

## All-male apprentice final as last-woman standing exits show

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Fans of the Apprentice are in for an all-male final, with the two Stephens set to go head to head in a showdown.

The last-woman standing in the competition, Dubliner Geraldine O'Callaghan, has left the show, which leaves sports enthusiast Stephen Higgins and "English" Steve Rayner in the final.

In the 12th week of the TV3 show, the leaders chose teams compiled of their former rivals for the final challenge.

Last night, Steve revealed his battle with alcoholism and gambling, while personal trainer Stephen was put through his paces over his people skills.

Experts, including media guru Gavin Duffy, HR expert Sheena Cloughessy and Mairead Fleming, director of Brightwater Recruitment, tested the candidates' talents and outlined their weaknesses to Bill Cullen in his boardroom.

Steve caught Cullen's eye when he outsold all the other candidates in a selling task. The Apprentice candidate admitted that he was dyslexic and colour blind, and told of his troubled past, but said that he would be fully committed to the job.

"If I relapse, I lose my wife, my baby, my house," he said. "You have my promise."

Stephen has shown his competitive,

hungry nature and belief in himself, but the experts queried his ability to take direction.

All eyes

will be on TV3 on Monday night to see if Stephen or Steve will secure the lucrative contract.

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