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Message from the President

On behalf of the Football Association of Ireland, it is with great pleasure I welcome you all to the first ever UEFA futsal Preliminary Qualifiers to be hosted in Ireland.

Ireland is new to this exciting game and I am looking forward to seeing the boys in green in action over the next three days in what will be a feast of futsal.

I would like to extend a special Céad Mile Fáilte to the visiting delegations from Cyprus, England and Kazakhstan. We hope you enjoy your stay and I wish all teams every success in what will be a highly competitive tournament.

Futsal is an exciting skillful game which can facilitate greater participation and player development and should be afforded the best possible opportunity to develop and flourish in Ireland. The Football Association of Ireland is delighted to host such a tournament as this as it gives futsal a platform to showcase its obvious benefits.

Embracing futsal in the long term is a sound investment in the future development of young players in Ireland. It is the ideal skill building environment for footballers as it helps to develop skills such as first touch control, passing and dribbling. Because of the tight playing area, it also encourages players to think more quickly and play their way out of game situations. Without doubt, exposing young Irish players to such a discipline will, over time, help to develop players who are more comfortable on the ball with more creative minds and quicker feet.

The Football Association of Ireland is committed to promoting the game nationwide. This February sees the third campaign of the FAI futsal League



of Ireland featuring sixteen of Ireland's top clubs. St. Patrick's Athletic will defend their 2008 title against the likes of Shamrock Rovers, Cork City and Derry City.

Elsewhere, over 10,000 children countryside put their skills to the test in January taking part in futsal modules all over Ireland. The Dublin & District Schoolboys/girls league led the way with their five week module boasting 400 teams catering for 4000 players. Other progressive schoolboy's leagues such as Athlone, Sligo, North Dublin, Wicklow, Cavan, Longford and Donegal have also taken the leap to embrace this highly entertaining and skilful game.

The FAI would like to encourage everyone to find out about futsal and can offer help to those leagues who are thinking of developing their own futsal module in the form of workshops, courses and equipment aid. If you are interested in finding out more, see www.fai.ie/futsal or contact the FAI National futsal Coordinator, Derek O'Neill at derek.oneill@fai.ie

David Blood (FAI President)



Manager's Message



It is with great pleasure that I welcome the teams, officials and supporters of Cyprus, Kazakhstan and England to Dublin this week for what promises to be a very interesting UEFA futsal Championship preliminary round tournament.

Each country represented here in Dublin is at a different stage of futsal development with Kazakhstan notably having a champion club (Kairat Almaty) which has reached the final four of the UEFA futsal Cup (European Club Champions futsal competition). For this reason, they are perhaps group favourites and will provide a formidable challenge for the rest of us.

For the Republic of Ireland, this will be the first time that an official futsal international match has been played in this country. In this regard, I am sure that our supporters are in for a treat when they see up close for the first time, the speed, fitness and technical quality required to compete in this exciting form of football.

Futsal is the official UEFA and FIFA version of five a side football and has the potential to create fantastic opportunities for players, coaches, referees and administrators here in Ireland who

may become interested in the game. The FAI has produced a four year strategy document to drive the development of futsal in Ireland at all levels and is well on the way to achieving the objectives of that plan. The fact that Ireland is represented in this tournament is testimony to the impact the game is now having here.

Of course, in order to create sustainable and competitive futsal teams in the future, the grassroots development of the game is extremely important and the FAI is addressing this issue with widespread promotion of the game at schoolboy/girl level.

One thing I am sure of is that everyone attending the matches will enjoy themselves. Futsal is pure football played at an explosive pace and peppered with moments of sheer technical magic. The nature of the game makes for end to end action and I am sure supporters will be impressed with the skill levels of the players.

Hopefully, this showcase of the beautiful game will ignite the interest of more leagues and clubs countrywide and encourage them to embrace the game, which if properly nurtured, will have a profound effect on the future development of young Irish players.

Enjoy the games!

