



# Cork Constitution F.C.

## Matchzine



### Ulster Bank Club International

### Ireland Club XV v Scotland Club XV

Temple Hill, Friday, February 7, KO 7.30pm

### Gerry Hurley to Captain Irish Club XV

Ireland Club XV coaches Tom Tierney and Mick O Driscoll have finalised the team for the Ireland Club XV v Scotland Club XV game. Cork Constitution's Gerry Hurley will captain the side and will be partnered at half-back by David Joyce of Division IA joint leaders Clontarf.

Ireland will hope to complete a clean sweep against Scottish opposition when the international clubs sides clash at Temple Hill on Friday (7.30pm). Last weekend the national men's, women's and U20's rugby sides hammered their Scottish visitors and the Tom Tierney and Mick O'Driscoll's coached side bid to continue that trend.

Players from nine different Ulster Bank League clubs have been included in the Ireland Club team by head coach Tom Tierney. Lansdowne, the reigning Ulster Bank League Division IA champions, have four representatives in the starting line-up, while current table toppers Clontarf and Old Belvedere are rewarded with two starters apiece.

Clontarf's Michael McGrath, who currently leads the Division IA try-scoring charts with 10 tries, starts on the left wing.

Ireland will have revenge on their minds against the Scots as they lost 30-18 when they met at Millbrae last March. Scotland will be defending the Dalriada Cup - the trophy on offer for the winners of this annual clash.

Backs Cian Aherne, Stuart Morrow and captain Gerry Hurley all started against Scotland last time out, while Colm McMahon and William Ryan are the only survivors in the pack. Charlie Butterworth and Sam Cronin were on the bench for the 2013 fixture.

Tom Tierney, who won eight caps for Ireland, is in charge of the Ireland Club side for 2014. He is the current Garryowen head coach.

He is assisted by fellow former international Mick O'Driscoll who is part of the current Cork Con coaching team. Garryowen's Seamus McDermott fills the role of team manager.

Constitution stalwart Mick O'Driscoll is relishing a return to his home patch as Ireland forwards coach. "We can't use any Academy or Development players, or any elite players, obviously we can't use any U20's and I think it is right because it's a proper club team as such.

The preparation has been quite good; it's tough going I suppose for guys who have been playing on a Saturday and then going up to Portlaoise every Sunday morning for training."

"It is a difficult team to pick and there will be guys who are disappointed, guys who weren't in the broader squad who were disappointed, but that's a reflection possibly of the good level of club rugby, particularly Division IA, that's there at the moment."

The Scotland Club XV represents the best players currently playing club rugby in Scotland. Heriot's second-row Murray Douglas, 24, will captain the Scotland Club International team

Scotland Club International head coach, Phil Leck, said: "Murray is a very calm player who leads by his actions. He is very talented and has led our lineout's in training, plus the players have a lot of respect for him. That coupled with his experiences last year makes him an ideal fit for the captaincy."

Leck continued: "We have a quick back-row and an exciting back-line that will be looking to keep the tempo of the match high.

We have a strong squad here and know we will be up against a physical Ireland side who will carry hard and be tough in defence.

"However, we will aim to play to our strengths and if we do that, I believe, we'll be in for a good match."

Cork Constitution FC President **Ian O'Leary** said: "We are delighted to welcome the two teams to Temple Hill for this special occasion for Cork rugby"

"It promises to be a great evening for all the family with some of the best players from the club game involved. We hope to see thousands of supporters in Cork Con on Friday night."



Announcing details of the Ulster Bank Club International were from left, Dave McHugh, IRFU, Bertie Smith, Junior vice-president of the Munster Branch, Nicky Comyn of the IRFU, Irish team coach Mick O'Driscoll and Cork Con President Ian O'Leary.

Picture Dan Linehan, Irish Examiner

### Match Day Information

#### Gates open at 18:00.

Please note tickets can be purchased at the ticket booth outside the grounds. There will be stewards to assist patrons on the night, and to ensure that the event runs smoothly and safely, please respect their requests.

**There will be no car parking in Temple Hill on the night.** We request that match patrons respect our neighbours by not parking on the double yellow lines outside local housing estates

## Cork Constitution F.C. Presidents Message

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the Ireland Club and Scotland Club teams to the Club International in Temple Hill. This game is again sponsored by Ulster Bank who have been fantastic supporters of the club game.

It is great to have a match of this prestige in Cork for the second year in a row and I welcome Cork's Lord Mayor to the game. We are proud of Cork Cons involvement with the club game and it is great to have our own Mick O'Driscoll involved in the Irish clubs coaching team and three of our players Gerry Hurley, Willie Ryan and James Ryan on the Irish squad.

The teams comprise the best club players in both countries and is a due reward to all those selected for their commitment and dedication. It is the ultimate honour to play for your country and a very proud moment for those selected and their families.

We are pleased to continue to work with the IRFU and we thank Ollie Hodges and Dave McHugh for their assistance and help to our event committee headed by Michael Daly. We are very proud of our new clubhouse, gym and changing room facilities and we look forward to visitors to Cork Con sampling the facilities.

We are happy to welcome our main Sponsors Keary's Hyundai, our Patrons and all who supported the new development to the match. Our Juvenile and Youth section continues to be the heartbeat of the club and we thank our Juvenile sponsors Euromedic for their continued support and encouragement.

I hope you all enjoy the evening and wish both teams the very best in the match and look forward to seeing you all back in Cork Con in the future.

Ian O'Leary

President

Cork Constitution F.C.



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Sunday 9th February

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