

RIVALS ARE ALL ROSY AS JUDGEMENT DAY NEARS

Beaten babes ready to back Aoife

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THIS year's Dublin Rose Aoife Judge is packing more than just beauty in her vanity case as she heads to the Tralee festival.

The beauty was so popular with other Rose of Tralee contestants that 14 out of the 20 girls she competed against to clinch the title are going to support her in the final in Co Kerry.

The recent UCD graduate was crowned the Dublin Rose in Clontarf Castle earlier this month after achieving a degree in history and politics.

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"We've even set up The Rosebud Ladies' Club which is just getting off the ground, and we hope the organisation will strengthen contacts between both national and international roses — and perhaps expand to even do charity work in the future."

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Out of the 31 Roses competing this year, Aoife was one of nine lucky Irish Roses to represent her county.

Gracing the cover of the next issue of VIP Magazine, Aoife said the festival is "something I've always wanted to get involved in".

"It hasn't sunk in yet," she continued, "I think my granny would be proud," said Aoife.

"It's not just a beauty pageant, it's much deeper than that."

"The other Dublin Rose contestants are absolutely wonderful, we meet up for drinks and there are no hard feelings," explained Aoife.



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