Yours in Sport,

Derek O'Neill
(National futsal Team Manager)

Fixtures & Results Workbook

• THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY •

England v Kazakhstan

National Basketball Arena - 6.00pm

Scorers:

Republic of Ireland v Cyprus

National Basketball Arena - 8.00pm

Scorers:

• FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY •

Kazakhstan v Cyprus

National Basketball Arena - 6.00pm

Scorers:

Republic of Ireland v England

National Basketball Arena - 8.00pm

Scorers:

• SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY •

Cyprus v England

National Basketball Arena - 4.00pm

Scorers:

Republic of Ireland v Kazakhstan

National Basketball Arena - 6.00pm

Scorers:

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England							
Kazakhstan							
Cyprus							



Everything to play for ...



With everything to play for in this UEFA futsal Championship preliminary round, Cyprus, Kazakhstan, England and Ireland will be stopping at nothing to seal their place in the next round of the UEFA futsal Championships. Although Cyprus and Kazakhstan bring fierce challenges as nations who have vastly more experience in the futsal world than Ireland and will be a tough test, it is the England fixture that has caught the imagination of many.

For many, the Ireland v England game will have a lot to live up to in terms of excitement when the two sides meet for the second time in this week's UEFA futsal Championships, qualifiers. Any football game between the Republic of Ireland and England is always sure to stir passion among players and fans alike and this game will be no different.

Just before Christmas the two fledgling futsal





nations met for the first time in an invitational tournament in Loughborough and produced a cracking 3-3 draw. The scoring went one way then the other and ended with a thrilling climax, with Dane Massey a two-goal hero for the Irish.

After a solid start by the visitors, it was England who went ahead when the impressive Rob Ursell dribbled through before having a shot deflected past keeper Keith Gallagher in the fifth minute. Ireland eventually settled down, and their discipline told with the English racking up five fouls relatively early in the half. This meant every foul afterwards produced a ten-metre free for the Irish.

Twice before the break England overstepped the mark discipline-wise and Dane Massey punished them with two excellent finishes.

After going ahead at half-time, Ireland let their concentration drop early on in the second half and a sloppy set-piece resulted in England breaking down the court and Luke Ballinger beating sub keeper John Perkins to level in the 23rd minute.

England then regained the lead when the brilliant technician Ursell dribbled through a bemused

defence to beat Perkins. The defending was poor but the skills were fantastic.

Ireland were not going to lie down easily and responded well with Alan Lynch netting the equaliser with four minutes left, after good work by Shane O'Neill and Brendan Dawson.

England had hit the post through Ballinger and had a shot cleared off the line by O'Neill but overall the draw was a fair result. Going into this competitive fixture, both teams will feel they should have won in Loughborough and will be looking to avenge.



Officials:

Referee	PAPIR Erez	(ISRAEL)
Referee	KOVACS Gabor	(HUNGARY)
Referee	MANTEV Petar	(MACEDONIA)
Referee	KANCLERIS Audrius	(LITHUANIA)



Republic of Ireland Squad



POSITION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
GOALKEEPER	GALLAGHER	KEITH
GOALKEEPER	PERKINS	JOHN
DEFENDER	MASSEY	DANE
DEFENDER	MASSEY	LLOYD
DEFENDER	DAWSON	BRENDAN
DEFENDER	LANGTRY	MARK
MIDFIELDER	BARRETT	ALAN
FORWARD	O'NEILL	SHANE
FORWARD	MORGAN	THOMAS
FORWARD	MCCABE	GARY
FORWARD	MCDONAGH	PHILIP
FORWARD	DUGGAN	CRAIG
FORWARD	BYRNE	IAN
FORWARD	LYNCH	ALAN
MANAGER	O'NEILL	DEREK
ASSISTANT MANAGER	FINN	STEPHEN
COACH	DA SILVA JUNIOR	GLEUDSON



MANAGER:
DEREK O'NEILL



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**Keith Gallagher****Position:** Goalkeeper**Club:** Bluebell United**DOB:** 24/06/1987

Former Bohemians goalkeeper who emerged as a player to watch during the inaugural FAI National futsal League in 2007. Progressed to international level in last year's UEFA Under-21 futsal Championships qualifiers and has made the step up to senior level. Playing for Shamrock Rovers in the current FAI National futsal League competition.

