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The Cork Constitution

Cork Constitution F.C. V Young Munster R.F.C.

Clifford Park Saturday 5th January 2012 2:30

On Saturday next **Cork Constitution** will play the return Ulster Bank League fixture with **Young Munster** at Clifford Park. **Young Munster** won the first game 23-16 at Temple Hill on 3rd December, when their superior scrummaging on the day was a key factor in their success.

Young Munster are currently third in Division 1A having won seven of their ten games to date. Most recently they defeated **Blackrock College** at Clifford Park on a 25-10 score line. They have 31 points, four points behind **St Mary's College** and four points ahead of **Constitution** in fifth place. **Constitution** won six of their ten games to date and last week scored a home success over Lansdowne.

It is a vital fixture for both sides striving to rein in leaders **St Mary's College**. This season there is no top four play-off, which in itself is ironic, in that **Constitution** topped the league for the last five seasons, but only won the play off twice.

Last week's game against **Lansdowne** was notable for right wing **Cathal Quinn** who scored his first AIL tries in his 10th game of the season. A prolific scorer at junior level, lets hope he can gain confidence from that double. **Niall O'Driscoll** is top try scorer with five tries, while **Gerry Hurley** is top points scorer with 77 points from 1 try, 20 penalties and six conversions.

Overall **Constitution** have scored 13 tries in the 10 games while conceding 12 tries. **Constitution** have scored 152 points and conceded 142 points. Meanwhile **Young Munster** have scored 188 points and conceded 158 points.

Your team needs your support

Don't let them down

Building for the Next Generation

Cork City Council recently granted planning permission for our new clubhouse and work will commence shortly.

Cork Constitution has a long and historic association with Temple Hill dating back to 1952 when the site at Temple Hill was chosen and the land purchased. Two pitches were laid out and a small clubhouse built.



The opening game at the venue was against Lansdowne on September 26th 1953.

The new clubhouse development that will sit well in our historic surroundings and cater for Cork Constitution's rugby, social and administrative demands for the foreseeable future.

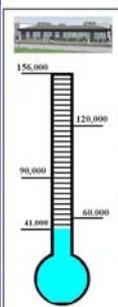


The new clubhouse will cater for the needs of the players, members, spectators and guests on match days, training nights and social occasions.

The development will also transform the dressing rooms into more spacious changing facilities for our underage, juvenile, male and female players and will also include an up to date weights room.

We hope that the new buildings, once built, will greatly enhance the historic Temple Hill grounds and that our hugely improved facilities and grounds will ensure that we can provide for the needs of both present and future members.

Fund Raising Target



Cork Constitution has made very substantial progress in funding the new development. Between our own resources and generous funding from the **Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport** the fund raising required to complete the development is **€156,000**.

To date **€41,000** has been pledged, a good start but still a long way to go.

Details of our Tax Back scheme are outlined on page 2



Clubhouse Open for Six Nations

Irelands RBS 6 Nations games will dominate the rugby scene for the next few weeks, and we hope that our members will continue to support the club and watch the games in the Clubhouse as the Bar will be open for all of Irelands Games



Congratulations to **Peter O'Mahony** on his selection on the Ireland match day squad for the RBS 6 Nations game V Wales.

Congratulations also to **Stephen Archer** and **Simon Zebo** who earned Ireland A caps against England.

Tax Back

We all like to receive money back from the "**Tax Man**". By using the tax breaks under the **Tax Back** scheme all approved donations to the Club will increase the gross amount received by the Club.

Cork Constitution F.C. can claim tax back on your donation at **no cost to you!** The Club can claim tax back at a rate of up to 70% from the Revenue Commissioners on donations towards the cost of the clubhouse by individuals who pay PAYE.

How does it work ?

This example is based on the Club receiving from a tax payer , paying tax at the higher rate of 41% , a cheque for €590 or a standing order of €59 per month for ten months commencing in March 2012

EXAMPLE:

	Monthly	Annual
PAYE tax payer contributes €59 per month	€59	€590
Club receive tax back at 41%	€41	€410
Total received by club	€100	€1,000

€59 per month is worth €1,000 per annum to the Club. If standing orders are continued until September 2013 it would be worth €2,000 to the Club over the 2 years.

Standing order forms are available in the clubhouse and standing orders can also be completed **on line**.

What do you have to do?

