



# Cork Constitution F.C. Matchzine



## Ulster Bank League Division I A Final Lansdowne F.C V Cork Constitution F.C.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 3:00 PM

It's highly unusual that defending champions Cork Constitution in their third successive Division 1A decider are "underdogs" heading into next Sunday's Ulster Bank League final against Lansdowne. This is probably down to the last time the two sides met in the Bateman Cup Final when Lansdowne won convincingly (32-12) at Temple Hill. That defeat ended Constitution's hopes of a successive All-Ireland double but Hickey's troops could still make history this weekend, as they target a two-in-a-row, something which has not been achieved in the league since 2006.

Constitution earned the right to renew rivalries with Lansdowne after defeating Terenure College 22-15 at Lakelands Park last Saturday. Out-half Tomas Quinlan impressed again with a 17-point tally from the tee, while Evan Mintern crossed for a second-half try.

Speaking after the Terenure game Brian Hickey's view was "It's great to be back in the final, I'm very proud of the fact we got to the top four and are now back in the final. It's a very hard league to win and I've always said to the players that I think the importance of being a champion is how well you defend your trophy. That's something I think good champions do. They put up a good defence. It was suggested that we were a bit tame in the Bateman Cup final and that hurt. I don't think that gave credit to the performance of Lansdowne. We're going to be very much underdogs. They're a seriously good side, playing on their home patch but we're delighted to be back there."

League form goes out the window for Sunday's clash and from Constitution's point of view it's a cup game with it all to play for. It promises to be a very competitive contest with the players on both sides giving everything to the cause of their respective clubs.

Two supporters coaches are leaving from Constitution on Sunday at 9:30. Please arrive before 9:15am to allow us to leave on time. All supporters meeting at Sandymount Hotel before the game. Tickets for the game will be available there from either Conor Clune or Peter Good.

Congratulations to Donncha O'Callaghan on his final game of professional rugby last Saturday when he led out Worcester for their final game of the season against Harlequins.



Donncha remains a strong Constitution supporter, in the middle of his own big weekend he still had time to text his best wishes to the Constitution teams ahead of the AIL semi-final and the Munster Junior Cup final.

### Under 18 Newfoundland Tour

Best of luck to Constitution's Under 18 Team who start their 2 match tour to Newfoundland on Thursday 10 May 2018. The coaches of the U18 team would like to thank all who supported them in their fund-raising activities for the tour.

### Rose Dunne

At last Monday's Executive Meeting Club President, Anthony O'Leary, made a presentation to Rose Dunne who is retiring from the Club's Membership Committee.



In all kinds of the weather, Rose was a constant presence on Saturday mornings in Temple Hill and over the years built up a fantastic rapport with both the young players and their parents. Thanks Rose, for your loyalty, dedication and huge commitment to the Club.

Best of Luck in the League Final from all in Keary's Hyundai.



# J1's Win Munster Junior Cup



Last Sunday, Cork Constitution, ably led by Captain Sonny Dwyer, were crowned Bank of Ireland Munster Junior Cup champions for the nineteenth time with a deserved 21-15 win over a gallant Richmond side at Irish Independent Park.

Credit for this must go to a clinical performance by Constitution who had the Limerick side pinned back for long periods. Constitution took the game to Richmond from the off and were 3-0 ahead inside the opening minute with a long range penalty from Niall Finn.

Constitution centres Luke Duffy and Greg Higgins were always threatening when they made bursts up the middle of the park as did full back Brendan Monahan who put in a man of the match performance. Sonny Dwyer put in huge amount of work and was well supported in the pack by Jonathan Davis, Sean Duffy and Luke Duffy.

Richmond eventually settled into the game and to the delight of the large and vocal Richmond following Tadhg Bennett had the sides level with a penalty after seventeen minutes. Pressure by the Con' pack was rewarded with a try on twenty eight minutes when the Richmond defence were caught off guard. A penalty awarded to Con' inside the Richmond 22 saw a quick tap being taken and winger Joe White ran in for an unconverted try.

Richmond were under the cosh for the remainder of the half and were happy to turn around just 8-3 down. While Richmond dominated the opening stages of the second half quick play by backs and forwards saw Gary Bradley and Finn combine to send Luke Duffy in for a Constitution try which Finn converted on forty seven minutes.

Back came Richmond and a great break by Keelan Stephenson, saw Tadhg Bennett throw a long pass out to Kieran Bennett to score in the corner. Finn added penalties on 60 and 69 minutes to extend Constitution's lead to 21-8.

Pressure by the Richmond pack was rewarded when in the 73rd minute Sean Bennett barged over for a try and Tadhg Bennett converted to leave six points between the sides. Richmond tried desperately to save the game but a resolute Constitution's defence just managed to hold out for victory.

The Junior 1 management team of Frank Cogan , Peter Good , David Hurley and John Moynihan deserve great credit for mentoring the team to a coveted Junior Cup win and they will be hoping to end the season unbeaten when they face Garryowen in the final of the Munster Seconds League on Sunday week.



President of the Munster Branch , Charley Buckley present the trophy to Sonny Dwyer.

## Volunteers Needed.

The Club are organising a number of activities centred around the Ed Sheeran Concerts on the 4Th , 5Th and 6Th May.

See Map on page 3

To ensure that these activities run smoothly we are looking for Volunteers to help out at various times over the week-end. If you are interested please contact Der Riordan on 085 1049920.



**Due to the All Ireland League Final we are short of volunteers for Sunday. Please contact Der if you can help out for a few hours.**

## Dates for your Diary

**Players "End of Season" BBQ at the Club.**

**Saturday 12 May , enjoy Champions Cup Final and celebrate Seasons achievements .**

**Further details to follow.**

**Cork Constitution Summer Camp runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 ,9.30am – 1.30pm Cost 80.00 euros per child per week. Application forms available on the Cork Con website and in Club House.**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 23 May 2018 at 8.00PM in the Club House.**

**Golf AM AM Douglas Golf Club**

**Thursday 23 August 2018**

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## Ed Sheeran Concert Parking