**John Perkins****Position:** Goalkeeper**Club:** Sporting Fingal futsal**DOB:** 28/12/1987

Former Shamrock Rovers goalkeeper, he was part of the Hoops squad that won the inaugural FAI National futsal League in 2007. Has played in the UEFA futsal Cup for Rovers and also St Patrick's Athletic. Starred for his country in last year's UEFA Under-21 futsal Championships qualifiers and has made the step up to senior level.

**Dane Massey****Position:** Defender**Club:** Bray Wanderers**DOB:** 17/04/1988

One of two brothers in the Irish squads. Made his first team debut for Bray Wanderers towards the end of last season. Part of the Shamrock Rovers squad that won the inaugural FAI National futsal League in 2007 and played in the UEFA futsal Cup for Rovers that year before making the move to Bray. Voted player of the tournament in last year's national futsal league. Scored twice v England in December.

**Lloyd Massey****Position:** Defender**Club:** Shamrock Rovers**DOB:** 18/07/1989

Played schoolboy football with Knocklyon United and St Joseph's Boys then played for Bray Wanderers before moving to Shamrock Rovers last summer. Made the first team squad for the Hoops towards the end of the season. After being capped at under-21 level for the Irish futsal side, he has progressed to senior level. Scored in the UEFA futsal Cup with St Patrick's Athletic last year.

**Brendan Dawson****Position:** Defender**Club:** Sporting Fingal futsal**DOB:** 29/05/1988

Former Shamrock Rovers defender, he was part of the Hoops squad that won the inaugural FAI National futsal League in 2007. Has played in the UEFA futsal Cup for Rovers. Moved to Shelbourne last year. Currently playing for Sporting Fingal in the FAI National futsal League competition. Brother of Bury midfielder Stephen Dawson.

**Mark Langtry****Position:** Defender**Club:** Unattached**DOB:** 09/12/1987

National team captain and currently playing for Sporting Fingal in the FAI National futsal League competition. Previously with Cherry Orchard and Shamrock Rovers, where he has been a first team player. Key member of the Rovers squad that won the inaugural FAI National futsal League in 2007. Captained Ireland in last year's UEFA Under-21 futsal Championships qualifiers.

**Alan Barrett****Position:** Midfielder**Club:** WFTA**DOB:** 11/01/1986

Called into the national futsal squad for the recent training camp in Barcelona. Plays club football for WFTA and with Shamrock Rovers in the FAI National futsal League. Very skilful and creative player.

**Shane O'Neill****Position:** Forward**Club:** Bray Wanderers**DOB:** 09/01/1989

Impressed during last year's FAI National futsal League when Bray made it through to the last four. Was called into the Ireland under-21 squad, scoring against Azerbaijan and has now progressed to senior level.

**Thomas Morgan****Position:** Forward**Club:** Sporting Fingal futsal**DOB:** 30/03/1977

Began playing futsal first six years ago during his spell at Newry City, when he played in the Leinster Senior League's futsal division with Dublin futsal. Recently signed for Mount Merrion YMCA but playing for Sporting Fingal in the current FAI National futsal League competition. Former youth and U21 international footballer. Won National League titles with St Patrick's Athletic and Shelbourne.

**Gary McCabe****Position:** Forward**Club:** Bray Wanderers**DOB:** 01/08/1988

Has made lots of progress on the football field having played first team football for Bray Wanderers and Shelbourne. Previously with Crumlin United. A natural futsal player who has twice scored on the senior international stage for his country, against Hungary and Lithuania.

**Philip McDonagh****Position:** Forward**Club:** Drumcondra FC**DOB:** 15/09/1987

Recently moved to Drumcondra in the Leinster Senior League after four years at Bohemians and played in last year's A Championship final for the Gypsies. Starred in last year's UEFA Under-21 futsal Championships qualifiers. Playing for Shamrock Rovers in the current FAI National futsal League competition.

