



Cork Constitution F.C.

Matchzine



Ulster Bank All Ireland League

Shannon R.F.C. V Cork Constitution F.C.

Coonagh 2.30pm 2nd March 2013

Cork Constitution travel to Coonagh on Saturday for their return Ulster Bank League match against **Shannon**. After successive home defeats by **St Mary's College** and **Lansdowne**, it is now vital that **Constitution** get something from this game, if the challenge for a top-half finish is to be maintained.

Constitution will have it all to do on Saturday for after a poor start to their season **Shannon** are on a roll and last Saturday beat **Old Belvedere** 28:17 to claim their third win in five league games and boost their hopes of avoiding relegation from Division 1A this season.

Over the years of the All Ireland League there have been 27 games between the clubs with **Constitution** ahead 14-12 with one game drawn. Included in **Shannon's** total are the two final wins in 2002 and 2004.

Constitution remain in fifth place in the League table on 29 points, now a massive 19 points behind leaders **Lansdowne**. Meanwhile **Shannon** are bottom on 16 points with just those three wins from 12 games played, significantly they are only 4 points behind third from bottom **Old Belvedere**.

Stan Waldron

Week-end Preview

There are important games for the other Constitution sides this week-end. The U21 XV will be looking to keep their winning run going when they entertain Dolphin at Temple Hill on Saturday afternoon. A win for the home side will virtually assure them on entry to the next phase with one game remaining.

On Sunday morning the J2 XV play Carrigaline at Lakelands in the final game of the South Munster J2 League. After good wins over Mitchelstown, Waterpark and Highfield, they can complete the job on Sunday.

The Junior 1 XV play Highfield in Temple hill to decide the South Munster Seconds League title. Highfield won the first encounter at their venue, and while both sides have qualified for the next phase against the North Munster teams, this game will decide who takes the local trophy.

The Junior 1 XV have been delayed in getting their Munster Junior Cup defence going. Their 4th round game with St. Senans has now been re-fixed for Sunday 10th March.

The venue is the Jimmy Slattery Park in Shannon Town. Club support on the day will be appreciated and we wish Andy White and his team well in their first Cup defence

All Ireland Cup Final Venue

The venue for the All Ireland Cup Final between Cork Constitution and St Mary's College will be decided on Thursday night by a toss of a coin by Gordon Black I.R.F.U Rugby Administrator in the presence of Cork Constitution President Finian O'Driscoll and St Mary's College President Michael Fanagan. It's a very welcome decision by the I.R.F.U. to allow both clubs the opportunity to hold the All-Ireland Cup Final at their own ground and give both the opportunity to market and make the final a more enticing experience for club members and the general public. Best of luck to both Presidents and wherever the venue we look forward to meeting St Mary's on April 27Th.

CHELTENHAM RACE DAY

15 March 2013

The annual Cheltenham Race Day will be held on Friday 15 March 2013 in the **Rochestown Park Hotel**. This will be the eleventh Annual Race Day which has become a major attraction in the **Cork Constitution** calendar and each year goes from strength to strength.

The day will start off with a sociable drinks reception commencing at 12 noon followed by a wonderful lunch prepared for us by our friends at **Rochestown Park Hotel**. As usual wine will be supplied to add to your enjoyment and followed by the full race card with the Cheltenham Gold Cup being the highlight of the day.

All the usual add-ons, best dressed Lady and Gent, Race Tipster, Tom Busted and so on will of course add to the days enjoyment so start studying form now to make your day profitable as well as enjoyable.

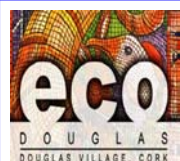
Bearing in mind the times we are enduring we have maintained the subscription at €60.00 per guest or €600.00 for a table of ten thanks to sponsorship from **Rochestown Park Hotel** and to enable us to plan the day it would help a lot if you would let us have confirmation of your intention to attend as early as possible.

Please contact Noel Walsh, Frank O'Connor, Des Murphy, Ian O'Leary, Leonard Dowling, Mary Walsh Colm Murphy or Jan Derham if you want to attend what promises to be a most enjoyable event.

Ulster Bank AIL V Old Belvedere R.F.C.

23 March 2013

Pre Match Lunch



The club will be hosting a pre Match lunch for the Ulster Bank Ail game V **Old Belvedere R.F.C.** The guest Speaker will be **Mr Alan Crosby**, Chairman Thomas Crosby Holdings Limited.

Please contact **John O'Mahony** or **Ross O'Dowling** if you want to attend what promises to be a most enjoyable event.

The winner of the **Eco Restaurant** sponsored guess the score prize for the Lansdowne game was Lansdowne's Michael Daly

U 13's Race Evening Saturday 23 February 2013

Last Saturday night's under 13s race night in Temple Hill proved a roaring success with parents, grandparents, kids, family and friends gathered to try their luck on the ten races held on the night.

With all horses sponsored thanks to the generosity of dozens of different benefactors, excitement reigned for both the punters and the owners alike.



Four of the U 13 boys did a superb job of manning the betting table, namely Mark Fitzgibbon, Ray Mansfield, Alex O'Mahony & Conor Roe, with punters standing four deep at many stages.

The races brought frustration, joy and tears, but definitely one of the highlights of the night was the auction for the horses in the final race with friend pitted against friend and family out bidding family – this part led to some of the loudest cheers and encouragement of the evening.

