



Cork Constitution F.C.

Matchzine



Ulster Bank League Division 1A Garryowen V Cork Constitution Saturday 15 th March 2014 14.30 PM

Dooradoyle

Cork Constitution travel to Dooradoyle to meet **Garryowen** in the 14th series game of the Ulster Bank League. The first game between the clubs in November at Temple Hill resulted in a narrow 18-15 victory for Constitution.

And then, of course, when the teams again met in the Munster Senior Cup final at Thomond Park in December, **Constitution** edged the narrowest of victories with an extra time penalty, to take the Cup on a 9-6 score line.

Over the 24 years of the All Ireland League, excluding finals, **Garryowen** have won 14 to **Constitution's** 11, with five drawn games.

Garryowen are down in 10th place in the table with 13 points, but they have shown much improved form recently, possibly due to the addition of former Ireland coach Eddie O'Sullivan to the coaching team, winning two of their last three games: against **Ballynahinch** 18-9 and **Young Munster** 33-6, though they lost 20-26 to **UCD** in their last outing.

Meanwhile **Constitution** have lost two of their last three games: **Dolphin** 6-9 and **Old Belvedere** 24-26, while recording a gutsy 9-8 victory over table-toppers **Clontarf** at Castle Avenue. They are in third place on 33 points, 12 points behind leaders **Clontarf**, but 20 points ahead of Saturday's rivals.

Presidents & Captains Annual Dinner



29th March 2014



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

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

Tony Roche has lined up a very interesting guest speaker for the Dinner, retired international referee **Alan Lewis**

As the President and Captains Dinner is 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.

U 21's Win South Western Conference

Cork Constitution won the U21 South Western Conference with a late late victory over UL-Bohemian at a wind swept Annacotty on Saturday.

It is the first time that Constitution have qualified for the Fraser McMullen Cup national competition since Brian Vaughan captained the team in 2011. Back then, they lost out to Lansdowne, so hopefully this squad can go a step better.



Despite trailing 0-5 with time running out, the team showed great composure to score two tries in the final five minutes of play, to secure the title for only the second time.

UL scored the opening try from No.8 Cathal Flanagan in the 50th minute, but did not convert. Despite their best efforts Con could not break down the home defence until the final minutes, when Sonny Dwyer got a try following a 5 metre maul. Tomas Quinlan added the points, and for good measure, did likewise for Conor Cunningham's try in the last play of the game.

Munster Junior Competition Manager, Paul Griffin, was on hand to present the Cup to the winning captain, Michael Murphy, who missed the game through injury. Pictured with the trophy are Ryan Foley, Captain for the day and Michael Murphy who had his cruciate operated on the day before.



Cork Con Team:

C.McAuliffe; A. Dorgan, C.Cunningham, L.O'Connell, D.O'Sullivan; T.Quinlan, R.Foley; A.Slattery, S.Galvin, M.McTighe; D.Moloney, M.Coughlan; D.Huley, S.Dwyer, G.Mullins. Replacements: M.O'Sullivan, R.Flanagan, R.O'Halloran, J.Murphy, K.Clancy, S.Keating, A.Singleton.

Draw Made For Fraser McMullen Cup

The draw for the first round of the 2013/14 Fraser McMullen Cup has thrown up four cracking interprovincial ties, with the country's best Under-20 club players set to battle it out for All-Ireland silverware.

The tournament gets underway on Saturday week (March 22) with defending champions Lansdowne hosting Buccaneers in the capital.

Greystones will make the trip south to Cork Constitution and there is a second game on Leeside as UCC and UCD meet in a mouth-watering student derby.

The Terenure College Under-20s, will face Limerick opposition on the day, either UL Bohemians or Bruff, which will be decided by a play-off next Saturday. The winners of the Terenure v UL Bohemians/Bruff match will have home advantage in the semi-finals, as will whoever comes through the Cork Constitution v Greystones clash.

If teams are tied at full-time in the first round and semi-final matches, there will be extra-time of 10 minutes each way. Don Mullins

U 8's Continue to impress



On Saturday March 8, Cork Con U8s entertained two teams from Highfield.

It was a perfect day for rugby and the main pitch in Con was in great condition despite all of the rain during the week. Both teams did enough again on the day to come away with victories. The games were played in a very sporting manner by all sides and the lads responded to positive input from all coaches which was great to see.



The team under the guidance of Ray Barry put in an amazing performance. The try count was into double digits with Highfield just managing one try at the death. The hard work on the training ground and at home produced the best passing and tackling display from an U8 side year to date.

A superb outing for Ian "Juggernaut" Morton and the unearthing of a new Peter O'Mahony in Ronan Dooley coupled with the most improved player in Isaac Sutton.



The team coached by Eddie Kingston also came out on top in a closely fought encounter with Matthew Kiernan ensuring that the family tradition lives on a Cork Con with a sterling performance."

Musgrave Park Redevelopment gets the green light

The Musgrave Park Redevelopment Project has been given full approval by the Munster Branch with work to begin next month.

The new facilities will be completed by the end of November this year with the capacity increasing from 8,500 to just under 10,000.

In the plans is a **new West Stand** which will hold **over 3,500** supporters as well as dressing rooms, a hospitality area, media facilities, medical facilities, and public toilets.

Additionally, the **Munster Rugby Supporters Club** are funding work that will see the **East Terrace** covered in order to enhance the supporters' experience at the venue.

The temporary stand that was erected in August 2011 has already been dismantled and moved off-site with work to begin on the new stand next month.

Work on the **East Terrace** will begin after the Il Divo concert in June with the covering of the terrace to be completed for the start of the 2014/15 All-Ireland League season.



The entire redevelopment will be completed by the end of November which means that Musgrave Park will still be in a position to host four **Munster** matches next season.

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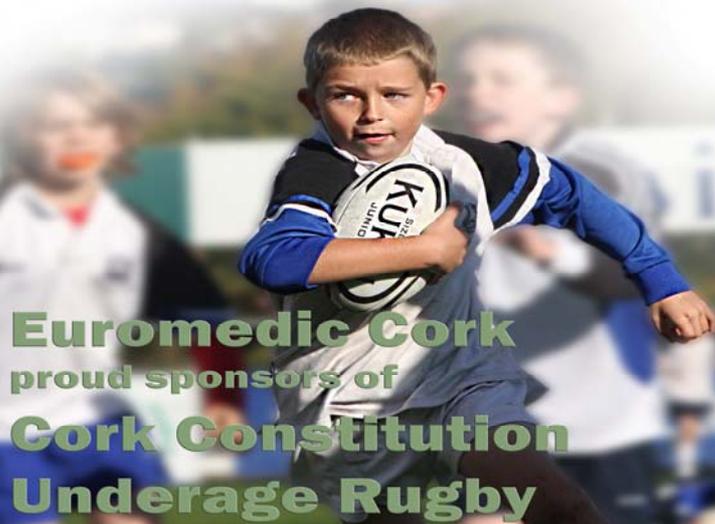
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