All you we need to do is sign a short form in order for us to claim back the tax. If the tax relief is not claimed by Cork Constitution F.C. it **stays** with the taxman and is **lost forever**. All we need is your help to fill out the short form to make sure we can claim this tax back and put it to work building for the next generation.

Self-employed

A self-employed tax payer can pay the contribution to the Club gross and receive a tax write-off for this contribution in their tax return.

EXAMPLE:

	Annual
Self-employed tax payer contributes €1,000 Club receives	€1,000
Tax relief @ 41%	€410
Net cost to contributor	€590

Contributions can be made by installments i.e. 4 X €250 however all contributions must be received in 2012

Can companies benefit from tax relief?

If you are a company, treat your contribution as a normal business expense, deductible at the appropriate rate of corporation tax.

Receipts

Receipts will be issued for all donations.

For further details contact

Brian Humphries, Ian O'Leary Finian O'Driscoll , Jack O'Sullivan, Stephen Murphy, Pat Twomey , Don O'Riordan Noel Walsh, Pat O'Keeffe, Peter Good, Kevin Fielding

Club House Development



As part of the new development our administrator, **Fiona Burke** has moved to a temporary office in the hall. Our phone numbers and fax numbers remain unchanged.

Work on the new clubhouse will commence shortly and there will be regular progress reports in the monthly newsletters .



WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED DURING THE BUILDING OPERATIONS

We hope to keep disruptions to a minimum during the construction stage but members should be aware that once construction commences there will be no parking within the grounds.

We would also request members to obey all construction notices and avoid entering construction areas.

UNDERAGE CHRISTMAS QUIZ



Euromedic Cork Proud Sponsors of Cork Con Underage Rugby

Incredibly seven entries answered all questions correctly in the **Euromedic** sponsored Underage Christmas Quiz . **Euromedic** have very generously agreed to sponsor a hoodie for the first four entries drawn out of a hat by Club President **Brian Humphries**. The winners are

- ◆ **Luke O' Donovan U9's**
- ◆ **James Scanlon U 12's**
- ◆ **Jack O'Riordan U13's**
- ◆ **Ciara O'Connor**

The answers to the **Euromedic** Underage Christmas Quiz have been posted on the Club website.

The Hoodies will be presented to the winners at the Pre- match Lunch before our next home Ulster Bank League game against Blackrock.

Each prize winner together with one companion shall be guests of the club lunch courtesy of our President **Brian Humphries**.

Thank you to all who entered the quiz.

Pat Twomey

The Ezine can be downloaded from the Cork Constitution website WWW.corkcon.ie

Underage Section News

Lansdowne U 10's Blitz



I'm sure Cork Con doesn't have a monopoly on warmth and hospitality but they are not far off it, certainly on the reception given to the Lansdowne U10s for their visit to Temple Hill on Saturday 28th January. This was an historic trip as the Lansdowne U10s were the last team to officially use the old dressing rooms before a scheduled demolition and rebuild, beginning on Monday 30th January.



It is also fitting to note that the current Cork Con club house was officially opened back on 26th September 1953 and on that day Cork Con hosted Lansdowne in a curtain raiser for the official opening.

The opening and closing chapters in the proud history of the old clubhouse are to be associated with Lansdowne FC.

The ties between these two great clubs go back many years and Sunday's U10 game was but another magnificent chapter in that history of friendship and sportsmanship. The U10s's game also served as an appetiser for the AIL clash which saw Cork Con edge out Lansdowne in a hard fought contest.



All the boys, coaches and parents want to pay a special tribute to the catering on the day. We were treated to a great Irish stew and though we tried, the recipe remains under key in the Cork Con clubhouse.

As coaches and parents at Lansdowne and Cork Con we are but guardians of a game for a very brief period. There is no doubt that on Saturday's evidence; the current guardians are carrying the torch in an exemplary fashion.

[Report courtesy Lansdowne RFC website](#)

Euromedic Cork Proud Sponsors of Cork Con Underage Rugby

Race Night

Proceeds will go towards the U13s Tour to Italy in April



Date: Saturday February 11th
 Start Time: 5:45pm.
 Venue: Club Hall

The Race Night will take place after the A.I.L match between Cork Con and Blackrock College in Temple Hill. The match will kick off at 2:30 and the Race Night will take place in the Clubhouse afterwards.

