

Women in sport

By Mary White

Wow!

Name: Séad Ní Mhaoilmhia

Age: 31

Occupation and company: I manage Cork Gas Centre.ie on Forge Hill, we sell all sorts of gas appliances and products as well as providing the associated services.

Position: No 3 (defender).

How I got involved: Actually my brother Chris saw a mention of it in the *Irish Examiner* and immediately rang me up to see if I'd go down to Hop Island Equestrian Centre in Rochestown with him to check it out... we haven't stopped playing since. He has even bought a horse and I'm saving to get my own for next season.

The best thing about polocrosse is: The rush I get! It can be very fast — galloping full pelt up and down a pitch.

Worst thing: We need to hire a field to be able to practice on a full size pitch.

What song/tune would you listen to before a match? *Simply The Best* by Tina Turner! It's all about positive affirmations when you're a D-grade player wanting to be A-grade!

My ringtone is: Ring ring or something like that, not irritating anyway.

I drive: A Mitsubishi L200 pick-up. It's ideal for deliveries at work and more importantly for bringing my dogs back from the beach wet and sandy. I suppose it will come in handy for carrying tack and towing a horse box too.

If you could share a drink with a famous sports person, who would it be and why?

It would have to be Dame Naomi James. She was the first woman to sail single-handed around the world. I met her once here in Cork and until then, never understood people being star struck, I couldn't even tell her that I had read her book and how much I admired her!

● *The Cork Polocrosse Club travel to Limerick on August 2 and 3 to compete in the Limerick Polocrosse Tournament. If you want to play polocrosse, email Joanne at info@corkpolocrosse.com*

