



# Cork Constitution F.C.

## Matchzine



### Ulster Bank All Ireland League

#### Cork Constitution F.C. V U.C.D F.C.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Temple Hill 2.30 PM**

Cork Constitution welcome University College Dublin to Temple Hill on Saturday for their return Ulster Bank League game.

We are pleased to welcome U.C.D. President, **Collie Condon** together with his committee members, team and supporters to Temple Hill.

In the first game, at Belfield in November, UCD won 23-17. That win has given UCD the lead in the nine match series of AIL games between the clubs; UCD have now won five games, to Constitution's four, since their first meeting in 2001-02 season. In the game at Belfield, Constitution fought back from 3-23 deficit in that match, to claim a bonus point with a second half rally, the match ending 23-17 to the students.

Since then Constitution have defeated St Mary's College in Dublin, but lost at home to Young Munster, leaving them in sixth place on 22 points, two points behind today's opponents who have five wins from their nine games to date.

Of course, Constitution and UCD have a further big re-match later in the season, when they will meet in the Bateman Cup Final. That is scheduled for Saturday 26th April, at a venue to be confirmed, and will be the final game of the season.

UCD defeated Galwegians 21-20 last week in their Bateman semi final, having won the Leinster Senior Cup by defeating Terenure College 23-18 before Christmas. Meanwhile Constitution, having won the Munster Senior Cup with a 9-6 victory over Garryowen at Thomond Park, went on to defeat a gallant Queen's University side 46-14 last Saturday at Temple Hill, to claim their final spot.

Stan Waldron

### Supporters Coach Clontarf

#### 1 February 2014

There is a Supporters Coach arranged for Saturday 1 February for Constitutions next away game to Clontarf.

The coach will depart Temple Hill at 9.00am and return to Temple Hill for 8.00pm.

Please contact the Club Office or put your name on the booking sheet on Clubhouse notice board to reserve places for the coach.

### Ulster Bank Club International

#### Ireland Club Xv V Scotland Club XV

**Temple Hill 7 February 2014 Kick Off 19:30**

### Ticket Update

Tickets for the Ulster Bank Club International are now sale

Tickets will be available to purchases at Juvenile training on Saturday 25 January and Saturday 2 February 2014. Tickets may also be purchased in the Club Shop and Office during opening hours.

A limited number of family tickets are available to Cork Constitution members at €20 for 2 Adults & 2 Juveniles\Youths on a first come first served basis.

### RBS 6 Nations Ireland Under-20 Squad Announced

A 28 man Ireland Under-20 squad, has been named by head coach Mike Ruddock for the 2014 RBS Under-20 6 Nations Championship.

Cork Constitution have two players selected **Max Abbott** and **Rory Burke** and we wish them well for the forthcoming championship

### AIL 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 AIL Pre Match Lunches.

The speaker at Constitution V UCD January 25th is Jack Kyle. Please note that this lunch is **sold out**.

For the Cork Constitution V Dolphin Game we are hosting a Valentine Dinner at 5.00 PM with the game kicking off at 7:30 PM. Please contact **John O'Mahony , Don O'Riordan or Ross Dowling** as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

The speaker at Constitution V Old Belvedere 1 March 2014 is **Judge Olann Kelleher** who is well known in rugby and sports commentary circles. Judge Kelleher was a member of the Munster rugby squad that beat the All Blacks in Thomond Park in 1978 and is highly regarded as a contributor to coverage of both rugby and GAA sports.

### Match Day Parking

There is limited parking in Temple Hill on 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

## Goggles approved for rugby players

### Innovation allows more children with eye conditions to play rugby

Protective goggles suitable for rugby have been approved for the first time by the International Rugby Board. The wrap around protection, which has been designed by sports company Raleri, will go on trial immediately. The goggles have been particularly developed for young players with eye problems and who are not yet ready to wear contact lenses.