Everybody is welcome and make sure you bring the kids.

If you would like to purchase a horse @ €20.00 for a race or sponsor a race @ €100.00 please contact Fred Casey on 087-2436807. You will also be able to bet on a few races as there will be a Tote open on the night.

There will be some great prizes on offer and promises to be a great evening.

Please support our Tour and we hope to see you there on the night.



UNDER 12 Tour to St Mary's

70 boys from the U12 squad from Cork Con visited Dublin on Saturday January 14th. Four teams from the U12s played games - two against St. Michael's school in Ballsbridge (at Wanderers RFC grounds) and two against St. Mary's RFC in Templeville Road.

Both St. Michael's and St. Mary's kindly fed the boys after their respective games. Around 2pm the boys all re-convened at St. Mary's clubhouse to applaud the senior teams from Con and Mary's onto the pitch in advance of the AIL Div I game.

After watching Con miss out on a losing bonus point the boys had their spirits raised again when they watched TV coverage of Munster's great performance against Castres in St. Mary's clubhouse.

The boys were (eventually) corralled onto the busses around 6pm and after a stop on the motorway for refreshments, arrived home in Temple Hill at 9:30pm where the U12 coaches gladly handed over their charges to the waiting parents. A great day out ... despite the disappointing result in the AIL game.

Kevin Fielding

Annual President & Captain's Dinner

The annual President & Captain's Dinner was held at the clubhouse on Friday 27th January. Special guests included Denis Kelleher, President Munster Branch IRFU and Paddy Boylan, President Lansdowne FC, who were the opponents in the following day's Ulster Bank League game.



In addition, the Presidents of the Cork senior clubs attended, and a special welcome was extended to Kay Bowen, President Dublin University Football Club, whose husband Jim was, of course, a Cork Constitution stalwart in his playing days before 'emigrating' to Dublin.

John O'Mahony as MC for the evening, did a fine job in a calm, efficient manner. He welcomed all the guests especially President of the Munster Branch IRFU and other Club Presidents.

Often at club dinners, the meal itself is subordinate in importance and quality to the speeches, not on this occasion when both were of the highest order.

The dinner was a really enjoyable meal, with a fine seafood starter and the main course comprised a fine array of vegetables, well presented, and exceptionally high quality tender beef, complemented by a rascallion Red and a suitable white wine for the ladies present. The caterers Billy and May of Long Boats quite rightly received widespread praise.



In the time honoured tradition of the event, the popular immediate past President Der O'Riordan paid tribute to the incumbent President and Captain, and as always did not spare their blushes. Both Brian and Gareth had started their rugby careers in Cork Con at the tender age of six and both had given many years of service to the club.



President Brian Humphries graciously replied, and took the opportunity to outline the Clubhouse Development project that is about to begin, and noted that next year's event will be in the new clubhouse.

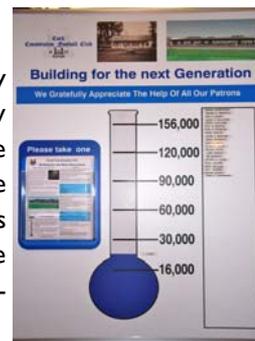
Captain Gareth Murray thanked the members for their support of the players and looked forward to a strong second half of the season.

Tom Kiernan spoke of the tradition that the club has developed at the Temple Hill venue since moving from the Mardyke in 1953, and complemented the prudent management of the club as they embark on the forthcoming development.

Stan Waldron became the 15th inductee to the club's Hall of Fame, and the President outlined his long record of varied service to the club over some 40 years, that included captaincy twice and presidency in 1989/90 season.

In acceptance, Stan noted that the award is somewhat presumptuous, since the many stalwart members who established the club and built it to its present eminent position, were never formally honoured in their time. He went on to draw attention to many of the most prominent members from the past, including the life and times of David Kilroy, the first captain and the early guiding spirit.

Senior Vice president Ian O'Leary formally launched the Fundraising Scheme for the new clubhouse development and urged every one present to take one of the leaflets outlining the tax back scheme. Ian unveiled the Patron's board which will be placed in the bar. The amount raised through fund raising will be updated on the board weekly.



Once again it was an outstanding evening with a full house in attendance, and thanks were expressed to John O'Mahony who acted as MC, and once again headed the organising committee. As the night later drew to a close, some notable voices aired their favourite melodies, before a few 'night owls' withdrew to an embedded lounge at another favoured venue.



