



# Cork Constitution F.C.

## Matchzine



### Ulster Bank League

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

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Temple Hill 2.30 PM**

The Ulster Bank League resumes on Saturday after a four week break. **Young Munster** are visitors to Temple Hill for the ninth game of the series and the final game of the first round.

We are pleased to welcome **Young Munster** President, **Michael Benson**, together with his committee members, team and supporters to Temple Hill.

**Constitution** won their last outing against **St Mary's College** in Dublin on a 22-18 score-line. It was an important win for **Constitution** ending a run of three successive defeats.

And since then, they have won the Munster Senior Cup with a hard-earned 9-6 extra-time win over **Garryowen** at Thomond Park, which will give the team renewed confidence as they now also have the challenge of the Bateman Cup series ahead.

Games between **Constitution** and **Young Munster** are always tight affairs. In the eighteen ALL games to date, **Constitution** have won eleven, with **Young Munster** winning seven. Last season, **Constitution** won 21-20 at Greenfields, and 10-9 at Temple Hill, to complete a rare double, but only by the smallest margins.

**Constitution** are sixth in the UBL table on 21 points after eight games, while **Young Munster** are one place better on 23 points. With **Clontarf** setting the pace on 31 points, and the other three Leinster clubs hot on their heels, both **Constitution** and **Young Munster** will both be looking for a victory on Saturday to keep their title challenge on track.

The game also doubles-up for the annual Danaher Sheahan Memorial Cup which will be presented to the winning captain in the Clubhouse.

Stan Waldron

### Cork Constitution FC

#### ODM Munster Senior Cup winners 2013



## Ireland Clubs XV



## Scottish Clubs XV

**Ulster Bank Club International 2014**  
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Cork

**Friday**  
**7 February**  
**2014**

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Tickets on sale January  
Adults €10. Juveniles & Students €5  
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### ALL Pre-Match Lunches

Tony Roche is pleased to announce that he has arranged very popular, entertaining and thought provoking speakers as well as experts in their own fields for the forthcoming ALL Pre Match Lunches.

#### The speakers are :-

Cork Constitution V Young Munster January 4th, **John Horgan** Press Ombudsman for Ireland .

**Professor John Horgan** is an author and former Labour Party politician who served from 1969 to 1981 as a senator and then as a TD. He was a member of the European Parliament until March 1983 when he was appointed Professor of Journalism at Dublin City University before taking up the ombudsman post in 2007.

Constitution V UCD January 25th, **Jack W Kyle** Ireland International Rugby Legend.



### Match Day Parking

There is limited parking in Temple Hill during match days. We request that match patrons respect our neighbours by not parking on the double yellow lines outside local housing estates as this causes a traffic hazard.

There has been a number of break-in's to vehicles in the vicinity of the Club grounds. Patrons should take care not to leave valuables in plain sight in their vehicles . All valuables should be locked in the car boot

## Santa Saturday 2013

Although training had to be cancelled due to the storms ahead of Christmas, it did not stop the main attraction and true to tradition, **Santa Claus** himself broke from his busy pre-yuletide schedule to visit Cork Con on the last Saturday before Christmas.

**Santa** arrived in an open-topped vintage racing car just to prove how impervious he is to the cold! His arrival took some by surprise as his helpers had warned us that he might not be able to fit us in to his schedule this year, especially since President **Ian O'Leary's** name was allegedly on the 'naughty list' again!



But thankfully, the fact that so many of the Con juvenile section were so generous with their gifts and that incoming President, **Peter O'Leary** (who **Santa** told us has been on the 'nice list' for 52 years in a row) helped sway the decision in our favour.

This year the club were proud to support the fundraising efforts of the staff of the CUH Children's Ward, who are raising much needed funds for new equipment and renewal of the facilities. In addition, in what has become an annual tradition, the younger age-groups brought presents for less well off kids in the greater Cork area, as part of the for St Vincent de Paul 'Giving Tree' program.

Several stars of the Munster squad, past and present, attended the event to support the CUH fundraising, including Cork Con players **Donncha O'Callaghan, Stephen Archer Frankie Sheahan, John Kelly;** and **Doug Howlett** who's son **Charles** plays in the U7 quad.



The SVdeP volunteers were very happy with the truck load of presents that they collected from Con later that day. And the staff of the CUH Children's unit were thrilled to raise over €1,000 on the day from the pocket-money that was donated by the members.

While the children queued up to meet the 'man in red' the parents were treated to festive fare in the main bar. In addition to delicious mulled wine, there was traditional X-Mass mince-pies and cream, and not-so-traditional chicken goujons and cocktail sausages. It was a great morning and it was fantastic to see so many of our members enjoying the new clubhouse facilities.

