

U13 Celtic Challenge Team



Back Row: Michelle Shochan, Ciara O'Shea, Nicole Joy, Chloe McGrane, Aman Kothiyal, Senan O'Rourke

Front Row: Siofra Flynn, Fionn Dowling, Pranav Erukkatil, Darragh Murtagh, Praneel Reddy Vallapureddy, Orlaith Evans

Manager & Coaches: Kirsty Kelly, Kate Frost, Jack Lawlor & Sam McKay



- Current U15 Singles & Doubles National Champion; U13 National Champion in Singles, Doubles & Mixed
- 3rd time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- An all-round powerhouse



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| 1. Player Name | Siofra Flynn |
| 2. Club | South Dublin |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | U13 GS Gold at Glasgow Youth International 2019 |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Chloe Magee |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Paris Olympics 2024 |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Yonex |
| 7. Favourite Food | Thai food |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Carolina Marin |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | Nike Air Max 720s, AirPods, iPhone11 |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | My cousins won the First Series of Ireland's Fittest Family! |



- Current U13 National Champion in Doubles
- 3rd time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- A talented ability to read a game and find the space



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| 1. Player Name | Senan O'Rourke |
| 2. Club | Terenure College JBC |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Making the U13 Irish Team for Glasgow Youth International 2019 |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Marcus Fernaldi Gideon & Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Champions League Final |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Victor |
| 7. Favourite Food | Calamari |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Ronaldo |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | A holiday home in Portugal & a yacht in the Caribbean |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I love scary rollercoasters |



- 1st time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- 100% dedication to her sport
- Tremendous power & highly motivated



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| 1. Player Name | Michelle Shochan |
| 2. Club | WHRJBC |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Bronze Medal at Glasgow Youth International 2019 |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Lee Chong Wei |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | European Championships |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Yonex |
| 7. Favourite Food | Chicken biriyani |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Lee Chong Wei |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | A badminton hall beside my house |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | ***** |



- Current U13 National Champion in Doubles & Mixed
- 3rd time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- 100% Commitment & Never-Say-Die Attitude



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| 1. Player Name | Fionn Dowling |
| 2. Club | Dunboyne |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Representing Ireland & Leinster |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Lin Dan |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | The Olympics |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Yonex |
| 7. Favourite Food | Meatballs |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Marcus Rashford |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | A pet panda |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I'm left-handed |



- Currently Ranked #1 U13 Singles, Doubles & Mixed
- 2nd time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- Beautiful touch & intelligence in play



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| 1. Player Name | Nicole Joy  |
| 2. Club | WHRJBC |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Winning Triple Gold at U13 Leinster & winning Bronze at U13 Hatfield Gold Star |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | P V Sindhu |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Liverpool vs Man Utd in Anfield |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Yonex |
| 7. Favourite Food | Pizza |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | P V Sindhu |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | Disneyland |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I never fight with my sister!! |



- 2nd time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- Extremely hard-working & talented player
- Backbone of the team



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| 1. Player Name | Aman Kothiyal |
| 2. Club | Terenure College JBC |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | U13 Connacht Open: 1 Gold & 2 Silver medals |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Lee Chong Wei |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Roland Garros |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Victor |
| 7. Favourite Food | Pasta |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Rafael Nadal |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | A waterpark |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I love to do artwork in my spare time |



- 2nd time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- A warrior on court
- An outgoing & vivacious team player



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| 1. Player Name | Chloe McGrane |
| 2. Club | Baltinglass |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Making Irish U13 Team at Glasgow Youth international 2019 |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Tai Tzu Ying |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Tokyo Olympics |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Victor |
| 7. Favourite Food | Chicken Fajitas |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Simone Biles |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | A hot tub filled with Nutella |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I pierced my own ear without my parents permission. And I sang & played guitar in NCH |



- 2nd time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- Will die on the court before letting that shuttle fall!
- A leader on the team



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| 1. Player Name | Darragh Murtagh |
| 2. Club | Kildare CMWS |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Irish U13 Team |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Nhat Nguyen |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | NFL Super Bowl |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Yonex |
| 7. Favourite Food | Steak |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Ronaldo |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | Lamborghini Aventador |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | Good Dancer |



- 1st time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- Has improved hugely over the season & shown herself to be a contender
- Still waters run deep



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| 1. Player Name | Orlaith Evans |
| 2. Club | Naas JBC |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Winning the McCann Cup (Naas parent & child) |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Scott Evans |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | The Olympics |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Yonex |
| 7. Favourite Food | Orange flavoured calippos |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Scott Evans |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | Sweets. A badminton hall for Naas. Tayto Park! |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I'm half Welsh |



- 1st time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- Should be known as the Terminator – never stops!
- Cool head which will be a real asset to the team



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| 1. Player Name | Pranav Erukattil |
| 2. Club | Lucan Juvenile BC |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Won the All-Irelands in Table Tennis |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Sai Praneeth |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Badminton |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Astrox 99 |
| 7. Favourite Food | Chicken curry & rice |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Sai Praneeth |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | Some badminton t-shirts & maybe a badminton racket |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | Me & my team won the All-Ireland Table Tennis in 6th class |