If all dinners were as enjoyable as this one, we could have several yearly and still draw the crowds. It was a great success for the immensely popular president, Brian Humphries and captain Gareth Murray.

The bar staff under the watchful eye of Charlie Murphy and young club members who helped to bring much needed drink to the tables were efficient and polite and were top class. Martin O'Brien, official Club Photographer, was present throughout the evening to record the event for posterity.

God willing we can look forward to the 2013 annual President & Captain's Dinner in our new clubhouse.

Stan Waldron & Pat Twomey

Christmas Quiz Winners



Sponsored by Rochestown Park Hotel

First Prize RPH €100 Voucher Winner **Mike Boland**

Second Prize RPH €50 Voucher **Liam Hurley**

Second Prize RPH €30 Voucher **Gordon Good**

The answers to the Rochestown Park Hotel Christmas Quiz have been posted on the Club website.

The vouchers will be presented to the winners at the Pre-match Lunch before our next home Ulster Bank League game against Blackrock. Each prize winner shall be a guests of the club at the lunch courtesy of our President **Brian Humphries**.

Thank you to all who entered the quiz.

Pat Twomey

Getting to know Brian Hayes



Brian is an up and coming second row who as playing Captain in a young and developing Constitution side is leading by example.

Brian played his school rugby with C.B.C. whom he captained to a Munster Senior Cup title against Rockwell in 2009. Brian joined Constitution in 2009 and played a key part in our double winning team of 2009/2010. He made his full Munster debut in Munster's historic win over Australia in November 2010.

Brian's representative honours include: Munster Schools/U19/20 and Ireland Schools/U19/20 he also played in the 2010 IRB Junior World Championship in Argentina.

Name: Brian Hayes

Place of Birth: Cork

Currently Residing: Ballintemple

Education: C. B. C.

Occupation: Third Year Commerce Student in UCC

First started playing Rugby when: 5 years old in Sundays Well

Sportsperson Admire Most: Peyton Manning

Toughest Opponents: Eoin O'Malley, Peter Neville

Career Highlight to date: Captaining Ireland 19s to beat France in France.

Favourite Other Sport: GAA, American Football

Favourite team outside rugby: Indianapolis Colts

Hobbies outside rugby: Relaxing, Watching any sport besides rugby

Best part of being a rugby player: constantly gives you something to work towards, winning competitions

Worst part of being a rugby player: Sneaky fitness sessions, Missing out on social occasions

Person you would most like to meet: Simon Zebo,

Person you would avoid at all costs: Bryan Cagney in the five minutes before a game

Favourite Food: Creole with jalapeños from KCs

Sporting Event you'd most like to attend: Colts-Patriots game

Best place you've visited: Ocean City, Maryland

Three people you would invite to dinner and why; David Attenborough- for the stories, Adriana Lima for the looks and LeBron James

News from afar

In the November edition we introduced a new concept where we catch up people who have been associated with Cork Constitution in the past and who are now living far from our shores. To date we have had contributions from New Zealand and Dubai.

If are a member living abroad or if you know a member who lives far away and would like to contribute please contact me at

PATT@ireland.com

Pat Twomey

40rm Online Shop



The 40rm range of casual Cork Constitution gear is now available to purchase on-line. Just click on the link on the Cork Con Website

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 game was

Cathal Quinn



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 Ire 59 St Patrick Street, Cork You can also buy on line at www.sergeblanco.ie This award is kindly sponsored by John Mannix, Serge Blanco Ire



Bainisteoir

Congratulations to **Pat O'Keeffe**, recently appointed **Bainisteoir** to the Blackrock senior hurling team. Pat's sporting career has now gone full circle. After starring with the Rockies as an underage player, he helped Monkstown Golf Club win the Aer Lingus Irish Youths title in 1976. Pat started his rugby career when he joined Cork Constitution as kit manager for the Senior Team. His next move was Kit manager with Munster Rugby which led to his appointment as Kit manager for the British & Irish Lions team which toured Australia in 2001. Pat was President of the club during our double winning season of 2009/2010.

All in Cork Constitution wish the Rockies and Pat every success for the coming season.

SENIORS KEEP IN TOUCH

Cork Con are in fifth place in the AIL table after two stirring victories against Old Belvedere and Lansdowne.

