

**Name:** **Betty Henderson (Kyle)**

**International No:**

**Position:** **Left Half**

**Club(s):** **Owls**

**Irish Caps:** **26**

**Goals:**

**Debut:**  **21st February 1948, v Scotland (Edinburgh) - W 1-0**

**Age on debut:** **Years/Days**

**Last match:** **14th March 1959, v Scotland (Belfast) - W 6-2**

**Age on last match:** **Years/Days**

**Hall of Fame** **Inducted 2006**



**Early career**

At the ripe age of thirteen, Betty was drafted on to the Ulster Schools team. At the age of fourteen she became a fully fledged Senior Provincial player. In 1947 after finishing school Betty moved south to Dublin and attended Ling College, a Physical Education College. She played provincial hockey with Leinster during her three years there.

**Club career**

Betty played with Ling College and on her return to Belfast played with Owls Hockey Club

**International debut and career**

Betty stepped into the role of left half in 1948 on to the Irish Senior XI. Maintaining her place on the team, Betty was part of the 1950 Triple Crown winning team. Betty captained the Irish team against South Africa at Londonbridge Road in 1953. She played in her last international match in 1959 against Scotland on her home turf in Belfast.

**Other Sporting Successes**

Betty was an accomplished athlete playing lacrosse, tennis, netball and cricket

**Professional and Personal Bio**

Betty trained as a Physical Education teacher at Ling College. She was games mistress at Belfast High School

**Other family hockey/sports connections**

Betty was a member of the well known sporting Kyle family. Jack Kyle played rugby for Ireland in the early 50s and his brother Eric was also accomplished with the oval ball as a scrum half. Maeve married rugby international, Noel Henderson.

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