



Cork Constitution F.C.

Matchzine



Ulster Bank League

Cork Constitution F.C. V Dolphin R.F.C.

Friday 14th February 2014 19.30 PM

Temple Hill

Cork Constitution renew their old rivalry with **Dolphin** once again under lights in this season's Ulster Bank League on Valentines night at Temple Hill.

We are pleased to welcome **Dolphin** President, **Noel Hickey**, together with his committee members, team and supporters to Temple Hill. Another top class competitive game is in prospect between the two Cork sides in the country's premier division.

This fixture has been running since 1902 and is one of the oldest derby's in Irish Sport and a great Cork sporting occasion is bound to be in store on Friday night.

Both **Dolphin** and **Constitution** will be fielding many of Munster's rising stars and the duel between both sides for bragging rights in the West Cork Rivera this summer is bound to be an exciting one. Whatever their respective form up to now, it is certain that both sides will raise their game for this one, as local pride will be the imperative.

Dolphin won the first tie 14-9 at Musgrave Park in November, when a second-half try by **Darren Sweetnam** was the decisive score of the game. Since then **Constitution** have won three and lost three UBL games and are in fourth place after eleven games, level with **Lansdowne** on 30 points, but 10 points behind joint-leaders **Clontarf** and **Old Belvedere**.

However, recent wins over **UCD** and **Clontarf**, together with the Cup successes over **Garryowen** and **Queen's University**, have put the team in good heart as they approach the business-end of the season, with a Bateman Cup Final date with **UCD** to look forward to in April.

For their part **Dolphin** are in eighth place on 22 points after ten games, with five wins and five defeats. They have lost three of their last five games to **Old Belvedere**, **Lansdowne** and **Young Munster**, while recording a double win over **Ballynahinch**

Leading Cork car dealership, **Keary's Motor Group**, are the proud sponsor of both sides. The Keary families have a strong association with both clubs, while Keary's group director **Brendan Keary** has the distinction of playing All-Ireland League rugby for both sides.

For the Cork Constitution V Dolphin game Constitution are hosting a Valentine Dinner at 5.00 PM with guest speaker, celebrity solicitor Gerald Kean. Born in Cork Gerald set up his solicitor's practice, Kean and Co., over fifteen years ago.

Gerald has represented a number of people in the entertainment industry, legally acting of behalf of musicians Jim Kerr, Simon Le Bon, Ronan Keating, George Michael, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash.



His company specialises in sporting law and represents over forty Premier League footballers. Kean appeared on the twenty-fourth episode of the third season of The Podge and Rodge Show, alongside the ballerina Monica Loughman. He appeared in an episode of The Restaurant, earning four stars.

Munster Junior Cup

The first round of the Munster Junior Cup gets underway on Sunday 23rd February, when Cork Constitution are away to Cobh Pirates at 2.30pm.

Stan Waldron

Storm Damage in Temple Hill



Although the roof of the refurbished dressing rooms was extensively damaged by Wednesday's storm, contingency plans have been put in place and Friday nights game with Dolphin will go ahead as planned.

Club Vice president **Peter O'Leary** was on hand to take these photo's of the storm damage



Match Day Information

Members of Cork Constitution F.C. are entitled to free admission for the game on presentation of their membership cards or membership book.

Gates open at 18:30.

Admission Adults €10.00 OAP's & Students €5.00

There will be restricted 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

Ireland Club Team Lift Dalriada Cup

In Temple Hill



The Ireland Club team regained the Dalriada Cup with a deserving 28-3 victory over their Scottish counterparts in the Ulster Bank Club International in front of a sizeable crowd in Temple Hill last Friday night.

Congratulations to our Club International players who helped Ireland defeat Scotland at Temple Hill last weekend. Constitution were represented by **Gerry Hurley**, who captained the team, **Andrew O'Driscoll**, **William Ryan** and **James Ryan**, while Dolphin's **Christy Condon** was also on the team.

Prior to the game Cork Constitution President, Ian O'Leary hosted a function in honour of the Clubs Patrons who had contributed so generously to the development of the Club's new clubhouse, Gym and Dressing rooms

Referee Nick Cockburn passed the pitch playable after three pitch inspections following afternoon torrential rain that left pools of water on the pitch.

Ireland played with the wind in the opening half and young Lansdowne centre Mark Roche thought he was in for a try in the opening minute but knocked on over the line after he hacked on a loose ball inside the Scottish half.

Both sides were finding it difficult to hold onto the greasy ball and the Tom Tierney-coached hosts opened the scoring on 13 minutes.

A move involving Gerry Hurley, David Joyce and Stuart Morrow sent full-back Daniel Riordan in for a try in the corner, bursting through from outside the 22.

Joyce added a penalty from a scrum minutes later and the tricky Riordan - Old Belvedere's captain this season - was in for his second try in the 27th minute following good work from Joyce and Michael McGrath. Joyce converted for a 15-0 lead.

Riordan's elusive running from deep and out wide was too much for the Scottish defence to handle and the two-try back was a deserving Ulster Bank man-of-the-match award winner.

Peter Jericevich kicked a penalty for Scotland eight minutes before the interval, but that was cancelled out immediately by a Joyce three-pointer to leave the score 18-3 at half-time.

Ireland enjoyed the better of the exchanges in the second half despite playing into the wind and with the rain lashing down.



Cork Constitution scrum half and captain Hurley extended the Irish advantage with a fine try in the 49th minute, gathering the ball on the 10-metre line and finding a gap to score. The result completed a clean sweep of victories for Ireland against Scottish opposition, following on from last week's triumphs by the men's, women's and Under-20 teams.

Proud Parents

Pictured at the Aviva Stadium watching their son **Peter** collect the Man of the Match award in Ireland's stirring victory over Wales were **Caroline and John O'Mahony**



O'Callaghan Set For Munster Milestone

Donncha O'Callaghan is set to become Munster's most-capped player if he features against Zebre this weekend.

Donncha will overtake fellow Cork Constitution player **Ronan O'Gara** with the most Munster appearances after a stellar career with the province that is set to continue until 2016 after the second row recently signed a two-year contract extension.



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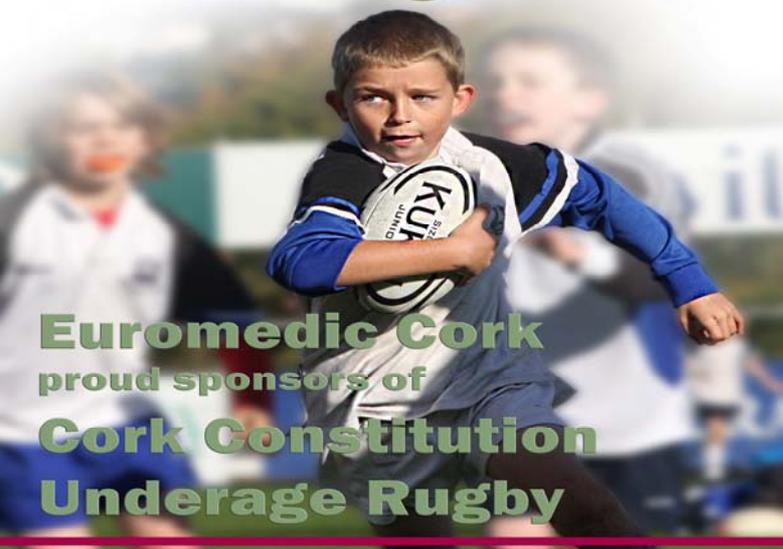
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