates for teenagers in the sport. Nominations can be submitted until Sunday at [www.lidl.ie/seriousupport](http://www.lidl.ie/seriousupport).

# GAA RESPECT DAY

**LEADING** football referee **Seán Hurson** says some supporters cannot look him in the eye after games – because they are too embarrassed by what they have shouted.

The All-Ireland football final whistle believes many fans would cringe if forced to watch a recording of themselves from a game.

He reckons it is a pity that, while sanctions exist to deal with mouthy managers and players, supporters are typically free to say what they wish.

Hurson said: "We need to be issuing red cards to mentors that cross the line."

"But, as well as that, we have no control over supporters."

"The mindset of the supporters means that they say things that, if recorded, would embarrass them."

"I meet people on the street and they would have to drop their heads because they have said something to you in a game and are embarrassed."

"If they could take it back, they would."

"But unfortunately the game goes on and sometimes they

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lose the run of themselves." Instances of abuse of referees, both verbal and physical, are much higher in underage and juvenile games.

Hurson gave the example of children refereeing schools games.

He said: "Then a parent is abusing children, that happens."

At the top level of the game, the abuse typically drops off.

Hurson nodded: "Very much so. You are dealing with inter-county players who are well schooled in the media."

"Because they're on camera, they know what they can and can't get away with."

"And when we are refereeing an inter-county Championship match, we know we are going to have a standby referee, a linesman, four umpires, a fourth official, so we've eight officials there."

"When you rock up to a Division 3 club game, you're on your own in a lot of cases, especially at juvenile level."

"Therefore you're very isolated and you don't have the support of your sidelines and perhaps, a simple thing for example, you might have six parents looking

after a team and all they're thinking about is winning and they will push all the boundaries so they can win."

"And, unfortunately, when it's a line ball, we've all seen in clubs that the direction tends to be one way."

"We, as referees, are compromised right away when we try to do something right."

"A simple line ball that goes out and you have a linesman from the home club who decides to go one way and we as referees adjudicate it to go the other way and already there's a confrontation."

"The abuse may start and it may antagonise some of the opposing players and that's where it starts."

The GAA's Respect the Referee Day will run throughout this weekend.

Counties hosting senior club finals have been urged to embrace the initiative.

Hurson said: "We're human and we have families."

"People forget that and see the man in the black jersey as someone with nothing to do with the Association."

"We want everyone to reset and evaluate the role of the referee in the Association."



## Hurson: Life of a referee is...

# ALL EYES AND JEERS

**SAD REFLECTION...** Hurson believes the heat of a match can lead fans to overstep the mark

## Davy's TV Déise bow

**DAVY FITZGERALD'S** second stint as **Waterford** manager will begin with a live TV clash against the **Underdogs**.

TG4's reality TV show will reach its climax in eight days when a side moulded by John Allen, Claire O'Connor and Jamie Wall take on the Déise.

The tie will take place

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under lights at the SETU Arena in Carriganore, Waterford and will be screened live by TG4.

The 31-man Underdogs panel contains players who have not previously operated at Liam MacCarthy level.

Waterford duo Oisín Ó Dúnaigh and Séamus Barry are part of the panel.

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