



Ulster Bank League Division IA

Clontarf R.F.C. V Cork Constitution FC

Saturday 28th March 2015 14.30 PM

On Saturday Cork Constitution are on the road again with an extremely tough fixture against last year's champion's Clontarf R.F.C. With two rounds to go in the Ulster Bank League, Lansdowne and Terenure have booked their place in the playoffs. The battle for the remaining two play off places is very tight and while champions Clontarf are third in the Division IA table they are being chased all the way by Constitution, Ballynahinch, UCD and Young Munster. For the four sides every game is a must win game as in the final round of fixtures Clontarf play Ballynahinch and Constitution play UCD.

In their last Ulster Bank League game Constitution were unlucky not to come away with a share of the spoils on their away trip to league Leaders Lansdowne. The afternoon had begun brightly for Cork Con as Darren Sweetnam touched down for the second week running. Lansdowne's patience was tested until Conor McKeon's neat offload played in hooker Tyrone Moran for an unconverted try in the right corner. An opportunist try by Cork Con out-half Tomas Quinlan restored his side's five-point advantage, but a late surge from Lansdowne made it 12-10 at the break.

McKeon and Quinlan swapped penalties early on the resumption before Lansdowne, playing with increased confidence, swept through for their third try in the 53rd minute. McKeon missed the conversion, though, and with 13 minutes remaining a Lansdowne handling error allowed the speedy Sweetnam to latch on to the loose ball and race in under the posts. Quinlan's levelling conversion set up a grandstand finish. However, Lansdowne produced the goods when it mattered most to score the decisive try and give the headquarters club their 13th win in 16 league outings.

Clontarf lost their last league game at home to Dolphin but recovered their form with a resounding victory away to Ballynahinch in last week's Bateman Cup Semi final.

Commenting on Saturday's Game Constitution's Coach Tom Tierney said " This is going to be a very competitive game, I have great admiration for Clontarf, they are a serious outfit and they proved they can play some serious rugby when last week they became the only side to win in Ballynahinch this season. Our lads know how important this game is to Constitution and they will be going all out to get a result in Clontarf. They say league tables don't lie and the fact that there is only five points separating places 4 to 9 proves how evenly the teams are matched"

Both Constitution and Clontarf will meet in the Final of the Bateman Cup scheduled for the 18th April 2015.

The venue for the final will be decided by a toss of a coin prior to Saturday's game.

Fraser McMullen Cup

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

Saturday 28TH March Temple Hill 2:30 PM

On Saturday last year's winners Cork Constitution will host UCD in the first round of the Fraser McMullen Cup.

The first round draw for the 2014/15 Fraser McMullen Cup has produced four fascinating interprovincial clashes, with last year's finalists - Cork Constitution and Terenure College - both having home advantage. The annual tournament, which sees some of the country's best Under-20 players battling it out for All-Ireland silverware, will get underway this week-end.

The second Munster representatives, Young Munster, will also have home advantage when they meet Lansdowne, the 2013 champions.

Buccaneers made it through to the Fraser McMullen Cup after beating Bruff 19-7 in a Donal Walsh Trophy Division I play-off. Buccs have a tricky away tie to negotiate next week, making the trip to Dublin to face Terenure who stormed to the JP Fanagan League title with 14 straight wins (including 11 bonus points).

The combined NUIG/Corinthians team came through an exciting play-off, edging out Old Crescent on a 26-25 score line. The Galway side will be away to Dublin University who finished second to 'Nure in Leinster Premier I.

The winners of the Cork Con v UCD match will have home advantage in the semi-finals, as will whoever comes through the Terenure v Buccaneers 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. The final will be played over the weekend of April 11-12.

Ireland Under 19 Squad

Congratulations to Joe White and Vincent O'Brien who have been named in the Ireland U 19 squad for the Easter tournament in France

Pre match Lunch

SAT 11TH APRIL 2015. AIL CORK CONSTITUTION F.C. V UCD WE ARE HOSTING A PRE MATCH LUNCHEON IN THE CLUB HOUSE.

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Cork Con U'9s 's Visit Lansdowne Rd

Jerry Murray RIP



The death occurred on 23rd March 2015 of Jerry Murray, former Cork Constitution President and Captain.

Before joining Constitution, Jerry was an outstanding Schools player, winning Munster Junior and Senior Schools Cup medals with Presentation College Cork in 1957 and 1958.

Joining Constitution from school, he was a mainstay of the most successful teams through the 1960's and 1970's. He won a record seven Munster Senior Cup medals, and an astonishing thirteen Munster League titles, during a remarkable playing career that finally ended with the Munster Cup campaign in 1980.

There were many memorable games, not least the Munster Cup final wins over Garryowen at Thomond Park in 1961 and Musgrave Park in 1972; and a League final victory, also against Garryowen at Thomond Park in 1975. In each game Constitution were deemed underdogs, but against the odds won notable victories.

