

Cork Constitution F.C. Matchzine



ULSTER BANK ALL-IRELAND BATEMAN CUP FINAL

Cork Constitution F.C. V Clontarf R.F.C.

Temple Hill Saturday 18 April 2015 K.O. 14:35 PM

Two heavyweights of Irish club rugby, Cork Constitution and Clontarf, go head-to-head in Saturday's All Ireland Bateman Cup Final at Temple Hill. Constitution have home advantage as the venue for the final was decided by a coin toss between the two clubs.



Cork Constitution will be hoping that home advantage and their greater All-Ireland Cup experience will prove crucial as they bid to win this trophy for the third year in a row. Last season, a first half try from Darragh Lyons set Constitution on their way to a 19-6 victory over UCD. Four penalties and a conversion from captain Gerry Hurley completed the scoring for Constitution.

The Bateman Cup is one of Irish rugby's oldest competitions, first introduced in 1922 by Dr. Godfrey Bateman from Cork who presented the trophy to the IRFU to honour his sons Reginald and Arthur who both died in the First World War.

Constitution reached the final with a 36-25 semi-final dismissal of Buccaneers at Dubarry Park. Tries from Darragh Lyons and Alan Ross effectively sealed the result by the 62nd minute.

Weakened by injuries to key players and lacking strength in depth Constitution's form has dipped since February with Tom Tierney's side losing four straight Ulster Bank League games. However victory in the final against Clontarf would be a fitting tribute to the Constitution coach as he leaves Temple Hill to take up position as full time coach to the Irish Ladies Rugby team.

Constitution will be hoping that Niall Kenneally, James Ryan, Cathal O'Flaherty and Graeme Lawler will continue to impress.

There have been no Leinster winners of the All-Ireland Cup or Bateman Cup since the All-Ireland competition was introduced in the 2005/06 season, so Clontarf will be hoping to make history for themselves and their province on Saturday. Clontarf qualified for the final by beating Ballynahinch away, with out-half David Joyce starring in a 24-20 victory for Andy Wood's men. Clontarf followed up a week later, with an impressive 43-30 league win over Constitution at Castle Avenue.

Last years Ulster Bank All Ireland League Champions, Clontarf will travel to Temple Hill comfortable in the role of favourites and full of confidence after last weeks comprehensive bonus point away victory against Ballynahinch.

Clontarf have proven match winners in out-half David Joyce, number 8 Anthony Ryan, Matt Darcy and recent Ireland Under-19 cap Conor O'Brien. Former Constitution Captain Evan Ryan could line out as centre for Clontarf on Saturday.

Commenting on the final Tom Tierney said "I think form, league positions and previous meetings go out the window on Saturday, Clontarf will be fired up for this game and we will be the same and the winner of this final will be the team which turns up with the best attitude on the day."

Competition Rules:

- (i) If teams are tied at full-time, extra-time of 10 minutes each way will be played
- (ii) If still tied, the team that has scored the most tries will be the winners
- (iii) If still tied, the team who scored the first try will be the winners
- (iv) If no tries have been scored, the team that scored the first points in the final will be declared the winners
- (v) If the final is scoreless, penalty kicks will be taken to decide the winners



Match Day Information

Please note that there will be no parking in Temple Hill for the Cup Final. We request that match patrons respect our neighbours by not parking on the double yellow lines outside local housing estates as this causes a traffic hazard.



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Cork Constitution U13 London Tour 2015



The pinnacle of the year for the U13 section is the world famous Cork Constitution Under 13 Easter Tour. At the end of last season the coaches decided that the traditional U13 tour would go to London in 2015.

We have several contacts in Battersea Ironsides and Hitchin RFC which greatly helped to make our final decision.

When the tour committee was put together and the fund raising events were agreed we set about putting together a trip befitting the Club.



In brief the fundraising went along the lines of previous years with Cake sales on Saturday morning, a pub Quiz and the now famous Race night. We also had corporate sponsorship chief amongst those were Intel Security and Big Al's Food service.

Thank you to all the people who supported us with these events.

Final Numbers were 59 boys and 14 coaches travelled to London for the four day tour.



Before the flight from Cork to Stansted, Steven Archer, Billy Holland and Simon Zebo wished the your party the best of luck in the departure lounge.

After arriving in Stinted the party travelled on to a Rugby blitz in Hitchin RFC and on to Wembley Stadium for Saracens Vs Harlequins .



The tour party brought the crowd at the game to over 84,000, well done boys.

The Rugby Blitz in Battersea Ironsides this was an all day event ending in a grand BBQ and refreshments in the bar. A special thank you to Ironsides for their tremendous welcome.



We also did a short walking tour of London that evening where the Guards on horse guards parade did very well not to move or giggle despite the best efforts of the boys.



The visit to Thorpe Park was fantastic, everyone enjoyed this day even Sean.

The rides were out of this world and time flew so fast it was soon time to leave before we realised it.

On our final day we went to RAF Duxford to see some miracles of flight including Concorde. Then lunch and off to the airport for the return trip home to Cork



It should be noted that a lot of people put in a lot of effort to make this trip the wonderful experience that it was, We the Coaches would like to thank in particular the Club and the parents for all your help, without you this could not have happened.

We returned to Cork with everyone in good spirits and no injuries and this was a testament to the organisation and attention to detail that went in to the trip.

The tour itself was an outstanding success. It was an experience that the boys and coaches will carry with them forever and many friendships were formed that will last a lifetime.



We the Coaches will remember this trip for a long time and we hope so will the boys.



Coaches on the Trip

Sean O'Riordan, John McGarry, Don Harney, Jonathan Hourihan, Greg Fulton, Conor Hayden, John O'Donnell, Shane Sullivan, Paul Walsh, Andrew O'Riordan, Joe O'Leary, Fred Casey, Finbarr Cudmore and Finbar Buckley.

Cork Constitution FC

Family Fun Day

Saturday 25th April 2015

12 - 2:30pm in Temple Hill



Come and join us celebrate the close of another great season at the club.

Burger and a drink for all children.

Fun and games on the main pitch, including 'crossbar challenge' and an opportunity to throw a wet sponge at your (most/least) favourite coach!!

Please bring €4 per child to help toward new facilities at the CUH Children's Unit.



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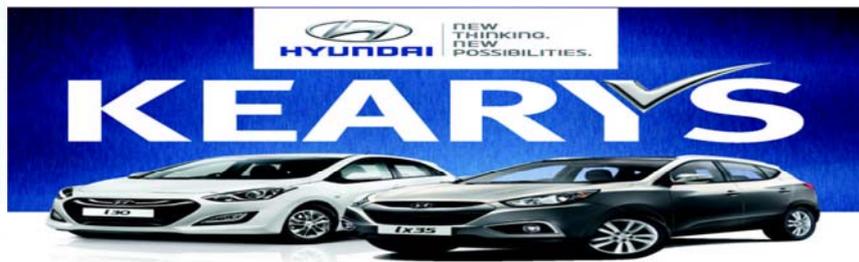
The shop stocks Cork Con Club Jerseys, Shorts, Socks, Hoodies, etc
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your requirements and arrange to see the facilities.

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