- 2nd time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- A natural mixed player with stunning touch at the net
- Came back from injury with fire in her belly

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| 1. Player Name | Ciara O'Shea  |
| 2. Club | Tullahought BC |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Winning Celtic Challenge Cup 2019 |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Chloe Magee & John Amond |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Olympics |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Ashaway |
| 7. Favourite Food | Lasagne |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Katie Taylor |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | Go scuba diving in the great blue hole in Belize |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | My friends & family call me "Kiwi" |



- 1st time representing Leinster at U13 CC
- Starting to ask questions of the more established players
- Brings a sense of humour to the team



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| 1. Player Name | Praneel Reddy Vallapureddy |
| 2. Club | WHRJBC |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Making doubles semi & singles quarters at U13 Nationals |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Kento Momota |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Olympics |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Yonex |
| 7. Favourite Food | Pizza |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | ???????????? |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | 1st, a mansion that runs fully on renewable energy. 2nd, the electric Avtr Mercedes Benz. 3rd, a zoo in my back garden! |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I really love animals |



“Great performances all year round made for an extremely difficult team selection. This is a very strong team with even stronger personalities! Can’t wait for the weekend to see them all perform and enjoy the experience of playing for Leinster.”

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| 1. Player Name | Kirsty Kelly |
| 2. Club | Pembroke |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Representing Ireland at U15 in Badminton |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Viktor Axelsen |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | Wimbledon |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Never fussy |
| 7. Favourite Food | Close tie between potatoes & chocolate |
| 8. What Sportsman would you most like to meet? | Davy Fitz |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | The list is way too long!!!! Short-term though – new car (Jeep style) and ski holiday |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I finished my Grade 8 Piano but probably haven’t touched a piano in 10 years! |



“We have a great team of kids who are extremely talented, hard-working & energetic to say the least. It has been great working with them over the past year & I’m sure they will be future stars if they continue to work hard. So be sure to keep an eye out for them!”

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| 1. Player Name | Kate Frost |
| 2. Club | Mount Pleasant / SG EBT Berlin |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Becoming National Champion & representing Ireland at the Sudirman Cup in China |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Tine Baun/Ratchanock Intanon & I love watching Momota too! |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | The Olympics, Wimbledon or a Champions League Final (involving Liverpool!) |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Yonex |
| 7. Favourite Food | Has to be a classic Lasagne! |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Roger Federer, Steven Gerrard or Jurgen Klopp |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | A trip to Disneyland & a roadtrip around America. And I’d buy a house too!! |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I once performed in the Olympia Theatre with my stage school. Oh.... And I can juggle too! |



“Coaching the same group of players over the past two seasons has been a pleasure! I can’t wait to see where these talented players end up in their badminton careers. Let’s finish the season with a bang!”

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| 1. Player Name | Jack Lawlor |
| 2. Club | South Dublin |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | Coaching the U13 Leinster Team to CC victory in 2019 |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Viktor Axelsen |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | FIFA World Cup |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Babolat |
| 7. Favourite Food | Custard Cream Biscuits |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Cristiano Ronaldo |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | A lifetime supply of custard creams |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | My favourite country that I have visited is Montenegro |



“Best of luck to all the players this weekend who have a great potential to become the next Stars of badminton. All the Best!”

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| 1. Player Name | Sam McKay |
| 2. Club | Raptors |
| 3. Favourite Sporting Achievement | U19 National Champion |
| 4. Favourite Badminton Player | Anders Antonsen |
| 5. What sporting event would you most like to attend? | UFC |
| 6. Favourite Racket Manufacturer | Ashaway |
| 7. Favourite Food | Nandos |
| 8. What Sports person would you most like to meet? | Tony Ferguson |
| 9. If you won the Lotto what would you buy? | Mercedes G-Wagon |
| 10. One thing you may not know about me! | I’m a part-time DSPCA volunteer |

“Our U13 Leinster Team is the first up to represent our Province at the U13 Celtic Challenge Competition in Lisburn. Many thanks to Alpha for hosting this event. As Chairperson of Leinster Badminton, I take great pride in seeing our juvenile players competing for Leinster. It is fantastic to see these talented young players who are so committed, hard-working & dedicated to our sport. I want to wish each player the very best of luck and remember that when you wear your Leinster Top, you are an Ambassador for Leinster Badminton.” –

David Murphy, Chairperson Leinster Badminton



“Our Leinster players are going from strength to strength. And once again we have a group of players that will represent Leinster with dignity, honesty & a highly competitive spirit. We are extremely proud of all our players and recognise that our team is a small part of a larger squad. Our manager and coaches make this possible, as well as the volunteers on the YACs. Thank you to each and every one of you. Bring back the Cup!” – ***David Hogan, Chairperson Youth Activities Committee***



Message Board



SAT 8TH MORNING:

Leinster vs Wales

Lothian vs Alpha

SAT 8TH AFTERNOON:

Leinster vs Alpha

Lothian vs Wales

SUN 9TH MORNING:

Leinster vs Lothian

Wales vs Alpha