Match reports by Stan Waldron.

Date: 07/01/2012

Cork Con FC 1st XV V Old Belvedere

Score: 9 - 7

Before this Ulster Bank League tie between Old Belvedere and Cork Constitution, the Dublin side had not won any of their seven games, but had gained a bonus point in each of their six defeats. Meanwhile, Constitution had lost all their home games, but had won all their away games. And remarkably both sides retained these stats at the end of a very tough competitive game.

Despite missing an easy 10th minute penalty chance, Old Belvedere took the lead two minutes later with a slick try on the left wing by full back Danny Riordan. When Darragh Lyons tried to run a ball from defence, Riordan read his chip perfectly and scored readily, for Wynne to add the points. Gerry Hurley closed the deficit with a penalty after 15 minutes, but missed a similar opportunity in the 34th minute to leave his side trailing 3-7 at the break.

Constitution had the benefit of the breeze in the second period and continued to probe the Belvedere defence from majority possession. When Duncan Williams replaced Gerry Hurley at scrum half on 50 minutes,

Johnny Holland took over the kicking duties with a successful effort two minutes later to close the gap to a point. In a tense final 15 minutes, Belvedere had a player sin-binned, and Holland took his opportunity to kick the winning points in the 76th minute.

The victory keeps Constitution in the hunt for honours and they face the new League leaders St Mary's College in Dublin next week

Date: 14/01/2012

Cork Con FC 1st XV V St. Marys

Score: 8 - 21

Venue: Templeville

St Mary's College showed their determination to maintain leadership of the Ulster Bank League with a gritty performance at Templeville Road. They dominated the opening half and registered the opening scores from full back Gavin Dunne with two penalties. By half time they had added a try from a maul when No.8 Hugh Hogan got the touchdown, after they had shunted the Constitution pack in from 20 metres.

However, the eleven point deficit did not daunt the young Constitution side, and indeed they played most of the rugby in the second period.

Repeated attacks using their talented backs took play to the Mary's line, and they were rewarded with a fine try by Niall O'Driscoll after Scot Deasy had carved an opening in mid-field. Gerry Hurley missed the conversion, but with an earlier penalty closed the gap to six points.



Further attacks failed to breach the Mary's defence again, and in the final minutes a failure to clear their lines led to a maul on their own line. A clearance to touch would have ended the game with a losing bonus point, but Hurley's kick from the base of the maul was blocked and replacement Damien Hall got to the ball first for a fortunate try.

The conversion deprived a brave Constitution team of a losing bonus point that they would have deserved on their second half performance.

Cork Con FC 1st XV V Lansdowne

Score: 19 - 13 (Con score given first)

Venue: Templehill

Date: 28/01/2012

Cork Constitution defeated Lansdowne in a tough encounter at Temple Hill to keep in contention for Ulster Bank League honours.

They led 9-6 in a first half that was dominated by defences, but in the second period both sides offered more attacking flair. Subsequently the home side edged a victory scoring two tries to Lansdowne's one.



Gerry Hurley gave Constitution a six point lead from two penalties in the 6th and 16th minutes, before Craig Ronaldson replied for Lansdowne in the 22nd minute. Constitution had a rare try scoring chance in the 11th minute, when they won a Lansdowne lineout throw and put the ball wide, but a misplaced pass saw the chance lost. In the final minutes of the half, Hurley and Ronaldson were successful with further penalties.

Hurley missed a good chance when he was wide from 22 metres two minutes after the resumption. Then, in the 48th minute, Lansdowne forged ahead with a well worked try by left wing Matt Healy. The opening was created by out half Ronaldson and he converted for 13-9.

The game opened up more and the greasy conditions caused mistakes on both sides. Sean Scanlon fed Cathal Quinn for a try in the right corner in the 58th minute. And Quinn made the game safe for Constitution 12 minutes later when he finished a slick Con threequarter movement by rounding his man to again score in the right corner. Gerry Hurley narrowly missed both conversions. But Constitution had a significant lead that they nurtured well.



However, Lansdowne did make a valiant attempt to salvage the game with some strong play in the final 10 minutes and Constitution were relieved to take the four points in the end.

