

Ireland v USA at Mercy Gym

Senior Basketball



A rare basketball treat comes to town this Saturday evening April 30th when the Irish senior women's team take on team USA. The American team are Victory Scholars from the Sport Changes Life (SCL) programme. Regular basketball supporters will be well aware of these talented SCL students who have enhanced our national leagues over recent years.

This season Maxol WIT Wildcats were so fortunate to have the services of both Jazmen Boone and Katie Fox from the SCL programme supported by WIT.

Wildcats supporters have simply fallen in love with these two players not just because they are great basketball players but also because of the amount of time they give to the community with social work and teaching young players the skills of the game.

Jazmen and Katie also played a massive part in WIT winning both the college league and the varsity championship for the very first time. No doubt there will be tears in the Wildcats camp when they depart in early May.

So here is a great opportunity to see both ladies play for the last time in Waterford as they are joined by many of their very talented fellow SCL scholars to form what looks like a very impressive USA team.

Facing them will be "the best of the Irish" which includes two of our own Maxol WIT Wildcats - team captain Sinead Deegan and Helena Rohan.

This will be a really special occasion, particularly for the two Wildcats players who will represent Ireland on their home court at the Mercy Sports Hall - the same hall where they learned the game when they were secondary school students at the Mercy Secondary school..

Ireland will be coached by Mark Scanell who needs no introduction as he is the most successful Irish coach in recent times, guiding Glanmire (Cork) to league and cup success.

Indeed there will be a number of the Glanmire side in action for what looks like possibly the best Irish team for some time. Tip off at the Mercy Sports Hall is 6pm - Entry for Adults €5 and Children just €2.

All proceeds go to the Irish team to help them fund their costs in the upcoming small Nations Championship this summer. A packed house is expected so be early to be sure of entry.