**Craig Duggan****Position:** Forward**Club:** Cork City**DOB:** 05/04/1990

Former under-17 international footballer who played for Kilreen Celtic before signing for Cork City two seasons ago. Impressed for City in last year's FAI National League futsal tournament and won a call-up to the Ireland under-21 squad, scoring against Azerbaijan. Has now progressed to senior level.

**Ian Byrne****Position:** Forward**Club:** Sporting Fingal futsal**DOB:** 18/07/1990

Previously with Shelbourne and Bohemians. An underage international football level at under-17 & 18. Tremendously skilful and a natural futsal player. Starred in the Bohs team beaten in last year's FAI National futsal League final by St Patrick's Athletic. Playing for Sporting Fingal in the current FAI National futsal League competition.

**Alan Lynch****Position:** Forward**Club:** Unattached**DOB:** 10/01/1989

Former Bohemians striker who was named player of the tournament during the inaugural FAI National futsal League in 2007. Progressed to international level in last year's UEFA Under-21 futsal Championship qualifiers and has made the step up to senior level, scoring against Hungary and England. Played for Longford Town last season and is a former under-19 international footballer.



Massey Brothers Join Elite List

IN the history of the Association, surprisingly few sets of brothers have represented Ireland on the international stage.

Liam Brady famously followed in the footsteps of older brother Ray in wearing the Irish jersey.

Pierce O'Leary emulated big brother David and in the 1970s Ray O'Brien and Fran O'Brien each represented Ireland on the highest stage.

Perhaps the most famous set of international brothers in Irish sports history are Mick and Kevin O'Flanagan, who each represented their country at soccer and rugby which more recently we have seen Stephen and Noel Hunt emerge under current manager Giovanni Trapattoni.

At underage level we've seen Alan and Gary Kelly, Pat and Eamonn Dolan, the Farrelly triplets - Keith, Luke and Chris. Most recently Billy and Darren Dennehy have each won under-21 caps. While Wayne and Ian Callaghan have each been capped at Amateur international level.

In futsal, the Massey brothers Dane and Lloyd have had the unique honour of representing their country at both under-21 and senior level in the same year.

The young guns from Knocklyon have gone in opposite directions at club level but on the futsal court they're heading the same way.

Dane, 21, came through initially after impressing in the Shamrock Rovers side that won the inaugural national league futsal crown in 2007.

After appearing for the Hoops in the UEFA futsal Cup, he then made the move to Bray Wanderers, where younger brother Lloyd was in the under-20s.

Lloyd had his first taste of futsal in early 2008 as the Seagulls progressed to the semi-final stages of the national league competition and impressed sufficiently to earn a call-up to the Republic of Ireland under-21 squad.



The two brothers played alongside each other in the UEFA Under-21 Championships qualifying tournament in April last year.

Lloyd, 19, subsequently made the opposite move to Dane as he made the move from the Carlisle Grounds to Shamrock Rovers.

He made a brief cameo for St Patrick's Athletic in the UEFA futsal Cup last summer and scored the winning goal in a 4-3 win over Scandals futsal Club in Helsinki.

While both brothers started off at Knocklyon United, Dane played most of his schoolboy football with Cherry Orchard while Lloyd also played for St Joseph's Boys for a couple of seasons.

Dane made the Wanderers first team towards the end of last season, making four appearances, while Lloyd was on the bench for the last few games of the season for the Hoops.

With the focus back on futsal this week, the Massey brothers will be looking to continue to make waves by helping to guide their country into the main qualifying round of the UEFA futsal Championships.



Morgan's Experience to lead Irish

GIVEN that the Republic of Ireland futsal squad contains the vast majority of players who competed in the UEFA Under-21 Championships qualifying tournament of April 2008, it is fair to say it is a fresh-faced squad.

Of the Irish squad that participated in the four nations tournament in Loughborough before Christmas, Ian Byrne, Lloyd Massey, Shane O'Neill, Alan Lynch and Craig Duggan will all still be eligible for the next under-21 campaign in 2010.

