



# THE STAR

*"One Club, One Direction, Together"*

## First XV



*By Anthony Geoghegan - Assistant Editor*

The senior side have endured a rough return to the Ulster Bank league from their Christmas break. Despite winning the final three games of 2016, Garryowen have failed in continuing their exceptional momentum into the new year, costing their 4<sup>th</sup> place playoff position to the bottom half of the division.

Last week at in Dooradoyle, Garryowen suffered a 10-39 loss to Clontarf leaving the senior side in eighth position division 1A.

Garryowen, who are now hovering above the drop zone, will make the trip south to face keenest rivals Cork Constitution in Temple Hill. The Cork side are looking to avenge their previous loss in October's 16-13 defeat in Dooradoyle.

With relegation and difficult matches on the horizon, the senior side and their head coach Conan Doyle fully comprehend the sheer gravity of the upcoming derby

The visitors are on the backfoot from an impressive victory over division leaders Lansdowne at the Aviva Stadium

'Con maintained their position in the playoff places, following a close battle which resulted in a 20-25 win for the visiting side last Saturday.

To ensure victory the senior side will look to their talented backline including the likes of Bill Johnston, Peadar Collins and skipper Neil Cronin.

"Our key decision makers in the back line are our half backs, Neil Cronin and Bill Johnston, and our full back Andy O'Byrne. They guide us around the field and will look to put us in the right places to score points." Head coach Conan Doyle commented.

Johnston has been impressive in the Irish Under 20's camp despite his kicking prowess the Irish side lost to an emphatic Welsh side.

A control on discipline is vitally needed for the senior side in order to prevent Cork Constitution's out half Thomas Quinlan from racking up the points, which he effortlessly accomplished last Saturday at the Aviva.

The senior side will be given a much needed respite to not only enjoy the St. Patrick's day's festivities but to also rethink their gameplan in avoiding the drop.

The senior sides' following game will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April against bottom of the barrel Old Belvedere.

The Dublin side almost scored their first win since December last week against Terenure but only received a crucial bonus point.

Belvedere have also gained the expertise of former Irish head coach and Garryowen Eddie O'Sullivan to the coaching mix in what will be an entertaining battle of survival in Dooradoyle.

Garryowen will meet Cork Constitution on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March at Temple Hill kick off is 2:30.



*Bill Johnston has been impressive in this year's Under 20's Six Nations*

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## Under 20's



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In a dominant encounter the Under 20 side have captured the Donal Walsh trophy a fortnight ago.

Despite UCC executing 2 penalties giving the students an early lead it was the young stars' second half performance that earned them the trophy in Tralee.



Hugh O'Brien Cunningham eventually got the young stars on the scoreboard with a try after a half hour.

The UCC beagles responded with a penalty and left Garryowen returning to the lockerooms trailing by four points against the students.

Garryowen fired back with another try from O'Brien-Cunningham with out half Jamie Heuston successfully converting the two points.

A Heuston penalty and a try from Dylan Sheehan in the last minute sealed the trophy.

The young stars now progress to the final four in the All-Ireland Frazier McMullen competition against Trinity College, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March check our social media platforms for updates on the venue.

## Third's



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*For the second season in a row the third's side will meet Richmond in a local derby in the Gleeson League final (don't worry he had shorts on!)*

The lads in the third's side have to wait patiently for their date with destiny against Richmond in the Gleeson league Final.

After organising the match to take place in Dooradoyle on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March night heavy rain forced officials to postpone the game.

Richmond are looking to avenge their loss in last year's final against the sky blues.

Last year's final was fondly remembered for the tightly-contested encounter with the a final score of 16-11 to the victors.

The Gleeson League has stood as a fantastic representation of dedicated amateurs of the game showcasing entertaining and thrilling matches for many years.

We at 'The Star' encourage all members to show your support for all our squad, including our third's.

The venue and kick-off time has yet to be determined, check our social media on facebook and twitter for further updates for the final.

We wish our lads the best of luck in recapturing their title.







We will again be marching in Limerick's St Patrick's Day Parade and invite you all to come along and proudly represent your club Garryowen FC.

Collection Point after Parade: The Courthouse, Merchants Quay, Limerick As we have no idea how long it's all going to take please keep your eye on the parade and be in place to collect your child. There will be some refreshments for the kids in the Potato Market when we arrive.

Everyone is welcome to march – young & old. Please dress according to the weather and if possible wear your Garryowen jersey/top/jacket over your jacket. If you are dropping off your child please let one of your coaches know on the day and ensure they have a contact number for you.

Point of Contact: John Carman 087-1257471

Date: St Patrick's Day 17th March 2017

Meeting Time : 11.15 am – Parade Number 46

Meeting Place: Sarsfield Barracks, Edward Street, Limerick

The Star wishes all members a very happy (and intoxicated) St Patrick's Day

Garryowen FC are pleased to announce the Annual Club Cycle will again take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Last year's cyclists were very pleased with the organisers professionalism, the food available and how accessible it was for beginner cyclists.

It was an a terrific success last year and it was a great sight to see members of the club keeping fit and more importantly taking part for an honourable cause.

Milford Care Centre is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation and registered charity. They aim to provide the highest quality of care to patients or residents, family and friends, both in the areas of Palliative Care and Services to the Older Person in the Mid West

We also like to thank our sponsors Hook and Ladder restaurant for providing the catering for the cyclists.

We encourage all members to volunteer either on the road or as marshals to help out the cyclists.

