

Cork Constitution F.C. Matchzine



Ulster Bank Club International

Ireland Club XV V Scotland Club XV

Temple Hill, Friday, March 18, KO 7.30pm

Four Changes Made To Ireland Club XV

Head coach Paul Cunningham has announced the Ireland Club XV to face Scotland in Friday's Ulster Bank Club international clash at Temple Hill.



The Ireland Club players were victorious in their last outing when they defeated France Fédérale 16-12 in Massy last month. Clontarf centre Matt D'Arcy will captain the side for the fourth time. He again forms the centre partnership with UCD skipper Stephen Murphy.

The back-three is made up of Old Belvedere full-back Daniel Riordan and Lansdowne's Mark Roche and James McNerney of Garryowen on the wings.

Lansdowne ace Scott Deasy, who kicked 11 points in that victory in France, resumes his role at out-half and is partnered at half-back by Garryowen's Neil Cronin, whose brother Sean was among Ireland's try scorers against Italy last Saturday. In the pack, Ian Prendiville of Lansdowne is joined by Cork Constitution duo Max Abbott and Ger Sweeney in the front row, with St. Mary's lock Ciaran Ruddock, brother of senior international Rhys Ruddock, partnered by Lansdowne's Philip Donnellan in the engine room.

Donnellan's club-mate Charlie Butterworth is part of an unchanged back row alongside Ballynahinch's Paul Pritchard and the Leinster-capped Tony Ryan from Clontarf. The replacements are provided from five clubs - Old Belvedere's Eddie Rossiter and Declan Lavery will cover hooker and prop and Brian McGovern of St. Mary's is the second prop on the bench. Ballymena's Connor Smyth covers second row and his club-mate Rodger McBurney covers the outside backs.

Dublin University provide half-back cover through Angus Lloyd and Jack McDermott. John Fitzgerald of Dolphin is the back rower on the bench

The players will wear their club socks in Friday's game which will kick off at 7.30pm in Temple Hill.

Cork Constitution's Max Abbott is thrilled at the prospect of claiming a second successive Ireland Club international cap against Scotland Clubs especially playing in his home club. "The Ireland Club side have enjoyed success in the past in Temple Hill and hopefully there will be a good reception for the Irish lads in Cork, and a big crowd comes out on Friday night to watch us try to get another win"

Tickets are available at the gate and are priced at Family €20, Adults €10 and Students €5.

Tickets can also be purchased at the following outlets:-

Munster Rugby Ticket Offices at Irish Independent Park and Thomond Park.

Ticketmaster , Merchants Quay , Cork

Finns Corner On the corner of Grand Parade & Washington Street. Credit Cards not accepted.

IRELAND CLUB INTERNATIONAL Team & Replacements (v Scotland Clubs, 2016 Ulster Bank Club International Match, Temple Hill, Cork, Friday, March 18, kick-off 7.30pm):

15. Daniel Riordan (Old Belvedere),14. James McNerney (Garryowen),13. Stephen Murphy (UCD),12. Matt D'Arcy (Clontarf) (capt),11. Mark Roche (Lansdowne),10. Scott Deasy (Lansdowne),9. Neil Cronin (Garryowen), Ian Prendiville (Lansdowne),2. Max Abbott (Cork Constitution),3. Ger Sweeney (Cork Constitution),4. Ciaran Ruddock (St. Mary's College),5. Philip Donnellan (Lansdowne),6. Charlie Butterworth (Lansdowne),7. Paul Pritchard (Ballynahinch),8. Tony Ryan (Clontarf)

Replacements:- 16. Eddie Rossiter (Old Belvedere), 17. Declan Lavery (Old Belvedere),18. Brian McGovern (St. Mary's College),19. Connor Smyth (Ballymena),20. John Fitzgerald (Dolphin),21. Angus Lloyd (Dublin University),22. Jack McDermott (Dublin University),23. Rodger McBurney (Ballymena)

Match Day Information

Gates open at 18:30.

There will be stewards to assist patrons on the night , and to ensure that the event runs smoothly and safely, please respect their requests.

There will be no 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