



Cork Constitution F.C.

Matchzine



U20 McMullen Cup Semi Final

Cork Constitution F.C. v Lansdowne F.C.

Temple Hill 16:00 PM Saturday, 5th April 2014

Cork Constitution's U20 XV take on the Leinster champions Lansdowne at Temple Hill in the semi-final of the Fraser McMullen Cup competition, at 16.00 pm on Saturday afternoon.

After last week's comprehensive win over Greystones in the quarter final, expectation is high for another big performance from Constitution's very skilful U20 team.

Lansdowne are the defending champions having defeated Dublin University in the final last year. Dublin University had defeated Constitution 19 -13 in the quarter-final at Temple Hill.

As the Munster Toulouse Heineken game will be shown live in the club house from 13:30 we appeal to all club members to watch the Munster V Toulouse game in Con which will be followed by even more entertainment in the U20 all-Ireland semi-final.

Munster Junior Challenge Cup Quarter-final

Cork Constitution v Clonmel

Temple Hill 2.30pm Sunday 6th April 2014

On Sunday, Constitution J1 XV continue their pursuit of the Munster Junior Cup with a quarter-final tie against Clonmel.

Cork Constitution qualified for the quarter final with a very hard earned win over a game Tralee outfit. Despite the fine conditions, and firm surface, the outcome was in doubt up to the final ten minutes.

The last time Constitution and Clonmel met in the Cup was also at this stage of the competition in 2008. Constitution, captained by Robert Casey won 16-10 at Temple Hill, before going on to defeat Cashel and UCC in the semi-final and final.

Stan Waldron

Heineken Cup

Munster V Toulouse

Saturday 5 April 2014 KO 13.30 PM

Watch it live in your Club House

Followed by Fraser McMullan Cup Semi Final

Cork Constitution F.C. v Lansdowne F.C.

Kick Off 16:00

Presidents & Captains Annual Dinner

The arrival for our annual club dinner is always special, with birthday like excitement, when friends meet up again and alickadoos , players IRFU and Munster Branch officers and guests all mingle and share greetings and fun.

Ross O'Dowling , MC for the evening, did a fine job in a calm, efficient manner . Often at club dinners, the meal itself is subordinate in importance and quality to the speeches, not on this occasion when both were of the highest order. The caterer Des Cahill quite rightly received widespread praise.

The guest speaker was former International referee and Ireland Cricketer, Alan Lewis who gave an enthralling account of the protocol involved in reaching the higher echelons of refereeing.

The annual Hall of Fame award went to Charlie Hill, President 1987-88 who regaled the increasingly raucous attendance with his tales of days gone by both home and abroad.

Club President Ian O'Leary spoke of his own experience in the club and how he was proud to be President of such a great Club. Captain Gerry Hurley thanked the Club for their efforts on behalf of all of the teams and he mentioned his hopes for the future of the Club this season.



Club internationals Gerry Hurley, Cathal Quinn , Andy O'Driscoll , Willie Ryan and Philip Donnellan were presented with mementoes in honour of representing their country.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation by Vernon Beamish of his grandfather Robert's Cork Constitution cap from season 1898-99 .

Vernon Beamish, together with his wife Lynda and son Warwick, travelled especially for the event from Cape Town, South Africa. Vernon is a grandson of Robert Beamish who was a founding member of the club in 1891-92 season and was Club Captain in 1898-99 season. In return, President Ian O'Leary presented a copy of the Club Centenary Book and a Club tie.

If all dinners were as enjoyable as this one, we could have several yearly and still draw the crowds. It was a great success for the immensely popular president, Ian O'Leary.



Great credit goes to John O'Mahony , Frank O'Connor and Don O'Riordan who did a superb job of organising the dinner.

The bar staff and young club members who helped to bring much needed drink to the tables were efficient and polite and were top class. Martin O'Brien , official Club Photographer, was present throughout the evening to record the activities. There are more pictures on the Cork Con Facebook page.

Thanks to all.

Pat Twomey

U 12 Dublin Tour



The Cork constitution U12 teams set off to Dublin to face their Lansdowne FC U12 counterparts in a blitz arranged on the back pitch prior to the main event which was the Con seniors facing Lansdowne FC in the Aviva stadium. As in previous years the weather threatened to spoil the party but relented and the sun even made a brief appearance.



Cork Con had 53 players while Lansdowne had 24, In fairness Sunday is their training day so they had a lot missing. The Cork Con players formed up in to their relevant teams which were named after our 4 fine provinces and Lansdowne formed up in to 3 teams.

Every team got at least two 15 minute matches and some of these encounters were a site to behold, Joe Schmidt would have been proud. The individual performances were too many to mention but what really stood out were the boys ability to play as a unit, The set plays were perfect even against Huge odds at times.

We coaches are very proud of how the boys performed on the pitch and of how the behaved off the pitch.

After play ended Michael O'Brien the Head Coach of Lansdowne FC had a photo session with all the players posing in the middle of the pitch then it was on to lunch. A huge thanks to Michael for arranging a wonderful lunch for his visitors, we all came away happy.



On to the Aviva. We enjoyed a good game of rugby with our seniors overcoming stiff opposition from the home side on a score line of 18 - 24 to Con.

The boys greeted the players at the gate of the Aviva after the game and it was plain to see that it meant a lot to our seniors.

Homeward bound. On the way home we stopped in Midway Portlaoise for food and got back on the bus for the final leg to Cork.



The Bus arrived in Templehill just after 8pm and some very tired bodies were relieved to see their parents to get home for a well deserved rest.

Coaches on the trip were as follows. Sean O'Riordan (head Coach), Conor Hayden, Greg Fulton, Paul walsh, John O'Donnell, John Hourihan, John McGarry, Joe O'Leary and Don Harney.

A special thanks to our assistant coach Jack Foley who was injured early in the season but still made the trip.

Thanks also to Conor Hayden and Sean O'Riordan who organised the trip.

Don Harney

Cork Con Fc

U12 Coach

U 8 News



Last week-end Cork Con U8s had an away fixture against their great rivals Dolphin on the main pitch in Musgrave park. It was a very competitive game with Con trying their best to stop the well drilled Dolphin team pulling away in the first half. At the turn around it was 5 tries to 1 with the marauding Ian Morton getting the Con score.

An inspired Team talk from the vastly experienced coach Shane Moloney turned the game on its head in the final phase as Con restricted Dolphin to a single Score while running in 3 tries themselves.



Con's passing game was executed with some training ground moves by the excellent Charlie Donnelly and the hard working Rory Moloney. Based on the second half fight back this no doubt won't be the last time that these lads do the Con jersey proud in Musgrave park.

Dave Burke U8 Coach

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