

# Cork Constitution F.C. Matchzine



## ALL IRELAND LEAGUE

### Division IA

**Cork Constitution F.C. V U.C.C. R.F.C.**

**5Th April 2019 8.00 PM**

For the first time in 4 years "Friday Night Under Lights" returns to Temple Hill as Cork Constitution entertain University College Cork. We welcome U.C.C. R.F.C. President, Rory Bevan, his committee, team and supporters.

The last time Constitution played a local derby under lights on a Friday night was back in December 2014 when Constitution ended a three match run without a win over neighbours Dolphin by winning 17 -6. A feature of the game was Dolphin spent the last twenty minutes camped close to the Constitution line but excellent defending saw the home side hold out. The win also meant Constitution won the inaugural Keary Cup.

Last week end Constitution were emphatically beaten by 37 – 13 by Trinity College Dublin in College Park. A first half injury time try from Alex McHenry converted by Aidan Moynihan give Constitution a well-deserved 10-5 half time lead. In the second half Trinity turned on the style in ruthless fashion to overwhelm Constitution and strengthen their grip on fourth spot, moving six points ahead of Garryowen.

Last week-end Rob Hedderman ran in a priceless late try as U.C.C. edged a titanic tussle with Young Munster 13-10 in front of a large and passionate Mardyke crowd. As the end of the regular season comes into view, U.C.C. are in a furious scrap for points as the students are currently sitting in 7th place in the 10-team league. With only 4 points separating the last four teams they would love to add Constitution to the scalps of Trinity, Lansdowne, Shannon and Young Munster.

Constitution will be looking for an improved performance as a win for the home side would wrap up top spot and a home semi-final. However league places count for nothing in local derby's and a very close encounter is in the offing on Friday night. It's two clubs with rich traditions and it promises to be an intriguing tie with the result always in doubt until the final whistle.

### AIL Match Day Information

Admission: €10 for adults, OAP €5.

Paid up members of Cork Constitution, students with valid student cards and all children under the age of 16 have free admission.

### Pre-match Buffet

Why not join us for a Buffet Lunch on Friday night. The Buffet lunch will be served at 18:30 in the Hall so you will be able to relax in a casual atmosphere, with other knowledgeable rugby people.

**SOLD OUT**

The buffet is great value at €25:00 including match ticket, the food is excellent and there will be a well known Guest Speaker. For Bookings please contact John Murphy 087 2540529 or Donal Grogan 087 2580374

### CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY

This year's Cheltenham Day took place as usual in the Rochestown Park Hotel where numbers attending reached new records. This was partially due to Cork Builders Providers, Event Main Sponsors, inviting a large numbers of their customers.

The day started as is customary with our Cork Dry Gin and Tonic Reception and this was followed by lunch with the renowned Beef or Fish choice of menu, beautifully served by the staff of the Rochestown Park Hotel, .

Frank O'Connor kept the day moving smoothly and the races were interspersed with all the usual features including our raffle and "Best Dressed" Competitions.

Winner of 2 Tickets for Ireland v Wales in the 2020 6 Nations including overnight accommodation was Trevor Mahony.

Our resident tipster Tom Busted gave of his expert inside knowledge and as always it was a "Day at the Races" which was enjoyed universally and was every bit as good as the real thing.

We thank all our regular guests for their continued support and look forward to their company for many years to come.

Here's to 2020 and thanks again to all our friends.

**Cheltenham Committee**

## Cork Constitution U 8's



It was a maiden social trip to remember for 25 of the Cork Con under-8s as they watched the Ireland Under-20s keep their hopes of a Six Nations Grand Slam alive with a spirited and high-scoring defeat of France at Musgrave Park. Bearing in mind that it was also the coaches' maiden voyage with this group of children to a non-playing event, head coach Paul Gallagher had not only bought a group ticket but compiled a list of people who were down to attend. We made sure we were also well served with great support from parents willing to help us keep an eye on our charges as they settled into the East Terrace. Brian Fitzgerald had very kindly printed up a roll of name tags with contact numbers that we were able to stick onto the lads in case any somehow got lost. Thankfully they were not needed but it was great to have the peace of mind.