Designed with an outside protective covering and an inside slot where a player's lens can fit without fear of moving, the innovation adheres to current rugby equipment laws. Normal spectacles cannot be worn but the lenses from spectacles can be inserted and will be protected by the outer covering. It is recommended that the corrective lenses should be prescribed by an optician or doctor and installed in the provided "clip on" that mounts in the inner side of the goggles. The goggles will go on trial for a year effective from now.

"The IRB recognises that not everyone who needs corrective glasses can wear contact lenses, particularly children, so we have been collaborating with a leading manufacturer to design and rigorously test a pair of Rugby Goggles that will be safe and effective in a rugby environment. We believe we have done that now and this trial is good news for anyone with eyesight issues who wishes to play the game," said an IRB official.

"They can also be worn by senior players with eye conditions and have been designed with no sharp or protruding edges than can be harmful to the wearer or opponents," he added.

The goggles feature high-speed impact resistance, anti-abrasion surfaces, anti-fogging, UV protection and a specially designed strap with no clips or buckles. Only those goggles bearing the IRB approved logo can be worn and referees have been empowered to make the necessary checks.

The goggles are not yet available in retail outlets but can be purchased from the manufacturer online through a registration process. The main reason for this is that as a global trial product the IRB hope to gain feedback from wearers to ascertain the long term suitability of the equipment. The cost of a pair of the goggles is €74 and, according to an IRB official they will be available in retail outlets once the Trial period is over and they have been fully approved.

### Source Irish Times 23 January 2013

While the IRB have endorsed these goggles it should be noted that the official position from the IRFU is that they will await the results of the IRB trial before making a decision on the wearing of goggles in underage rugby. This is expected in the third quarter of this year."

## 2014 RBS 6 Nations Is Launched In London

The 2014 RBS 6 Nations Championships - both the men's and women's tournaments - were launched at the Hurlingham Club in London today, with the opening matches now just over a week away.

The final match of the opening RBS 6 Nations weekend sees Ireland face Scotland at the Aviva Stadium on Sunday week (February 2), when the home side will bid to gain revenge for last season's 12-8 defeat at Murrayfield.

Joe Schmidt is preparing for his first Championship as Ireland head coach and comes into it on the back of a November campaign that saw them agonisingly beaten by a last-gasp All Blacks try.

"I think we achieved a lot of things we had been working on in that game. It's difficult under a new coach, there are new ideas, new ways of doing things," explained Ireland captain Paul O'Connell at today's launch.

"It takes a while to become second nature but after three or four weeks we were hitting a good level against New Zealand. It's a shame we didn't close out the game like we should have, but it gives us confidence.

"Scotland first up will be a very tough game, obviously we were beaten by them last time."

This year's tournament will also mark Brian O'Driscoll's last for Ireland with the veteran centre, who turned 35 yesterday, set to retire from the game at the end of the season.

"Brian is still going strong," added O'Connell. "He is in good shape and as hungry as ever, he trained yesterday and is still driving the standards. He has a lot of respect across the whole tournament but particularly in our squad."

The launch in London also celebrated the start of the Women's Six Nations Championship with Ireland looking to defend the crown they claimed in style last season by completing the Grand Slam.

Team captain Fiona Coghlan said: "It has been a long time coming. It started with a tough one against Wales and things just kind of steam-rolled from there.

"We always knew we were close enough - it was just that extra 20 minutes in a game, fitness and a couple of positions that we probably lacked. Everyone wants to hold that trophy at the end of the day and it's going to be who can be consistent.

"You just never know from season-to-season. It's your aim to go out and win every game and that's what you want to do but there are obstacles in the way."

The Ireland Women's team, coached once again by Philip Doyle, get their title defence underway on Friday week (January 31) when they entertain Scotland at Ashbourne RFC.

## IRFU 'Your Club, Your Country' Grand Draw

### Winners Announced

The IRFU announced the winners of the 'Your Club, Your Country' draw in December and while there was no winners from Cork Constitution, the good news is that Constitution was in the top five of clubs in terms of tickets sold in Munster. Congratulations **Peter Good** who organised things in the club. As you know, the scheme is a great source of funds for clubs throughout the country whereby the IRFU donate all the prizes and the clubs get to distribute the money raised.