Please contact Ken O'Callaghan: 0868309351

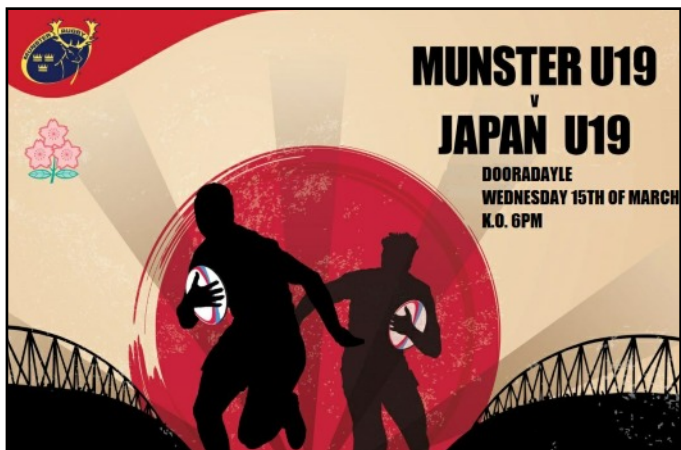
**GARRYOWEN RUGBY CLUB** "Milford Care Centre are our chosen charity for 2016/2017 & will receive 25% of all proceeds after costs" **Milford Care Centre**

## 75 KM CYCLE SUNDAY APRIL 23

- Meet GFC Dooradoyle @ 8am, Registration 8-8.45am
- Depart 9am sharp
- Over 12yrs old only, helmets must be worn
- Avg speed 25km/hr, suitable for commuter / sportif cyclists
- Pre & Post Event Refreshments & Showers Available

**Garryowen FC** **TREK 2017** **Come and join us!** **Entry Fee €25** **HOOK & LADDER**

Prepay at: <http://garryowenrugby.com/events/cycle/>  
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This Wednesday Garryowen FC will host an exciting and unique clash between Munster Under 19's and the Japanese National Under 19's.

We are very lucky to have the chance to see Munster's rising stars in one of their first tastes in international rugby against the Cherry blossoms.

From what we have learned from the 2015 Rugby world cup is that the Japanese rugby side are no 'push-overs'.

Will we see an upset victory similar to their senior counterparts or will the young stars of Munster produce another victory against an international side.

We wish the best of luck to both sides and especially to Garryoweners Diarmuid Barron and David McCarthy who are starting for the developmental side.

**Lineups:**

**Munster U19 Development:** Josh Wycherly, Diarmuid Barron, James French, Colin Deane, Fintan Coleman, Sean Duffy, Jack Daly, John Hodnett, Sean Hudson, Ikem Ugwuere, Kieran Dunne, David McCarthy, Paul Clancy, Alex Molloy, Craig Casey

**Replacements:** Tadgh McCarthy, Luke Masters, Ashley Deane, Paddy Kelly, Odhran Ring, Joe Murphy, Evan O'Gorman, JD O'Hea, Liam Barrett

**Japan U19:** Gaku Shimizu, Yuichiro Taniguchi, Koichi Endo, Kodai Takahashi, Ryuga Hashimoto, Syota Fukui, Ikuma Yamada, Moala Asipeli Finau, Syun Arai, Hiroto Mamada, Yoshiyuki Koga, Hiroaki Saito, Fifita Siosaia, Yu Saruta, Kyohei Yamasawa,

**Replacements:** Ibuki Kondo, Yuto Yabuki, Suguru Kubo, Katsuto Kubo, Faialaga Nozomu Samuel, Azuma Doei, Tomoya Kimura, Mori Yuto, Kento Matsumoto, Nezuka Kouga.

## Underage



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### February-March Roundup:

#### Under 18's

- Midleton 7 - 31 Garryowen
- Garryowen 5 - 3 5 Waterpark
- Newcastle West-Estuary 14 - 16 Garryowen
- Garryowen 57 - 10 Killorglin

#### Under 16's

- Nenagh Ormond 26 - 10 Garryowen
- Garryowen 5 - 10 Clonakilty
- Abbeyfeale 10 - 25 Garryowen

#### Under 15's

- Garryowen 10 - 41 Ennis
- Old Crescent 14 - 7 Garryowen

#### Under 14's

- Garryowen 10 - 17 Ennis
- Garryowen 10 - 5 Shannon
- Bruff 10 - 8 Garryowen

#### Under 13's

- Garryowen 31 - 10 Ennis



# Ulster Bank League Division 1A

Pos.	Team	Pld.	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	BP	Points
1	Lansdowne	15	10	5	0	431	264	167	11	51
2	Clontarf	15	9	6	0	335	219	116	11	47
3	Cork Constitution	15	11	4	0	326	245	81	3	47
4	Young Munster	15	8	7	0	369	334	35	13	45
5	UCD	15	7	8	0	305	349	-44	8	36
6	Dublin University	15	8	7	0	245	319	-74	2	34
7	St. Mary's College	15	6	9	0	315	367	-52	7	31
8	<b>Garryowen</b>	15	6	9	0	262	357	-95	5	29
9	Terenure College	15	5	10	0	274	333	-59	8	28
10	Old Belvedere	15	5	10	0	233	368	-75	5	25

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## Upcoming Fixtures:

25/3/17 KO: 2:30 vs. Cork Con (A)  
08/4/17 KO: 2:30 vs. Old Belvedere (H)  
15/4/17 KO: 2:30 vs. Lansdowne (A)



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*Our hearts so stout have got us fame  
for soon 'tis known from whence we came  
where're we go they dread the name  
of Garryowen in glory*