There is one exception to the youthful panel and that is experienced campaigner Thomas Morgan.

The Dubliner will turn 32 on March 30 and what he lacks in youthful exuberance, he makes up for with his maturity.

Morgan's playing career boasts four League of Ireland champions medals with St Patrick's Athletic and Shelbourne while he also represented Newry City, Dundalk and Kildare County.

If any player represents the 'street footballer' association with futsal then Thomas Morgan is that player.

From Dublin's inner-city, he was introduced to football at the famous schoolboy outfit Belvedere FC before making the move to Blackburn Rovers as a teenager.

With his quick feet and footballing brain, Morgan's potential was enormous but unfortunately his lack of physical strength and height prevented him from reaching the top.

That wasn't before he had a brilliant cameo as captain of the Republic of Ireland under-20s team which won a bronze medal at the 1997 World Youth Cup under Brian Kerr.

Morgan first came into contact with futsal during his time in the Irish League and played alongside his first cousin Wes Hoolahan – then at Belvedere – in an Irish development squad that faced Scotland in 1999. It was clear futsal was a natural fit with his style of play.

Now combining coaching with his football, Morgan has been handed a second chance to represent his country on the futsal court.

After picking up five senior caps following two appearances against Hungary in November and three caps in the Loughborough tournament, his experience of futsal is growing steadily.

Ireland will be hoping that Thomas can use that experience a positive influence in the Irish assault on qualification against Cyprus, England and Kazakhstan.





Cyprus Squad



POSITION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
GOALKEEPER	SKAMPYLIS	ANASTASIOS
GOALKEEPER	SAKKAS	ANGELOS
GOALKEEPER	ANTONIOU	CHRISTAKIS
DEFENDER	MAVROUDIS	KIRIACOS
DEFENDER	DIMITRIADIS	CHARALAMBOS
DEFENDER	THEOHAROUS	THEOHARIS
DEFENDER	SIKKIS	LOUKAS
DEFENDER	STYLIANOU	CHRISTOS
DEFENDER	ALEXANDROU	ANDREAS
DEFENDER	GEORGIU	GEORGIOS
DEFENDER	VASSILIOU	LAMBROS
DEFENDER	CHRISTODOULOU	CHRISTOS
DEFENDER	CHRISTODOULOU	CONSTANTINOS
FORWARD	LEFKARITIS	LOIZOS
FORWARD	MANOLI	MANOLIS
FORWARD	PAPADOPOULOS	IAKOVOS
FORWARD	POLYVIU	KOSTAS
FORWARD	CHRYSOSTOMOU	CHRYSOSOMOS



COACH:
KONSTANTINOU PETROS



England Squad



POSITION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
GOALKEEPER	THORNTON	DEAN
GOALKEEPER	HOLMES	CURTIS
GOALKEEPER	DALTON	JAMES
DEFENDER	COLLEY	NICK
DEFENDER	REED	DOUGLAS
DEFENDER	JORYEFF	KYLE
DEFENDER	MORTLOCK	BEN
DEFENDER	ADAMS	JON
DEFENDER	ALLANSON	ASHLEY
FORWARD	LEYSHON	RYON
FORWARD	URSELL	ROBERT
FORWARD	OBASI	THOMAS
FORWARD	EAMES	HAYDN
FORWARD	ISA	HUSSEIN
FORWARD	CATO	AARON
FORWARD	VALLANCE	PETER
FORWARD	ANDREW	BYRON
FORWARD	BALLINGER	LUKE



