



The Bit O' Red

February 8th 2022

Dear members,

Firstly, I'd like to apologise that I cannot take part in the AGM tonight. I have attended previous AGM's as a player and as a supporter so it would have been fantastic to be part of this one as the Women's Senior Team Manager.

Tuesday is one of our training evenings and as you all know we are only a few weeks into our journey with this team so every session is an important one as we try to get our group as prepared as possible before our league campaign kicks off on March 5th.

While there may be some tough days ahead for us as a group, as we enter the league and try to get up to the speed of the more experienced teams, we are all very excited about the challenge ahead and can't wait to represent Rovers in the Women's National League.

I'd like to thank the club for trusting me with this opportunity, and it's a position I'm very proud to have and one I will work extremely hard to stay in. The club have really got behind the Women's team in so many ways so far and I'd like to thank them for this support and in particular Colin Feehily and Conor O'Grady who have been so supportive of myself and our plans in these early stages. I look forward to working with the lads and the club in the coming months.

We held a trial day just over five weeks ago to raise awareness in Sligo and the surrounding counties to see if there were many players, we weren't already aware of and while Covid impacted attendance on the day it was a starting point in terms of putting a squad together. Over those few weeks, with many phone calls, meetings and training sessions I'm delighted we now find ourselves in a position of having 14 senior players signed for the 2022 season. We are hopeful of adding at least a couple more senior players before the season starts. Of the players signed we have a lot of players who have limited or no experience of the national league which will mean they need time to adapt to the league, however we have also signed players who are current or ex underage internationals so we are trying to build a team that will be exciting to watch as we hope the Rovers faithful will get behind this team! Of our senior players we have 4 who are over 25 years of age, with the remaining players being aged between 17 and 22, this added to the current underage players in the club gives us great optimism for the growth of this team in the coming seasons. One thing that is very clear in my dealings with all the players is we will have a group who are extremely proud to represent Sligo Rovers on a national stage!



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We are continuing to work on forming foundations for this team on and off the pitch to ensure things are done in the correct way, so that we can continue to progress this team in the coming years but we will need the famous Rovers support in the early stages on the good and the bad days.

This team will only get to where we want to get to by doing small consistent actions every day over a long period of time so all we ask for is some patience and support in our first season so we can give our players the very best chance to perform to their best while representing our club!

Thank you,

Steve Feeney
Sligo Rovers
WNL Manager



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