The under age committee would like to thank many people, including all those who attended Constitution on Saturday night, the parents and coaches who worked hard organising this and all the fundraising activities, the many individuals and companies who bought advertising space on the program and last, but not least the individuals and companies who donated the spot prizes, namely, Ballymaloe House, The Silver Key, Moran Hotel Group, Dingle Skeellig Hotel and Barrys Tea.

Next Saturday March 2 the U 13's welcome St Michaels to Temple Hill
Margo O'Leary

Lansdowne U 11's Visit Templehill

Last Saturday Lansdowne U 11s visited Temple Hill for the second year in succession.



Lansdowne fielded two teams and Constitution three, so a series of six games were played over 60 minutes which provided a fabulous curtain raiser for the main event - the clash of AIL league leaders Lansdowne and Cork Constitution.



Both Constitution and Lansdowne entertained the enthralled spectators with very enjoyable games of fast and free flowing rugby. Both teams were treated to a meal prior to setting out to watch the Ulster Bank League Game.

U 11 coach Sean O'Riordan was presented with a Lansdowne FC crest for our new club which is inscribed on the occasion of their visit to Cork Con FC

This fixture has become an annual event and it is hoped to continue again next season when the U 11's will travel to Lansdowne to support our senior team when they play Lansdowne in the Ulster Bank League

The Lansdowne coaches and players acknowledged the welcome they received and wished Cork Con F.C. and the our new Club House the best in the future.

An U 11 team also travelled to Midleton RFC for their club day and again some great tries and skill shown by U 11s

The U 11s are away to Tralee RFC this week-end Sean O'Riordan



Serge Blanco Man of the Match

The winner of the Serge Blanco Cork Constitution Man of the Match for the Ulster Bank AIL match V Lansdowne was **Cathal O'Flaherty**

Serge Blanco was arguably one of the best French full backs in the modern game of Rugby. In 1992, he transferred his number 15 and his name to this exclusive range of clothing for men and children.



Serge Blanco 59 St Patrick Street

You can also buy on line at www.sergeblanco.ie .

This award is kindly sponsored by John Mannix pictured presenting the man of the match award to Cathal.

Under 14-15 2013 London Tour Fund Raiser

On Friday 1 March the Under 14-15 squad are holding a quiz night to raise much needed funds for their 2013 Tour To London commencing at 8:00 PM in the Clubhouse.

All are very welcome and a great night is assured as there will be fantastic prizes for the winners plus numerous spot prizes and a raffle.

Tables of four cost €80 and the U 15 coaches would encourage all parents to attend and if at all possible to bring a couple of friends.

Your support for this fund raiser would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Barry on 087-9253939 for further information. Page 2



Cork Constitution Football Club Concession Scheme

| Name | Location | Offer Details |
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| Rochestown Park Hotel | Rochestown | 15% Discount on spend over €50 Discounts from 10% to 30% on MRI, X-ray, D X A, Ultrasound and C T |
| Euromedic | Elysian Cork and 3 Dublin Centres | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| Finn's Corner | Grand Parade | Earn Discounts with Loyalty Card , Cash back to Club |
| O'Sullivan's Pharmacies | Various | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| Fitzgerald's Menswear | Patrick Street | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| Quill's | All Store's | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| Jacques Restaurant | Phoenix Street | 10% discount A la Carte menu - Mon to Fri Excl Wine |
| Island Gate Restaurant | Glounthaune | 10% discount Lunch & Evening Meal (Excl Wine) |
| Tracey Shoes | Patrick Street | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| The Framemaker | Patrick Street | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| O'Donovans Off Licence | All Stores | 5% discount on ALL Wines |
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| Diane O'Mahony Jewellers | Winthrop Street | 10% discount (excluding sale stock) |
| The Temple Inn | Ballintemple | 10% discount on all lunches |
| Welch Sports | Cork City | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| Serge Blanco | Patrick Street | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| The Wine Buff | Oliver Plunkett St (Only) | 10% discount on all stock (Except sale goods) |
| South County Bar & Café | Douglas Village | Free Cappuccino with Lunch or Evening Meal |
| Carey Tool Hire | City Hall Quay | 10% discount on Sales or Hire (Excl sales goods) |

Discount Available to members on production of Membership Card

Charity Cake Sale



Last Saturday there was a great turnout for the charity cake sale in the Clubhouse. Much needed funds were raised for a very worthy cause, The Street Children of Calcutta.

Thank you all so much for your great support, it is very much appreciated.

Alex Dillon

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to **Peter O'Leary** who recently held a birthday party in the Clubhouse.

Highlight of the evening, which had a rock and roll theme, was Peter's speech which was eloquently delivered and rapturously received.

Martin O'Brien has asked me to let everyone know that he did not take this photo.



Cork Constitution FC Shop

The shop stocks Cork Con Club Jerseys, Shorts, Socks, Hoodies, etc supplied by O'Neill's Sportswear and 4ORM.

Saturday 09:45 AM to 12:30 PM

AIL Match Days 09:45 AM to 13:30 PM

Club Members can avail of a 10% discount when purchasing with Membership Card. Best wishes to **Clo-dagh** who is recovering from surgery on her leg injury



Many Thanks to **Martin O'Brien** for providing the photographs for the Cork Constitution.

You can view all of Martin's fantastic photos on the Cork Constitution Facebook page. Page 3

CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP DAY

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If you have any news item, event details or article you would like published in The Cork Constitution or Matchzine please forward to Pat Twomey at

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All contributions are more than welcome especially since I am running out of jokes to fill the odd gap in the news letter.

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