

# Airport announce partnership with Connacht and Ireland outhalf Jack Carty

IRELAND West Airport have announced a new partnership with Connacht Rugby and Ireland outhalf Jack Carty.



*Jack Carty at the partnership launch at Ireland West Airport. Photo: Sportsfile*

Jack, a Roscommon native, currently plays for Connacht Rugby in the PRO14 and is Connacht's record points scorer in the PRO14. He has represented Ireland at various under-age levels internationally and was named in the senior Irish squad for the opening rounds of the 2019 Six Nations, making his debut in February when he came on as a replacement in the 26–16 win against Italy in the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.

An accomplished sportsman, the Connacht man represented Roscommon at minor level as well as lining out for the Republic of Ireland soccer team at underage levels up until he was 15. Already Carty has racked up 119 appearances and over 600 points for Connacht at just 26.

Working with locally produced sports stars is part of a new strategic initiative by the airport aimed at further strengthening the airport's links with the community.

Commenting on the announcement, Donal Healy, Head of Marketing, Ireland West Airport, said: "As an airport for the people of the region, it's one of our core values to 'support local' and being a proud Connacht man, born and bred, Jack epitomises this. We are very

appreciative for the ongoing support we get from the people in the Connacht region and for us this partnership with Jack is a perfect fit for the airport.

“We look forward to working with Jack on a number of exciting new campaigns in the coming months supporting local initiatives in the community and hopefully we will have the opportunity to cheer him on in the Rugby World Cup in Japan next September.”

Commenting on the partnership, Jack Carty said: “I’m delighted to team up with Ireland West Airport. As a local person from Roscommon one of my favourite career memories to date was on that famous night in 2016 when we arrived back into our local airport after being crowned PRO12 champions to a reception of over 5,000 people. It was an amazing night and one we will cherish for a long time to come.

“For me personally, there are so many positive synergies with what the airport is aiming to achieve in the local community and this partnership just makes so much sense. I can’t wait to get stuck in and am really excited to showcase some of the brilliant things we’re working on in the coming months.”

Added Trevor Twamley, from Sport Endorse: “We are delighted to assist Ireland West Airport in partnering suitable sports people as part of this strategic initiative and in Jack they have selected an elite high performance sports person with a bright future ahead, just like the airport itself.”