Thanks to the encouragement of coach Tom O'Connell and his inspirational Kerry enthusiasm, the U20s may never have had such a vocal (and high pitched) chorus of support as they got from the lads throughout the match.

For such a young cohort, the U8s followed the activity on the field very closely and cheered like champions (especially when there was a bit of handbags between the two teams midway through the first half).

The skill levels from both teams seemed to really strike a chord with the lads - the U20s French team had much better ball-retention than their senior colleagues barely 48 hours later.

A long injury delay to one of the French players meant we were a little behind schedule for our handover back to parents at 9pm so with Ireland seemingly in control we left a few minutes early to get the lads back to the rendezvous while avoiding the crowds. Thankfully a late flurry from the French while we were gone didn't change the outcome (Final Score 31-29) or we would no doubt have heard all about it from the lads.

## Joe Moran U11 Blitz

The Cork Con U11 squad took part in the Annual Joe Moran Blitz at Naas RFC on Saturday March 30th. We had 35 players in attendance (two teams entered) and had a great day. We departed Cork Con at 7am arriving in plenty of time for KO at 10.45am.



A very well organized blitz where there was up to 35 teams participating. We had the pleasure of lining out against, Naas, Clanwilliam, Willow Park, Cobh, Newbridge, Tullow to name a few....,

The teams played six matches each, victorious in many but played very sportingly. We departed Naas at 15.00 and the boys were treated to Mc Donalds on route back to Cork for 18.30. A great day all round. They certainly did their club and their families very proud in their behavior both on and off the field.

Thank you sincerely to the U11 coaches that travelled to assist on the day.

### Under -age News Update

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 52 of the U12's and 10 coaches will travel to Dublin for the annual Willow Park rugby festival – all looking forward it.

Looking forward to the 13<sup>th</sup> April, we have 120 kids and 30 coaches from the 8's 9's, 10's & 11's traveling to Limerick to play Shannon in the morning and watch Con in AIL game in the afternoon – promises to be a great day out. After Shannon, all our juvenile age groups will have had at least 2 away trips.

# Golf Classic

Cork Constitution Football Club annual golf classic takes place on Friday 26th April in Douglas Golf Club. Each year Cork Constitution Football Club puts on an 18 hole 3-person team Golf Classic to raise needed funds for the ongoing running of the club. For those who have in previous years entered teams or sponsored the classic in some way, we thank you for your valued support.

We kick off our Classic this year with early tee times from 08:56am. You are welcome arrive before your tee time and use the Douglas Golf Club state of the art simulator and test your skill on a simulated near-the-pin competition. A resident expert will be on hand to offer tips on your swing. A meal awaits hungry golfers after completing the round.

Tee times are available from 08:56am to 12:24pm, and from 14:00pm to 16.30pm. The day ends with Prize ceremony at 9pm. We welcome you to come out and enjoy this great day of golf and entertainment. Meet old friends and make new ones. For your preferred tee-time please contact Dave Cagney on 087 2364627 or [cagneydave@gmail.com](mailto:cagneydave@gmail.com), or to any of the organising team (see below).

If you cannot participate in the golf, we will be delighted if you would to sponsor a tee box or a prize.

Each tee-time for 3 persons costs €300, which includes meal. There will be a reduced price for the earliest tee times

Sponsor a tee box for €100

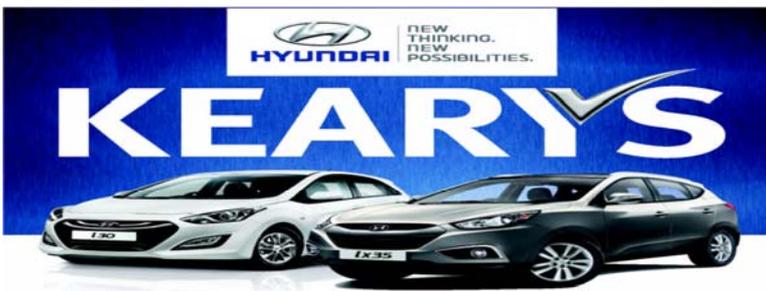
Hope to see you there!

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