We are especially grateful to **'Big Al's** and **Kepak Foods'** for providing the chicken and sausages ... and to **Laura and Philip O'Sullivan** for organising. The goujons in particular were delicious (allegedly, since none were left by the time the helpers emerged from the Santa grotto!). Thanks also to **Grange Super Value** who also generously supported the event.

**Michael Dunne** was head chef in the kitchen and did a superb job while **Rose Dunne** was run off her feet keeping the food supplied to the appreciative parents. Santa's grotto was spectacular and **Mick Boland** did an outstanding job in preparing this.

All the children received a selection box from **Santa** as a big 'thank you' from himself. Almost 500 children passed through the 'grotto' in the couple of hours that **Santa** was there. And even though his time was limited he had a special word for everyone ... Even some of the Mummies! Santa was especially happy to see **Donncha O'Callaghan** in the queue with his daughters since **Santa** is also a big fan of red underwear!



Special thanks to **Pat Moynihan**, for flying in from Mexico to help organise the event and to all of **Santa's** little helpers, including incoming first-lady, **Gillian O'Leary** (mulled wine sampler), **Brian MacManagan** (several court-cases pending!), **Katharine Shalloe** and **Hope Fielding** (Santa's elfen ... sorry, elfen helpers), **Barbra Elwood** (who jumped in last minute to help organise all the phot shots), **Martin O'Brien** (who used up a terabyte of data taking photographs for over 2 hours), the bar staff who were very busy for the duration and the coaches who helped control the chaos. A great success ... and thanks to all who helped make it such a great success.

Photos of the day's festivities will be on the screens in the clubhouse over the next few weeks and on the club website.

Thanks again to all who helped make it possible, apologies to those helpers too numerous to mention here, and finally, a Happy New Year to all our members, young and old. See you back on the 11th January 2014.

**Kevin Fielding**

**Director of Juvenile Rugby**

## U10 Team at Thomond Park 20th December 2013



The U10 Team took a squad of 16 players to the Munster Senior Challenge Cup Final, to play at half time against a Garryowen squad. The team was excited to play at Thomond Park, and on arrival made themselves known to the gathered crowd. They were quietly confident following their sixteen match unbeaten record against St. Mary's two week earlier.



Garryowen made a good start to the match, but were kept out of the Con half with strong tackling from Johnny O'Hara and Alex Davenport. Con then gained the upper hand, and camped out in the Garryowen half for the next five minutes. Rory McCarthy took the ball on the wing and looked like he was in for a try in the corner,

only to be stopped by great tackling from the Garryowen team.

Both Tristan Corkery and Jake Allman had scything runs up the pitch just to be pushed into touch, close to the try line. A rolling maul from Con up the centre of the pitch put Cian O'Connor over the try line, scoring the match-winning try.



A quick tip off from the re start by Garryowen caught the Con players asleep, James Wixted pulled off a great tackle to stop an equalising try being scored.

Con kept Garryowen away from their try line for the final seconds on the match to record a victory for the squad. The referee presented the match ball to captain Rory O'Shaughnessy after the match; both teams were still shaking hands, as the senior teams were about to kick off.



The senior team followed on from the U10 squad victory to win the Challenge Cup.



The squad would like to thank the supporters who travelled to the match, the Referee, Cliona Quaid, the coaches who travelled the squad, and Johnie McCarthy for the organisation of the trip.

### Mark Davenport

Photos by Mark Davenport and courtesy of Tom Russell



## CUH Children's Unit



Dear all

Just a quick note of thanks for helping us to raise €1,070.55 on the Santa Saturday on the 21st Dec.

We in the Children's Unit would like to thank a few people: all the boys for donating their pocket money; all the parents & families who were so generous and all the Munster Boys Stephen Archer, Doug Howlett, Frankie Sheahan & John Kelly. You men are idols to these boys, so by just turning up you make it all happen!

Finally a special thank you to Cork Con for hosting this fantastic event & Kevin Fielding the organizer extraordinaire!

WE ARE STILL AIMING TO FUND RAISE €1.5million to rebuild & refurbish the Children's Unit & we need your continued support!

Kind regards & best wishes for 2014

**Steve O'Riordan , Jonathan Hourihane & Ronan O'Sullivan**  
**'The Docs' in The Children's Unit, CUH**

## The Bateman Cup – Young Munster first Munster winners

Young Munster were the first Munster Club to annex the Bateman Cup in 1928. They had defeated Cork Constitution in the Munster Senior Cup final at the Market's Field, and went to Lansdowne Road for the first time to contest the Bateman Cup, which had been inaugurated in 1922, but had not come South. In the final they defeated the much-vaunted Lansdowne team for an historic win.