This year the money raised by Constitution from the draw was close to € 6,000 and Club President **Ian O'Leary** has agreed to donate half the proceeds to the U13 Tour in Easter and the balance to the development of the new 'Tennis Courts' pitch and lighting for the juvenile section.

The winners of the 'Ticket Sellers' draw were also announced in December. The Heineken Cup tickets were won by Johnny O'Shea (U10s), the Munster jersey was won by Rory Landers (U12s) and the ball signed by the Munster players was won by Luke Barry (U8s). Congratulations to all the winners and a sincere thanks to all the club members who participated in selling and buying tickets.

Kevin Fielding Unger Age Rugby Director

### Jack W Kyle OBE

Jack Kyle played for Ireland, the British Lions and the Barbarians during the 1940s and 1950s. In 2008 he was inducted into the IRB Hall of Fame. Educated at Belfast Royal Academy Jack studied medicine at Queen's University graduating in 1951.



Between 1947 and 1958, he made 46 full appearances for Ireland and scored 24 points, including 7 tries. The highlight of his Ireland career came during the 1948 Five Nations Championship when he helped Ireland win a grand slam. Jack Kyle played in all four games and he is often credited with masterminding Ireland's success. In 1949 and 1951 he also helped Ireland win the Triple Crown. He made his last appearance for Ireland against Scotland on 1 March, 1958.

Jack Kyle also played for the British Lions on their tour to New Zealand and Australia. He played in 20 of the 29 games, including all six Tests.

After retiring from club rugby in 1963, Jack Kyle embarked on humanitarian work in Sumatra and Indonesia. Between 1966 and 2000, he worked as a consultant surgeon in Chingola, Zambia. He then returned to Northern Ireland and settled in County Down. In 2001, he established the Jack Kyle Bursary Fund in support of the Queen's University R.F.C. Rugby Academy.

Jack Kyle was a speaker at a previous Cork Constitution function back in 1992 when he spoke at the clubs centenary dinner.

For our younger readers the following is an article by renowned rugby journalist Edmund Van Esbeck recalling Ireland's journey to their first grand slam in 1948.

## Grand Slam 1948

When the Ireland team set out on the championship trail in 1948 there was more hope than confidence that they would have a successful season. The doubts were born after a very indifferent performance against Australia in December 1947, when Ireland lost 16-3.

I have a very vivid recollection of that match. It was my first visit to Lansdowne Road having travelled to the match from my home in Cork with my late brother Frank.

The remedial action taken by the selectors was to make no fewer than six changes but there was just one new cap with Jim McCarthy, the flame-haired flanker from the Dolphin club, being named in the back row.

### France 6 IRELAND 13

#### Stade Colombes January 1, 1948

France presented the opposition at the Stade Colombes and remarkably, the match was played in midweek. Ireland had lost to France the previous season in Dublin 12-8. This time Ireland swept the French away and won 13-6, with McCarthy marking an excellent debut by scoring a try. Centre Paddy Reid and left winger Barney Mullan also scored a try each, while Mullan kicked two conversions.

A feature of that team was that it included five men who were either medical students or qualified doctors - the entire front row of Jimmy Corcoran, Karl Mullen and Arthur Albert (AA) McConnell, one more in the back row in Bill McKay and the front from which so much brilliance flowed, the incomparable Jack Kyle.

And here I take the liberty of diverting from my brief. When I was asked at the end of the last century by the sports editor of the Irish Times to select my Irish player of the century, without hesitation I named Kyle. He was my hero as a schoolboy, now in the evening of my age nothing has changed.

### England 10 IRELAND 11

#### Twickenham February 14, 1948

Ireland's next task was to face England at Twickenham and how I remember listening to that match on the radio as Ireland hung on to win 11-10. Ireland had actually made five changes from the team that beat France.