His pre-match team-talks were legendary, and it is said that on one occasion, the opposition sat spellbound in their dressing room, listening to his motivational speech next door. On another occasion in a Limerick hotel, as a band marched down the street with a solemn roll of drums, he remarked that it was the funeral march for the opposition!

He played for Munster also in some memorable games: at Thomond Park in 1963 when New Zealand escaped with a 6-3 victory; and at Musgrave Park in 1967 when Munster defeated Australia 11-8, the first ever provincial win over a Southern Hemisphere touring side. Unlucky not to wear the green jersey, he was honoured in 1977 by the famous Barbarian club when selected against Leicester.

An able administrator, he served Cork Constitution as Club Captain 1967 & 1972, and as President 1995. He served as Munster selector 1986-90; and Ireland selector 1989-92; and as Munster Branch President 2000-01

The club wishes to express its sympathy to his wife Lulu, sons Niall and Jerry, and daughters Ann Louise and Jean.

Cork Con Under 9's had a very successful trip to Lansdowne on March 7. Over 50 boys and 20 coaches and parents set off at the crack of dawn from Con for the journey to the Aviva and the lads were at fever pitch in terms of excitement.

After a short stop in Midway (without losing anyone) we arrived at



Lansdowne Rugby Club. The matches were all played on the synthetic pitch in the shadow of the Aviva in glorious sunshine.

We played with 6 teams from Con and faced down 3 teams from Lansdowne and a mixed team from Lansdowne/Wanderers.

The lads gave a great account of themselves on the day coming away with a 80% winning percentage and some great team efforts. Rucking and passing were greatly improved and the grub on offer was hovered up in good order.

Some old acquaintances were renewed by several of the coaches and parents prior to the lads acting as guard of honour for the seniors on the day. The result did not fall Con's way in the senior match, but the lads consoled themselves with a dose of Supermacs on the way down .

Frankie whipped them into a frenzy by leading the singing and they roared all the way home. A great day had by all.

Ken Murphy U9 Coach

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U 13 Easter Tour



On Saturday 28 March Cork Constitution U-13 rugby squad will once again embark on their famous annual Easter tour.

Sean O'Riordan, Fred Casey and the 12 coaches have brought these boys' rugby skills and experiences to this point from U7s in 2006, including mini rugby at a Heineken Cup match in Thomond Park at U11, day trips to Dublin many times, and the famous Terenure trip this year, to Tralee and to local clubs in Cork City and County, where traditional club rivalries clearly matter at least as much on the sideline as on the pitch!

The U13 coaches will watch their 60 players proudly as they represent themselves, their families, their club and country on tour. The U13s are visiting Ironsides RFC in London, who have visited us in Temple Hill in the past and Hitchin RFC.

A number of attractions are on the itinerary with a visit to Wembley Stadium to watch Saracens V Quins, a visit to Thorpe Park, London attractions and a surprise! The tour party return to Cork on Tuesday 31 March 2015

The club want to thank ALL the tour sponsors; the coaches who worked so hard to pull it all together, the parents especially who were generous both with their time and their wallets/purses, the various corporate backers who were so munificent in their support, and the boys themselves who worked hard to raise the funds to underpin the tour

We wish all involved some fine rugby, good fun and many new friendships.

Good luck to the 2014-2015 U13 Tour

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Call Fiona Burke on 021 4291960 or email: info@corkcon.ie to discuss your requirements and arrange to see the facilities.

Pitchside Hoardings

Our Pitchside Hoardings are a valued source of income to the Club and a number of spaces are available for the coming season.

If you are interested in becoming a Hoarding Sponsor please contact Fiona Burke at 021 4291960 or e-mail info@corkcon.ie

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL DAY

FRIDAY 13th MARCH, 2015.

This year's celebration took place as usual in the Rochestown Park Hotel where numbers attending reached new records. This was partially due to the fact that one of our regular supporters, Cork Builders Providers, this year entertained large numbers of their customers to a day out to celebrate their 25th Anniversary and we hope that they enjoyed the day so much that they will all return next year.

Similarly we thank all our regular guests for their continued support and look forward to their company for many years to come.

The day started as is customary with our Cork Dry Gin and Tonic Reception and this was followed by lunch with the legendary Beef or Salmon choice of menu, beautifully served by the staff at Rochestown Park Hotel.

Frank O'Connor kept the day moving smoothly and the races were interspersed with all the usual features including our raffle and "Best Dressed" Competitions. Cearbhall "Biggles" Behan was a popular winner and the men's prize presented by Suit Distributors, while the ladies prize presented by Keanes Jewellers was won by a very glamorous Agnes Pawlicka. Wine was once again provided by Gleasons and greatly added to the day's enjoyment.

Our resident tipster Tom Busted gave of his expert inside knowledge and as always it was a "Day at the Races" which was enjoyed universally and was every bit as good as the real thing.

Here's to 2016 and thanks again to all our friends.

Noel Walsh