



All Ireland League Div.1, Templehill, Sat., 1st April 2023

Cork Constitution 27 Terenure College 23

Cork Constitution turned the tables on Terenure College at Templehill on Saturday and now, with just one series of fixtures remaining, next week's results will set up the Top Four pairings for the final acts of this season's competition.

On Saturday, Aidan Moynihan kicked Con in front after just three minutes with the strong wind at his back. The referee was the busiest person on the pitch in the early stages and had to call the respective captains together on a couple of occasions as a sharp edge was developing.

Terenure drew level with a penalty from Caolan Dooley; and surged ahead with a try by Peter Sylvester on 24 minutes and Dooley converted for 3-10. While Con dictated matters at scrum time, winning a succession of penalties due to Luke Masters's influence at tight head prop, Terenure withstood fierce pressure, when defending a couple of close-range line-outs. In the last play before the break, Constitution scored a try, when Moynihan cross-kicked for Eoin Quilter to score in the corner, for 8-10 at half-time.

And Constitution took the lead within minutes of the resumption, when Eoin Quilter scored his second try following an impressive one-handed pick up by Dave Hyland. Moynihan's conversion made it 15-10. Dooley kicked a second penalty for Terenure, and converted a try by Brewer for 15-20. However, Constitution re-took the lead when Harry O'Riordan scored from a blocked clearance attempt. Moynihan's conversion made it 22-20.

However, Terenure were back in front on 65 minutes with a penalty from Dooley. Three minutes into injury time, Terenure were penalised for a late shoulder charge on home captain Aidan Moynihan in midfield. The out-half found a good touch on the visiting 22, and a rolling maul from the subsequent line-out had the Dublin side on the back foot, before centre Niall Kenneally sent centre colleague Harry O'Riordan away for his second try, and the bonus point, at the posts, leaving the score 27-23 at the final whistle.

Scorers:

Cork Constitution: E.Quilter 2T; H.O'Riordan 2T; A.Moynihan 1P2C

Terenure College: P.Sylvester 1T; M.Brewer 1T; C.Dooley 2C3P

Cork Con: G.Coomber; D.Hurley, H.O'Riordan, N.Kenneally, M.Hand; A.Moynihan, G.Hurley; B.Quinlan, B.Scannell, L.Masters; S.Duffy, E.Quilter; J.Kelleher, D.Hyland, R.O'Neill.
Replacements: G.Good, A.Heaney, C.O'Flaherty, M.Stafford, L.Kahn, B.Crowley.

Terenure College: A la Grue; C Dooley, C de Buitlear, P Sylvester, C Adams; C Smith, A Bennie; C Classon, L Vaughan, A Tuite; M Brewer, captain, M Melia; A Melia, J Coughlan, L Clohessy.

Replacements: R Smyth, A Keating, M Caffrey, N Lalor, C McKeown, B Galvin.

Referee: P.Martin IRFU

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