

# Cork Constitution F.C. Matchzine



## Energia All Ireland League

## U.C.C. Pre-Match High Tea

### Cork Constitution F.C. V U.C.C. R.F.C.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020 8.00 PM**

“Friday Night Under Lights” returns to Temple Hill as Cork Constitution entertain University College Cork. We welcome U.C.C. R.F.C. President, Rory Bevan, his committee, team and supporters. The winners of the game will be presented with the Conrad O’Sullivan Memorial Trophy.

Last weekend Cork Constitution came through another stern test of their title credentials by beating Ballynahinch 16-5. The win gave Constitution their 12th straight Division 1A win and they remain the only unbeaten side in the AIL.

Experienced campaigners Gerry Hurley and Brian Hayes returned from Ireland Club XV duty to score all of Cork Con’s points between them. Hayes’ first half try proved vital in horrendously wet and windy conditions at Ballymacarn Park.

Last week U.C.C. lost out 15-12 to UCD in a fiercely-contested College derby at the Belfield Bowl. UCD notched three tries in the first 47 minutes but were left scrambling to seal the result late on as U.C.C with the wind at their back enjoyed more possession and territory. Indeed, they were camped in the UCD half for much of the remainder of the game and with a bit more luck could have snatched a well-deserved win.

League places count for nothing in local derbys and a very close encounter is in the offing on Friday night. It’s two clubs with rich traditions and it promises to be an intriguing tie with the result always in doubt until the final whistle.

If you are at a loose end on Friday evening, you could do a lot worse than come along to Temple Hill at 8.00pm. Evening games are rare enough and the grounds really do look spectacular under floodlights and you are likely to see a rip-roaring game with some great talent on display.

#### Match Day Information

Admission: €10 for adults, OAP & students €5. Paid up members of Cork Constitution and all children under the age of 16 have free admission.

There will be limited car parking in Temple Hill on Friday. We request that patrons respect our neighbours by not parking on the double yellow lines outside local housing estates and not to park in neighbouring Aylesbury.

The club will host a pre-match meal for the U.C.C. game, meet in the Clubhouse bar at 6pm. The meal will be served at 6.30pm sharp. Cost per person is €25. Your support would be greatly appreciated and all are welcome. Please contact Jim Barry at 086 3855654 or Donal Grogan at 087 2580374 or Brian Cox at 086 8116925 to confirm your place.

#### Retired Members & Friends Coffee Morning.

The first gathering of members who have retired or semi-retired from the 'day job' took place on 30th January.



The event was a great success and all enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with friends and former teammates. Several members who hadn't been in the clubhouse for a few years made an appearance and renewed old friendships.

The next gathering will be hosted on **Thursday 28th February**, at 11am in the clubhouse. Please pass the word along to members who have retired over recent years and might enjoy the chance to catch-up with former comrades.

#### Most Capped Ireland Club XV Player

Congratulations to Gerry Hurley who became the most capped Ireland Club XV player when he earned his 11th Cap against Scotland on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Energia Park.



#### Dates for Your Diary

#### Cheltenham Race Day

Friday 13 March 2020 Rochestown Park Hotel.

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# Annual Cheltenham Race Day

This event takes place as usual in the splendid Rochestown Park Hotel, and we are happy to remind all of our members and friends who have given such great support to come and share in the fun.

We are staging this year's event on Friday the 13th of March 2019, so please put this date in your diary to ensure you enjoy all the excitement of a day at the races. The day will follow the, by now, well established format of:

12 Noon Gin & Tonic Reception, followed by Our Famous "Beef or Salmon" Lunch and then a Full Race Programme.

In between races we will have all the usual extras with Best Dressed Lady and Gent Presentation and a Raffle for a worthwhile prize.

Please contact one of our Committee shown below to reserve your place. The subscription is at €100.00 per person and €1,000.00 for a table of ten and pro rata for portions of tables.

## Unpaid Subscriptions



Members are the life blood of our club and our excellent modern facilities are there for our members enjoyment.

