



# MatchZine



## Final Munster Junior Cup

**Cork Constitution F.C. V Cashel**

**Musgrave Park**

**Easter Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2:30**

## Munster Junior 2 Cup

**Cork Constitution F.C. V Tralee**

**Ballincollig**

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011 16:30**

### Junior Cup Final Easter Sunday Musgrave Park 2.30 PM

When **Cork Constitution** and **Cashel** meet in the final of the Munster Junior Cup at Musgrave Park next Sunday, it will be their first at the final stage of this venerable competition. However, the clubs did meet at the semi final stage in 2008, at Clifford Park, Limerick, when **Constitution** emerged victorious on a 17-6 score line.

The Constitution team on that day was: M.Keyes; P.Hurley, J.Cullen, D.O'Kane, R.Casey Capt.; D.Lyons. C.Nolan; G.Murray (T.Ryan), R.Quinn, R.Hassan; J.Maloney, E.Cassidy (J.Noonan); N.Barry (D.Murray), D.Daly, E.Leamy.

Two players from that team will meet again on Sunday, but on opposite sides. Gareth Murray will captain Constitution, while Ed Leamy will play in the Cashel back row. While captain Robert Casey is the current **Constitution** coach.

**Constitution** went on to claim their seventeenth Heineken Munster Junior Cup, with a superb injury time try from captain Robert Casey sealing the win against U.C.C. on a score line of **17:10**.

In this season's Cup campaign **Constitution** had wins over Youghal (21-15) and Richmond (21-17) on the road, before a home quarter final win over old rivals Garryowen (45-23) at Temple Hill. In the semi final at Musgrave Park they accounted for Cashel's County Tipperary neighbours Kilfeacle by 17-10.

**Cashel** qualified for the final with clear-cut home wins over Crosshaven (37-16), St Marys (17-10), Dolphin (39-3) and Galbally (34-10) in the semi final. This year **Cashel** have won the Munster Junior League, and were unbeaten with 13 straight wins.

Cashel are captained by **Brendan (Boc) O'Conner** who together with wing forward Ed Leamy have played All Ireland League for **Constitution**. Ed Leamy also played on the last **Constitution** side to win the Munster Junior Cup.

Last weekend **Cashel** won the Munster Junior Challenge Cup (for Junior clubs) with a resounding 48-10 victory over the recently crowned All Ireland Junior Cup winners Crosshaven.

By virtue of their success in the Munster Junior League they have been promoted to Division 2B status of the Ulster Bank All Ireland League next season.

Thus next Sunday will be **Cashel's** last competitive fixture as a Junior club, and they are certainly very worthy of their newly-won status. We congratulate them heartily on their success and wish them every success for next season.

However, **Constitution** also value the Munster Junior Cup, as their success over the years attests. This will be the club's 32nd final since the first final back in 1909. **Constitution** lost that final to Crescent College, and went on to lose a further eight finals before their first success in 1949. Since then the record stands at 17 wins from 22 finals.

**Cashel's** record this season is without parallel in recent times. They will present a mighty challenge for youthful Constitution side comprised of a large number of the season's successful Under 21 squad. Previously when Middleton were at Cashel's level and qualified for the All Ireland League in 1998, they defeated **Constitution** in successive years in Munster Junior Cup finals. So it will be interesting to see how the next generation of **Constitution** players handle the battle-hardened **Cashel** troops.

The action takes place at Musgrave Park next Sunday at 2.30pm.

Stan Waldron

### Junior Cup 2 Final Good Friday Ballincollig 4.30 PM

**Cork Constitution** and **Tralee** contest the final of the South Munster Junior 2 Cup at Tanner Park, Ballincollig RFC's ground, on Good Friday at 4.30pm.

**Constitution** have reached the final with a series of victories against Kinsale (h) 13-3, Ballincollig (a) 11-6, Muskerry (a) 20-13 and Cobh Pirates (h) 29-22.

Meanwhile, **Tralee** have shown excellent form with some big wins. In the first round they overwhelmed Kenmare at home 65-0; Carrigaline were next to fall by 37-0; another big win followed over Highfield 28-0, and in the semi final they defeated Dolphin 27-17.

By any standard they are a fine set of results and clearly, **Tralee** are very a strong team and it will take a big performance if the Cup is to return to Temple Hill. **Constitution** have a good record in the J2 Cup (previously known as the Minor 'A' Cup) having won 32 times since the first win in 1905/06 season. However, it is now four years since Brian Ring's team last lifted the Cup and number 33 is overdue.

Incidentally, the **Constitution President, Der O'Riordan** was the proud captain in 1985, and this season he has been a great champion of the Minors. The current captain, John O'Donovan, has already lifted the Dennehy Cup, and he will be hopeful of adding a second trophy on Good Friday, though he may have to wait until Saturday to fill the Cup with a celebratory drink.

Stan Waldron

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## Man of the Match

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### Gerry Hurley



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## UP COMING EVENTS

### Cork Constitution Rugby Summer Camp 2011



#### DETAILS

##### Course Fees:

€100 per child

##### Family Discount

1<sup>st</sup> Child €100  
2<sup>nd</sup> & subsequent child is €90 each.

##### Course Info:

Time: 9.30am-1.30pm (Monday-Friday)  
Ages: Boys & Girls aged 6-13

##### Dates

4<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
11<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011

##### Contact us:

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##### Postal Address:

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Temple Hill,  
Ballintemple,  
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**Course fees quoted  
above are per week**

##### Closing Date

- There are limited places available at the camps and all will be filled on a first come first served basis.
- Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Applications Forms for the Summer Camp are available to download on the Club's Website**

## Ulster Bank League Final

### Cork Constitution F.C.

v

### Old Belvedere R.F.C.

*Donnybrook Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2:35*



Last Sunday in Templehill **Constitution** fought off a very strong challenge from Young Munster to advance for the second year in succession to the League Final where they will meet Old Belvedere who beat gallant a Clontarf with the last play of the game.

Last year in Athlone the **Constitution** army of supporters was a vital factor in driving the team to victory. To make sure that this is repeated for this year's final transportation arrangements are being finalised.

**Full details will be posted next week on the Club Website , Facebook Page and the May newsletter.**

## Tag Rugby Barbeque Volunteers



Volunteers needed for June/ First 2 weeks of July to manage running of Tag Rugby Barbeque . 3 Volunteers needed as steering committee to run the procurement , Finance & Rostering .

Also needed volunteers needed maybe 1-2 nights during the above dates to go on Barbeque roster. Please contact Pat Moynihan

You can download our monthly news letter The Cork Constitution from our Website [www.corkcon.ie](http://www.corkcon.ie)

If you have any news item or article you would like published in the news letter please forward to Pat Twomey at [PATT@ireland.com](mailto:PATT@ireland.com)

All contributions are more then welcome.

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**The Club Shop is now on-line all club gear can be viewed and purchased by visiting [www.corkcon.ie](http://www.corkcon.ie) and click on Shop**

## Date for Your Dairy

**This years Family Fun Day will be held on Saturday**

**14 May 2011**



Planning for this years Family Fun Day is well under way and we are delighted to announce that **Ulster Bank** sponsor of the All League have kindly agreed to make their **Kick A Thon Unit** available for the Club's use on the day.