

G-Mac has WAG Kristin to cheer him up

By Laura Butler

SHE'S kept a low profile so far, but now the American girlfriend of golfer Graeme McDowell has confirmed that their relationship is serious by taking to the course to support her man.

They've rarely been snapped together but it's clear that Portrush man Graeme and his other half, Kristin Stape, are stronger than ever, after she turned out to cheer him on during the US Open over the weekend.

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It is believed the interior designer has been dating Co Antrim man for more than a year. Even though she lingered in the background yesterday, Kristin watched as Graeme just failed to take a second US Open title at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

The brunette beauty is based in Winter Park, Florida, and is the lead designer at Soco Interiors.

She has been pictured with G-Mac on only a handful of



MY HERO: American Kristin Stape gets behind her man, Graeme McDowell, at the US Open

occasions, though the couple were delighted to pose for photos while enjoying Tyrone pal Darren Clarke's Bahamas beach wedding in April.

Kristin also attended the European Tour Golfer of the Year Awards dinner in May.

She's also become quite friendly with her 33-year-old partner's colleagues and has been chatting to golfers Justin Rose, Ian Poulter and Shane Lowry on her social networking site.

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Kanye believe it ... star rapper hits the town in Portlaoise

By Alice Hodgson

SUPERSTAR Kanye West almost bowled over cinema goers when he turned up at the flicks in Portlaoise.

Kim Kardashian's new beau made a pit stop at the movie theatre with a bunch of pals to watch Prometheus.

Three teenagers from St Mary's CBS in Portlaoise couldn't believe their luck when they saw the Grammy Award winner in Storm Cinema last week.

"It was a shock to see him there, I didn't really believe it," Craig Martley (14) told the *Herald*. "We got a text from a friend, saying he was in the cinema, and we were waiting outside for him beside his big black Mercedes," he said.

Craig Martley was joined by his brother Ciaran (14) and their friend Lee Davis (14) - the lads were too star-struck to talk, but they mustered the bravery to ask for a photo.

"He was smaller than I thought," Craig admitted, "I called all my friends and they



didn't believe me until I put the photos up on Facebook." However he said he would have preferred to bump into Kanye's girlfriend, Kim.

Kanye was in Ireland for his gig with fellow rapper Jay-Z and is believed to have stayed at the luxury Ballyfin Demesne.

Locals were

shocked to see the American artist in the area and Twitter was alive with speculation over how he might entertain himself.

Luckily Mr West was rather taken with Prometheus - Craig and his pals snapped him on his second trip to see the movie.

STAR-STRUCK: Craig and Ciaran Martley and Lee Davis with US star rapper Kanye West who is dating Kim Kardashian (left)



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