Jack Mattson replaced Dudley Higgins at full-back, Hugh de Lacy came in for Ernie Strathdee at scrum half, John Christopher Daly replaced Corcoran at prop, Jimmy Nelson took over from Ernie Keeffe in the second row and Des O'Brien was at number 8 for Bob Agar. But there was also one other highly significant alteration, as Karl Mullen was the new captain. Strathdee had led the side against France. Mullen brought his own special leadership qualities to bear as Ireland sought glory.

### **IRELAND 6 Scotland 0**

#### **Lansdowne Road February 28, 1948**

When Scotland came to Dublin on February 28, yet again came alteration. Higgins was recalled at full-back and Michael O'Flanagan came into the centre for Reid. O'Flanagan, whose brother Kevin had played against Australia, was also a soccer international and like his brother a man of rounded sporting talents.

Ireland won readily enough by 6-0, with Barney Mullan and Jack Kyle scoring tries. It is one of my great sporting memories that I was at that match.

Such had been the sequence of events in the series that Ireland's victory meant they had won the championship. But it was the Triple Crown that was the cherished prize and one that had eluded all Irish sides for 49 years.

### **IRELAND 6 Wales 3**

#### **Ravenhill March 13, 1948**

How well I remember the build up to the match against Wales, scheduled for Ravenhill on March 13. Even those with little or no interest in rugby were captivated by the prospects that lay ahead.

Those immediate post war years were austere and sport was a wonderful outlet for people. But Wales had been Ireland's bogey team very often. On no fewer than eight previous occasions they foiled Ireland at the final hurdle, including the previous year in Swansea.

When the great day came, Ireland lined out with two changes. Reid was recalled at centre for O'Flanagan and Strathdee was back at scrum half.

The onslaught from the pack and the brilliance of Kyle gave Ireland the territorial advantage in the first half. But that ended at 3-3, with Barney Mullan's try for Ireland matched by one for Wales from their great centre Bleddyn Williams.

With the excitement at fever pitch, Ireland struck early in the second half when J.C. Daly got the vital score after a mistake by the Welsh full-back. The Irish pack drove forward with the energy and courage that had characterised their display all afternoon. Trott, the Welsh full-back, got to the ball but was unable to hold it and the irrepresible Daly was on hand to capitalise and send a nation into ecstasy.

Now in the lead, the Irish kept the Welsh at bay - this time there would be no slip-up. With the forwards in command and Kyle to orchestrate the tactics behind the scrum, Ireland prevailed and a nation rejoiced.

In those days there was no talk about a Grand Slam. Indeed not one contemporary report of the match mentioned it. The Triple Crown was the holy grail and Ireland had reached the promised land. Page 4

Never since that wonderful day has an Ireland side performed the Grand Slam and while many of those who fashioned that great achievement 60 years ago are playing now in the Elysian Fields, we are fortunate that several of those distinguished men are still with us. Let us honour them as they deserve to be honoured.

They gave us one of the great sporting achievements of the era, a collection of heroes who went on to fashion Irish rugby's 'Golden Era.'

Scattered throughout the country will be fragments of Daly's jersey, for in the exultation that followed the victory it was torn to shreds as the spectators sought their souvenirs.

This article was published on the I.R.F.U. website on 13 March 2008

## **Presidents & Captains Annual Dinner**



**29<sup>th</sup> March 2014**



President **Ian O'Leary** and Captain **Gerry Hurley's** Annual Dinner takes place in the Clubhouse on **29<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 8:00 PM**

Invited guests include **Pat Fitzgerald**, **President IRFU** and **John Hartery**, **President Munster Branch**.

Although Tony Roche has lined up a very interesting guest speaker for the Dinner he is being very coy about naming the speaker and has delayed the announcement until closer to the night.

As the President and Captains Dinner is a normally a sell out please contact **John O'Mahony**, **Don O'Riordan** or **Ross Dowling** as soon as possible if you wish to attend this most enjoyable night.



# **Ireland Clubs XV**



# **Scottish Clubs XV**

## **Ulster Bank Club International 2014**

Temple Hill  
Cork

**Friday  
7 February  
2014**

**Kick Off  
19:30**

Tickets on sale January  
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