U2's I lead SW Conference

Cork Con FC U21 V Highfield

Score: 35 - 6

Venue: Temple Hill

Date: 21/01/2012

Cork Constitution completed their section of the U21 South West Conference with a fine win over Highfield. The bonus point win leaves them well clear at the top of their league section and they can now look forward to the national play-off phase.

Highfield started strongly and their pack were on top in the opening exchanges. They opened the scoring with a penalty after just 3 minutes. Sean Og Murphy missed a penalty chance on 9 minutes for Constitution, but converted a try by Cathal Quinn following a slick break by Cian McGovern a minute later. Highfield closed the gap with a second penalty after 20 minutes, but Murphy put Constitution 13-6 ahead at the break with two further penalties.

Flanker Dean Nolan ran in the second try after 6 minutes of the second half, and in the 52nd minute right wing Eoin O'Donnell cut in from his wing to score a fine try at the posts. Murphy added the points for a 25-6 lead. Cathal Quinn scored the fourth try to ensure the bonus point after 68 minutes and Simon Hanbidge rounded off a fine team performance with a run in from 60 metres in the 70th minute.

Con Team:

B.Monohan; E.O'Donnell, C.McGovern, G.Murray, C.Quinn; S.Murphy, A.Kelleher; C.Keane, B.Vaughan Capt., D.O'Connell; D.O'Brien, Y.Browne; D.Nolan, D.Mullins, S.Hanbidge.

J2's Top Their Section

Cork Con FC J2 V Kanturk

Score: 16 - 13

Venue: Temple Hill

Date: 02/01/2012

Cork Constitution stayed in touch for Junior 2 League honours with an exciting win over Kanturk at Temple Hill. The sides were level 13 points each at half time, and both sides had chances to win before Constitution won at the death with a penalty by out half Brendan Monohan.

Brendan Monohan opened the scoring with a 7th minute penalty, but Kanturk hit back with two penalties from John Cronin to leave the visitors 6-3 ahead after 30 minutes play. Fergus Rowan scored Con's try when he finished a fine move down the left side involving Brendan Monohan, Dave Hayes and Eddie Quinn. Monohan kicked the conversion for 10-6, and added a second penalty in the 40th minute. However, when Con failed to clear from their own line just before the break, Kevin Noonan pounced for a try and Cronin added the points to leave honours even at half time.

The second half was hard fought and the defences just held out until Monohan's late strike gave Con the points.

Cork Con FC J2 V UCC

Score: 27 - 12

Venue: Temple Hill

Date: 15/01/2012

Cork Constitution won their first Junior 2 League second phase game at Temple Hill on Sunday with a good win over University College. Leading 5-0 at the interval they upped their performance level in the second half to stretch their lead to 22-0 after 66 minutes. However, College struck back with two late tries before Con finished with a fourth bonus-point try.

Ryan Hassan scored the first half try when he carried over after 36 minutes. Pierre Hadbi added a penalty at the start of the second period before Tadh Buckley ran in for a try under the posts on 57 minutes. Hadbi added the conversion and repeated the effort for a try by hooker Ben Halpin on 66 minutes. Then UCC struck for a pair of tries in a minute by Alex Coyne and Eoin Corcoran. Mick Murphy converted the first try, and that brought College back to 22-12 with 5 minutes remaining on the clock.

However, Constitution closed out the game with a try by James Sullivan in the final minutes.

Cork Con FC J2 V Tralee

Score: 17 - 20

Venue: Tralee

Date: 22/01/2012

Cork Constitution travelled to Tralee for their second game in the Junior 2 League second phase and came away with a hard earned losing bonus point thanks to a second half fight back. Tralee led 17-7 at the break, but Constitution fought back to finish just three points down at the finish.



In the team's last meeting, Tralee had a comfortable win in last season's Junior 2 Cup final, but on this occasion they were made to battle to the end before claiming the four points on offer.

Tralee notched the opening points from a penalty before Rory O'Sullivan ran in the first of his two tries. However, Tralee replied with two converted tries before half time to lead 17-7 at the break.

Pierre Hadbi kicked a penalty for Constitution on the resumption, but Tralee replied similarly. O'Sullivan scored his second try, and Hadbi's second conversion made for a tense finish, but the home side held out.

Cork Con FC J2 V Skibbereen

Score: 10 - 7 (Con score given first)

Venue: Skibbereen

Date: 29/01/2012

Cork Constitution J2 XV travelled to Skibbereen and came away with the spoil to keep their chances of honours alive in the J2 League. In their previous game against Tralee they staged a second half come back but came up just short; this week they succeeded with two late tries.

