

## KATIE McCABE FORWARD



Katie McCabe has been getting better and better since arriving at Arsenal in 2015. Arsenal had to fight off Women's Super League teams Chelsea and Manchester City to sign Katie; everyone knew she was a quality player.

The winger enjoyed her best season so far in the WSL-winning season of 2018/19. She scored a crucial late winner at Birmingham City and also netted in the title-clinching win at Brighton. Katie was hitting those heights again before this season was cut short.

Before joining Arsenal, Katie played for Irish side Raheny United and was a key figure in their double-winning team of 2014. That year, she won the

Women's National League and the FAI Women's Cup. As a result, Katie got her first taste of Champions League football and helped Raheny to the last 32 of the competition. In her final season in Ireland, Raheny United merged with Shelbourne Ladies FC.

McCabe is a vital player for her national team, the Republic of Ireland. She made her senior international debut against Hungary at the Istria Cup in March 2015 and was named player of the match on her competitive debut against Finland that year. Katie was given the honour and responsibility of captaining her country in 2017, at the age of 21! To be given the captain's armband at such a young age proves what a fantastic player and leader Katie is.

Katie can play anywhere up front and has powerful acceleration. Playing from either wing or down the middle, she is a constant threat and her link-up play is exceptional. She has scored some memorable free kicks in her career, including a cup final screamer back in 2014 for Raheny United.

McCabe is playing for a top club, captaining her country and still has many years left in her career. We look forward to seeing what she can achieve in the years to come.



