



Matchzine



Ulster Bank All Ireland League

Shannon v Cork Constitution

Coonagh 2.30pm Saturday 24th March 2012

After the disappointment of Twickenham it is back to the Ulster Bank League this weekend. On Saturday **Constitution** travel to take on **Shannon** at Coonagh. **Shannon** are not having their best season and are in eight place with 22 points five points above **Blackrock College** who are second from bottom.

They have won four and drawn two of their 14 games. Their two most recent outings were both against **Garryowen**. On 2nd March they lost 17-29 at Thomond Park, and then gained a spirited 20-20 draw in the re-scheduled game under lights at Dooradoyle on 9th March.

In the first game against Constitution at Temple Hill on 8th October, they won 14-10, when a debatable refereeing decision denied **Constitution** a late try that might have proved a winner.

While the possibility of outright league success has gone for this season, and there is no top four play-off series, nevertheless, **Constitution** will want to finish as high up the table as possible. And with two home games against St Mary's and Old Belvedere, and an away tie with Garryowen, there is still plenty to play for.

Munster Junior Cup Semi-final

Garryowen v Cork Constitution

Dooradoyle 2.30pm Sunday 25th March 2012

After wins over north Munster sides, **Galbally**, **Young Munster** and **Kilfeacle**, the Junior XV face another daunting task on Sunday, when they take on **Garryowen** at Dooradoyle. And nothing gets the juices flowing better than a Cup tie in Limerick against **Garryowen**.

It is a repeat of last season's quarter final game at Temple Hill when **Constitution** won 45-23 in a 7-try thriller. **Constitution** went on to defeat **Kilfeacle** in the semi final before losing to the top junior side **Cashel** in the final.

In this campaign **Garryowen** have defeated **UL-Bohemian** 22-0; **Kanturk** 20-13 and **Cashel** 29-14 to reach the last four.

Last week **Garryowen** clinched this season's U21 South Western Conference, and it can be expected that many of those players will be involved, as will be the case for **Constitution**. The Junior Cup is a great competition for aspiring players and, like School's Cups, many players only get one chance for success before moving on. Some of our best youngsters are ready and willing to take on the challenge and we wish **Peter O'Sullivan** and his team well for the weekend.

Junior 2 Cup Quarter- final

Waterpark v Cork Constitution

Ballinakill 2.30pm Sunday 25th March 2012

Constitution J2 XV reached the quarter-final of the Junior 2 Cup last Sunday with an exciting win over **Kanturk** at Temple Hill. Their reward is a trip to **Waterpark** to take on the home side, who defeated **Bandon** 29-3 last week.

It's a few years now, 2007 in fact, since **Brian Ring** last brought the Cup to Temple Hill, but if last week's spirited performance is anything to go by, **Kevin Minahan's** team look to have a great chance this year. **James Sullivan** scored two great tries to secure the win in the last 10 minutes, but they will need all their forces this week to beat a strong **Waterpark** outfit.

Pre Match AIL Lunch V St Mary's R.F.C.

We are now accepting bookings (by email and telephone) for the pre-match lunch before the **St Mary's AIL** clash on **Saturday, 31st March** at Templehill.

The cost of this lunch is €20 per person (no starter) and this fee includes your entrance to the match. Tables can be booked in advance and are a great way to entertain friends or business clients.

Please email corkcon@eircom.net or ring Fiona Burke on 021- 4291960 or contact John O'Mahony if you would like to make a reservation or require more details.

Irish Club Team



Congratulations to **Gerry Hurley** who captained the Ireland Club team against England Counties.

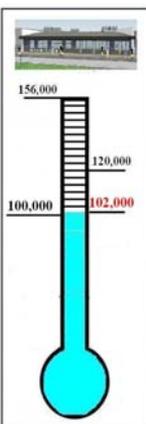
Cathal Quinn and Philip Donnellan earned their second caps in this fixture. Cathal scored the only Irish try in a 34-16 defeat when he nimbly skipped through the English defence to score under the posts.

Fund raising smashes the ton mark

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.

Fantastic progress has been made on the fundraising front with **€102,000** pledged to date.

Details of our Tax Back scheme are outlined on page 2



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 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

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



Cork Constitution F.C.

Italian Night

Proceeds will go towards the U13s Tour to Italy in April



Friday March 23rd, 8:00pm
Cork Constitution, Temple Hill
Tickets: €10

Italian Fare Hosted by

- O'Donovan Wines ▪ Classic Wines ▪
- On The Pigs Back ▪ Cuthberts Breads ▪
- Alternative Pizza Company ▪

The evening will include;
Wine Tasting
Cheese Tasting
Pizza

Limited number of tickets available, for tickets contact
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If you have any news item, event details or article you would like published The Cork Constitution or Matchzine please forward to [Pat Twomey](mailto:Pat.Twomey@ireland.com) at PATT@ireland.com

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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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, Dubai, England and Texas**.

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