The first half was scoreless, and the strong Skibbereen side took the lead midway through the second period with a converted try. In the final quarter, Constitution got a break when Fergus Rowan scored an unconverted try. And then with the clock running down, second row Cormac Fouhy forced his way over for the decisive score. Skibbereen had a late penalty chance to save the game but their kicker was wide with his attempt.

Kevin Minehan played a true captain's part in this stirring victory as he played just two weeks after having an appendix removed.

Having gained 10 points from their three games in the second phase of the J2 League, Constitution top their section, by a point over Skibbereen in second place.

They now await the outcome of the other section to know their semi final opponents in which they will have home advantage.

Believe it or not

The All Blacks were playing England, and after the half-time whistle blew they found themselves ahead 50-0, Daniel Carter getting eight tries.



The rest of the team decided to head for the pub instead of playing the second half, leaving Daniel to go out on his own.

"No worries," Daniel told them, "I'll join you later and tell you what happened." After the game Daniel headed for the pub where he told his teammates the final score: 95-3.

"What!!!!" said a furious McCaw, "How did you let them get three points??!"

Daniel replied apologetically, "I was sent off with 20 minutes to go."

We hope you enjoyed this issue of The Cork Constitution.

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

All contributions are more than welcome.

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Cork Constitution Football Club Concession Scheme

Name	Location	Offer Details
Rochestown Park Hotel	Rochestown	15% Discount on spend over €50 Discounts from 10% to 30% on MRI, X-ray, D XA, Ultrasound and CT
Euro medic	Elysian Cork and 3 Dublin Centres	
Finn's Corner	Grand Parade	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
Kiernans Garden Centre	Douglas Shopping Centre	10% discount (excluding sale stock)
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)
Carey Tool Hire	City Hall Quay	10% discount on Sales or Hire (Excl sales goods)

Discount Available to members on production of Membership Card



CHELTEMHAM GOLD CUP DAY

Comes live to CORK

Rochestown Park Hotel on FRIDAY March 16 from 12 noon

Cork Con Drinks Reception

12 noon followed by **Pre-Racing Lunch** wine supplied by **Gleeson Group Sales**

Best Dressed Mens & Ladies Competition Sponsored by **Keanes SUITS DISTRIBUTORS**

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Large Screen to give all the effect of live racing

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Full day's racing programme ...all the fun without the hassle

Admission €60
Table of 10 €600
Individual guests and partial tables very welcome at €60 per person- EARLY BOOKING ADVISABLE

Cork Constitution FC Shop



The shop stocks Cork Con Club Jerseys, Shorts, Socks, Hoodies, etc supplied by O'Neill's Sportswear and 4ORM. Club Members can avail of 10% discount when purchasing with Membership Card.

Colm Tucker RIP



The rugby world was saddened to learn of the passing of former Shannon, Munster, Ireland and Lions flanker Colm Tucker on 25th January 2012.

Colm Tucker had a huge influence on the success of Shannon from the late 1970s. During his playing years with the club he won six Munster Senior Cup medals.

He represented Munster with pride and was a key player in the famous win over Graham Mourie's All Blacks at Thomond Park in October 1978. That he gained only three Irish caps is one of life's mysteries. He was selected for the British & Irish Lions tour of South Africa in 1980 when he played in two tests.

He was on the management team during Shannon's great run of All Ireland League success in the 1990s, before going on to be the first Munster manager during the early days of the European Rugby Cup from 1997.

The President and members of Cork Constitution offer their condolences to his family and friends, and to Shannon RFC on the passing of one of the legends of Irish rugby.

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



January Achiever Award



This months Achiever award goes to **The Santa Crew of Carla O'Connell, Liz Farquhar, Mick Boland, Eddie O'Connor** and especially **Santa** and his helpers for their fantastic work in organising the Underage Christmas Party in December. Only another **325** days to go to Christmas 2012!

Pitchside Hoardings

Our Pitchside Hoardings are a valued source of income to the Club and a number of spaces are available for the coming season.

If you are interested in becoming a Hoarding Sponsor please contact Sean O'Riordan or Fiona Burke at 021 4291960 or e-mail cork-con@eircom.net