COACH:
PETER STURGES





Kazakhstan Squad



POSITION	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
GOALKEEPER	KHAYAVIN	VITALIY
GOALKEEPER	SHAMRO	GRIGORIY
GOALKEEPER	RAKHMETOV	AIDOS
DEFENDER	KANDALINOV	ASLANGALI
DEFENDER	YESSENAMANOV	CHINGIZ
DEFENDER	SULEIMENOV	DINMUKHAMBET
DEFENDER	PERSHIN	MIKHAIL
DEFENDER	ZHAMANKULOV	YERZHAN
DEFENDER	ALZHAKSIN	ASKHAT
FORWARD	KENZHEGULOV	DANIYAR
FORWARD	KHLOPONIN	ANDREY
FORWARD	KONONENKO	STANISLAV
FORWARD	BATOV	MAKSIM
FORWARD	DOVGAN	ALEXANDR
FORWARD	GLEBOV	ARTYOM
FORWARD	CHEREMISSIN	ALEXEY
FORWARD	PENGRIN	NIKOLAY
FORWARD	NURGOZHIN	DAUREN
FORWARD	SAMOKHVALOV	DENIS
FORWARD	KAZAKOV	NIKOLAY



COACH:
AMIRZHAN MUKANOV



SUMMARY OF THE RULES

THE BASICS

A futsal pitch for senior games should be between 38 - 42m in length and 18 - 22m in width. However, a pitch which is a minimum of 25m long and 15m wide is acceptable, particularly for junior games. The goalposts measure 3m wide by 2m high. A penalty spot is marked 6m from the goal line. Another "free kick" spot is marked 10m from the goal line. An arc of radius 6m from the line and goalpost uprights is marked as the goalkeeper's area. The game is played for two halves of 20 minutes with junior games being 15 minutes a half. The ball used is a size 4 and is designed to give a restricted bounce. Each team starts with five players on the pitch including the goalkeeper.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Usually, there are two referees who officiate from the touchlines and a timekeeper controlling the clock on the sideline. However, it's not entirely necessary to employ three officials for junior games with one being adequate.

TIMEOUTS

Each team is allowed a one minute timeout in each half. Coaches are not allowed on the pitch during the timeout. No timeouts should the match go to extra time.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Each team can name up to seven substitutes and make unlimited substitutions. Any player replaced may re- enter the game to replace another player at any time. The substitutions only take place through marked substitution zones or areas.

BALL OUT OF PLAY

Futsal is a fast moving game and rules are

designed to discourage time wasting. When the ball goes out of play at the sidelines, it is kicked (not thrown) back into play. Opponents must be five metres from the ball for the kick in. Goals cannot be scored direct from kick ins. When the ball goes wide at the end lines, goalkeepers can only throw the ball back into play. If kick ins, restart, corners and free kicks are not taken within four seconds, the other team get possession of the ball.

FOULS

Futsal is designed to be a safe game with the emphasis on skill. Direct free kicks are awarded for kicking, tripping, charging, striking, pushing, holding, slide tackling (except the goalkeeper within his / her arc), deliberate handball and dissent. All other free kicks are indirect. Opponents must be 5 metres from the ball for free kicks.

ACCUMULATED FOULS

When a team has committed five fouls in any one half of the game, every subsequent foul by that team in that half is penalised by a direct free kick from the 10 metre mark. This is irrespective of where the foul took place on the pitch and unless the foul was closer than 10 metres from goal. The defending team is not allowed to form a defensive wall for these free kicks.

RED CARDS

If a player is sent off, a substitute can be sent on **AFTER TWO MINUTES** – but the player who has received the red card may not return. If a team reduced to three or four players concede a goal within those two minutes they may bring on an extra player, but only if their opponents had more players on the pitch at that time. If a team is reduced to less than three players, the match is abandoned.

Robinho

A long list of world superstars such as Messi, Ronaldo, Kaka and Ronaldinho acclaim the importance of futsal in helping to develop their ball skills when they were youngsters. Manchester City's Brazilian superstar and record signing, Robinho says of the game which helped his skill development: "I started playing futsal when I was four years old and

most of the moves I use on the pitch come from playing futsal. Playing futsal as a young child really helps to develop ball skills."

And Robinho says he hopes Irish kids will take the opportunity to embrace the game he loves so much & which helped him on his road to stardom: "I hope that futsal can develop well in Ireland because no doubt it will be a great help to Irish children in the development of their ball skills and quick thinking."

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