It is very important that we continue to collect our subscriptions to assist in the running of the clubs activities.

Therefore I would be much obliged if all members who have not paid their subscription for the 2019/2020 season forward their subscription to the club at their earliest convenience.

As per the rules of the Club a list of members whose subscriptions remain unpaid will shortly be placed on the notice board in the Club House.

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## The Perfect 10



The J2s won the South Munster J2 League with the perfect 10. i.e. Played 10 ; Won 10 ; Winning Bonus Points 10 ; Accumulated the perfect 50 points.

Congratulations must also go to the J2 Management. Coach James Kiernan; Captain Eoin Derham; Assistant Coach Cian Parkes; Assistant Coach Brian Cagney; Management Team Tommy McLoughlin, Frank Doyle, Denis Hegarty, Jeff Jones; Skills Analyst Frank Kiernan; Strength & Conditioning Billy O Regan;

The squad was rotated very successfully, 41 players started and only 3 players played in all games, this has being challenging for the management but is also where the strength of the team comes from.

Friday Night rugby has being a great success, and this is proven by the fact that there were no walkovers. Friday night is much more social than the previous format of meeting in the carpark of a Sunday morning at 10:00am or earlier, looking for players in locations throughout the city.

For the Friday Night Games the players and management make the soup and sandwiches, wives, girlfriends, and friends, join both teams in the clubhouse after the games for a few pints and occasionally music breaks out. I must say it is great crack.

This achievement has placed us in the Munster Final against the winners of the Gleason League in North Munster. The J2s are awaiting the opposition as this is a very competitive league and the winner can come from a pack of five different Clubs.

In the meantime the J2s will be busy competing in the Mick Barry Cup and the South Munster J2 Cup ( previously Known as the Tramway Cup, first played for in 1919, this Cup is now in the Munster Museum)

The J2s have a down week coming up and I am led to believe that they have organised a “ Mystery Trip” to Clonakilty and Courtmacsherry to soak up the culture, beautiful views of magnificent West Cork, and no doubt they will partake in the fantastic food West Cork has to offer and maybe the odd glass of red wine. Truly deserved, and the only request the club would have is bring everybody home.

I know I speak for this group of young gentlemen in wishing our Senior Team, Junior Team and Un20s all the very best of luck for the rest of their season.

Your achievement on and off the pitch does not go unnoticed by the club, you play for the love of the game and your friends, it is an honour and a privilege to be associated with such a group of honourable young gentlemen and enjoy the rest of your season.

Yours in minor rugby

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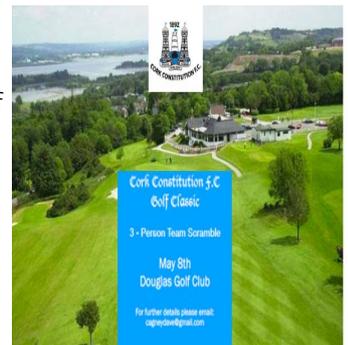
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### Cork Constitution Annual Golf Classic 2020

The Cork Constitution F. C. annual golf classic takes place on 8th May in Douglas Golf Club. This will be one of the first outings to enjoy the new clubhouse facilities in Douglas which are scheduled to open end April. Team bookings are going fast and there are only a few slots left.



If golf is not your thing, consider taking the opportunity to sponsor a hole for the day. A sponsorship sign with your company's name will be placed on a tee box or green of your choice for the duration of the event.

This is one of the main fundraising events of the year for Cork Constitution. Your support will be greatly appreciated. The 3-person team booking will cost €300. Hole sponsorship is €100.

For further details on team booking and hole sponsorship, please contact Dave Cagney on 087 2364627 or [cagneydave@gmail.com](mailto:cagneydave@gmail.com)

### Cork Constitution FC Shop

The club shop is full of great gift ideas. There are the new jerseys, the same as the ones the seniors wear when playing in the All-Ireland league.

There are the new pattern half-zips with stock in all sizes and we also have shorts and socks for all ages

