

Dublin Rose Aoife backs the boys in blue for glory

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 BLOOMING AS A TRUE BLUE



TRUE COLOURS: Dublin Rose Aoife Judge proudly shows off her county colours as she joins the tens of thousands of Dubs looking forward to the quarter-final clash with Derry

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CAPITAL GAINS: Blonde beauty is the best Judge of who will win GAA final



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GORGEOUS Dublin Rose Aoife Judge will be among the tens of thousands of supporters shouting for the boys in blue as they take on Derry in 10 days time.

Wearing her county jersey, Aoife told the *Evening Herald* she's keeping her fingers crossed that the Dubs will do the business in the Senior Football Quarter Finals.

Aoife proudly posed in a Dublin GAA jersey in support of her favourite team's game in Croke Park.

Aoife (21), who has a degree in History and Politics from UCD, is working for the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland for the summer.

STUNNED

"I was stunned to be voted as the Dublin Rose for the Rose of Tralee.

"I never thought it would happen for me. I was crowned the Dublin Rose at the ceremony at the Clontarf Castle ceremony last month.

"I'm currently working for the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland in Ballsbridge, running their office.

"I'm being sponsored by Porterhouse Ireland, and the Roses tour starts on 12th

August, arriving in Tralee on August 17.

"I have family in Tralee so I'm waiting to meet them there. I'm stunned to be the Dublin nominee. I'm both thrilled and honoured by it all. I can't wait to see what happens."

Not surprisingly, the Dublin Rose is throwing her full support behind the Dublin team and is hoping they'll win against Derry.

And the Dublin team will also be offering their support to Aoife as she contests the Rose of Tralee International Festival.

Aoife will meet with the team

this Thursday as they train for the match in Artane.

The blonde is also hoping to be lucky enough to get a ticket to Croker to cheer on the boys in blue.

Aoife saw off 49 other hopefuls to take the title of Dublin Rose.

Aoife is the daughter of Jim and Geraldine Judge and is the eldest of three children, Claire (19) and Conor (17). Her boyfriend is Phillip Allwright but in keeping with Rose of Tralee rules, he won't be her escort on the big night.

Aoife's dress will be designed by Anne Gregory.

All of the Rose of Tralee contestants are being sponsored by Newbridge Silver.



ROSY SIGHT: Aoife Judge hopes to woo the audience and judges in Tralee festival

... while fans lash out at the ticket sale numbers

By Ian Mallon

HUNDREDS of Dublin fans were left bitterly disappointed when just 1,800 tickets went on sale to the General Public for the side's All Ireland quarter final against Derry.

According to "non-club affiliated" supporters, the bare minimum amount was made available through Ticketmaster, with the other 80,000 tickets being sold to club members in both counties.

There was an astonishing demand for the 82,000 tickets which sold out in a staggering five minutes for the August 11 clash at Croke Park.

Callers to Des Cahill's RTE Radio phone-in show told of their disappointment after less than 2,000 tickets went on public sale.

CLASH

While it is generally accepted that members of GAA clubs are given priority for tickets, fans hit out at Ticketmaster for implying plenty of tickets were available.

More than three quarters of Croke Park will be filled with Dublin fans for the eagerly anticipated Saturday week clash.

It is expected that the sell-out will spark black market frenzy. The GAA was unavailable for comment.