In the Munster Cup final they had been clear winners by (two tries) 6-0 over Constitution. The teams were:

**Young Munster:** M.King; J.McNeice, P.Deegan, M.Cosgrove, M.Flatherty; M.D.Sheahan, J.O'Dea; A.Neilan Capt., F.Garvey, C.St.George, T.Casey, H.Raleigh, J.Brennan, G.Killeen, G.Griffin.

**Cork Constitution:** J.Egan; D.J.O'Callaghan, M.T.Murphy Capt., J.McCormack, H.Dorgan; P.O'Sullivan, T.Murphy; T.West, P.Delaney, J.Wrenne; N.Murphy, P.Kelleher; F.English, E.Slattery, T.O'Halloran.



*Rugby anniversary celebrations of Danaher Sheahan's first international Cup in 1972 at Charlie St. George's premises were: Frank Ryan, Tony O'Donovan, Kevin Frost, Danaher Sheahan, Charlie St. George, Martin Moloney, Dom Griffin, George Barry. Note*

Danaher Sheahan and Charlie St George pictured with Munster Senior Cup in Charlie St Georges pub in 1968 – the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cup victory.



The first Danaher Sheahan match won by Young Munster in 1976: Gerry Quaid, Captain, accepts the Cup from Danaher's daughter. Also, Ned O'Connor, Constitution President and Sean Gavin, Young Munster President.  
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## Blast From The Past John O'Driscoll

John O'Driscoll ' a former Cork Constitution player was a competitive tight head prop who had many accomplishments in Irish rugby.

**Q** What are your memories of your early rugby career?

**A.** I began rugby aged twelve having previously played hurling and football with Eire Og in Ovens. I took up rugby in first year of secondary school opting to play prop. I represented the P.B.C. senior team in my last two school years, winning

the cup in 1991 under Johnny Kenefick. I was selected for Irish Schools XV in my final year with future full international's David Corkery and Anthony Foley.

**Q.** When did you get your first senior break?

**A.** I got my first senior break for UCC against Sligo in 1994 on a team captained by great university prop Leo Murphy. I was subsequently selected for Irish Universities in 1994 and again in 1995 for Irish Students on a team which included Leinster greats Dennis Hickie and Malcolm O'Kelly. (Both these tours were to South Africa) My memories of these trips

included visits to Table Mountain (Cape Town), safaris and a victory over the mighty South African university Stellenbosch. (We saw how serious rugby was getting as the Stellenbosch players refused to speak to us after the game.) UCC's Len Harty managed and organised this trip which was coached by Finbarr Dennehy a renowned Highfield prop.

**Q.** What were the highlights of your playing career?

**A.** Playing for Cork Con with many great players when the A.I.L. was very prominent with big games against Shannon and Garryowen was very enjoyable. (This team included Ronan O'Gara, John Kelly, Anthony Horgan and Jerry Murray). I retired from playing aged 31 after breaking my leg against Buccaneers in the semi-final of the A.I.L.. During my time in Con I found my car in the middle of the pitch with doors, bonnet and boot all open. Many pranksters were operating and finding your kit bag full of water was a common problem. Assistant coach Paul Durham was often one of the main suspects.

**Q** Who was your most difficult opponent?

**A.** Reggie Corrigan of Lansdowne was a formidable opponent in A.I.L. Division I as was Munster's Marcus Horan when playing with Shannon. Additionally Peter Clohessy was a tough opponent who provided commentary in each scrum as a psychological tactic. Ian Murray my Con team mate, brought a lot of drive and determination to the pack and was unlucky not to get a full International cap.

**Q.** Have you been involved in the game since you stopped playing?

**A** I assisted Cork Con under-twenty in 2008/2009 with Jim Canning and James Kiernan. I have focused on scrum coaching and recently worked with the Munster 19's but find it difficult to have the time due to business commitments.

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## Cork Constitution Football Club Concession Scheme

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### Ulster Bank Bateman Cup Semi Finals Set

The semi-finals of the Ulster Bank sponsored All-Ireland Bateman Cup have been set for January 18th with cup holders Cork Constitution drawn at home to Queens.

The four provincial cup winners have been decided and with them the semi finals of the All-Ireland Bateman Cup, sponsored by Ulster Bank.

Defending champions Cork Constitution again emerged victorious in Munster thanks to a last gasp extra time penalty which saw them beat Garryowen to claim their place.

Their reward is a home semi-final against Ulster Cup champions Queens who overcame Ballynahinch in Ulster competition.

The other semi final sees Leinster cup champions UCD, who are currently two points ahead of Cork Constitution in the Ulster Bank League, face Connacht champions Galwegians in Belfield.



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