



THE STAR

"One Club, One Direction, Together"

First XV



By Tony O'Rourke - Chairman of Communications

This Saturday, our senior side will take on Old Belvedere RFC in Dooradoyle, kick-off's at 2:30. This without a doubt is their most important fixture this season. The team is seeking vital points to ensure that we stave off relegation and continue to maintain our rightful place in the top-flight of Irish Club Rugby next season.

We have made many calls for support from members throughout the season, but this is the **big one!**

We need to stack the terraces with blue and white support this Saturday. Our underage structure consists of over 550 players and is a core component of the Garryowen FC family.

Please gather the troops at all age levels young and old to attend this game. Bring the Family, Uncle Fred and Grandpa Joe, your second cousin twice removed brother's wife's stepmother Janice whatever it takes.

The Call is going out and your Club Needs you! In order to survive we must unite and become...

One Club, One Direction, Together.

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By Anthony Geoghegan - Assistant Editor

It was a different story three years ago in Dooradoyle, Old Belvedere the favourites to win the league were set to clinch their second ever league title during the Dublin club's modern renaissance, the home side's fate back then was already predetermined.

However the light blues shocked the league and broke Belvo's hearts.

The passion, drive and bravery coincided with whirlwind home support is what was required back then and it is what is needed this Saturday.

This year Old Belvedere will not arrive to Dooradoyle in a cocky attitude, but with the same hunger to survive that we share, still scarred from Garryowen's upset three years' prior to add flames to the fire.

Two weeks back both sides couldn't find a win to aid their survival campaigns however Old Belvedere managed to pick up two vital points in a draw against league leaders Lansdowne.

Unfortunately, Garryowen suffered heartbreak in Temple Hill against Cork Constitution but still nabbed a losing bonus point even though their performance deserved more than just a solitary consolation point.

With two matches remaining it is still entirely possible that Garryowen can even avoid the 9th place play-off if they can win this weekend and upset the leaders Lansdowne at the Aviva Stadium on April the 15th.

Be on the lookout for former Irish head coach and former Garryowen fly-half Eddie O'Sullivan who was recently appointed as an assistant coach for the struggling Dubliners.

We at 'The Star' encourage all members to show your support for the lads in this crucial match and wish both sides the best of luck.

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Third's



Anthony Geoghegan - Assistant Editor

History repeated itself last Sunday as the third's captured their second Gleeson league in a row against Richmond in a Gleeson league final rematch.

Kevin McEvoy's kicking proved to be a deciding factor in a gritty and climatic contest as he clinched all the points for the third's side at Grove Island.

Ultimately it took a team effort to edge out the Richmond side where not only was the result the same but the thrilling final moments also resided.

The first half consisted of three penalties and a yellow card for each side with kicks executed by McEvoy and Richmond's Brian O'Hara.

While Garryowen led 12-9 in the second half, Richmond's Darragh Oxley scored a crucial try to which O'Hara added the conversion making it 12-16 to Richmond.

McEvoy closed the gap to one point following a penalty in the 67th minute and as the match



Photo taken by Martin Joyce

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progressed tensions and nerves rose causing McEvoy to miss two further penalties.

The valiant third's held on until injury time where the fly-half was given a penalty to win the game for Garryowen.

With one final kick, Richmond's hearts were broken for the second year in a row in an epic encounter which saw Garryowen retain their second Gleeson league in a row with a final score of 18-16 to Garryowen.

Under 18's



By Anthony Geoghegan - Assistant Editor

In a very tight encounter, the Under 18's lost to a defiant Ennis side 26-27 in Thomond Park in the Bank of Ireland Munster Under 18's cup final last weekend.

The match began with penalties exchanged by both sides eventually making it 3-6 to Ennis.

Garryowen centre Ben Moloney scored the first try of the day following an interception and a sprint of the whole ground. The second half began with a try by Garryowen hooker Derry Gleeson making it 13-6.



Photo taken by Kieran Ryan

Skipper Harry Byrne extended Garryowen's lead to ten points with a swiftly executed penalty early on in the second half.

Ennis responded with a try by David McNamara and fly-half David Mescall adding the two extra points. 16-13 Derry Gleeson powered through the Ennis line scoring under the posts to allow Byrne the easy conversion.

The resilient Ennis side kept fighting with a try by Alan Culligan. Mescall's conversion once again closed the gap to three points making it 23-20 to the young stars.

Byrne widened the gap once again with another penalty. With a risky grubber by McNamara, scrum-half Zack Whelehan to touch down under the posts, and scored the decisive try that gave them their one point lead.

Despite having two penalties the young stars couldn't regain their lead allowing Ennis to secure a historic cup win for the Clare outfit.



**TOGETHER, SHOULDER TO SHOULDER,
WE CAN BREAK THE CYCLE OF SUICIDE**

The Co-Ordinator of Cycle Against Suicide, has contacted the club and is looking to find Limerick homestays for 140 or so cyclists/crew on the night on May 2nd. The cycle starts in Dublin on the 23rd April and over the following 2 weeks they cycle around Ireland spreading their message;

"It's OK not to feel Ok, and it's absolutely Ok to ask for help"

Cycle Against Suicide wishes to spread this message across the entire island of Ireland, promoting positive mental health, and raising awareness of the help that is available and encouraging people to talk. It is also a great sporting event for cyclists of all abilities.

The Homestay Programme is an integral part of the cycle, and sees homeowners all over Ireland provide a warm meal, a chance to freshen up and a bed for the

night to cyclists that are passing through their town. This is such a lovely way to be involved in this event.

Sadly most communities have been affected by suicide so this gives people a positive and proactive way of getting involved in this great movement without getting on your bike!!

We are posting this communication, to see if any members of the club would be interested in supporting this important event by providing a homestay for the night. The cyclists arrive Ardscoil Ris, North Circular Road, Limerick on Tuesday evening 2nd May, and leave from the school the following morning. Their bikes will be stored in the school.

To register your interest, please contact: Anne Murray
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Prepay at: <http://garryowenrugby.com/events/cycle/>
contact : communications@garryowenrugby.com

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A big thank you to all that braved the elements, representing the club in the St Patrick's Day Parade

**Garryowen FC
Golf Classic
26th May**

Contact Andrew Bermingham
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Ulster Bank League Division 1A

Pos.	Team	Pld.	W	L	D	F	A	Diff	BP	Points
1	Lansdowne	16	10	5	1	446	279	167	11	53
2	Cork Constitution	16	12	4	0	353	265	87	3	51
3	Young Munster	16	9	7	0	382	345	37	13	49
4	Clontarf	16	9	7	0	346	232	114	12	48
5	UCD	16	7	8	1	308	352	-44	8	38
6	St. Mary's College	16	7	9	0	352	391	-39	8	36
7	Dublin University	16	8	8	0	269	356	-87	3	35
8	Terenure College	16	5	11	0	277	336	-59	8	30
9	Garryowen	16	6	10	0	282	383	-101	6	30
10	Old Belvedere	16	5	11	0	248	323	-75	5	27

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for soon 'tis known from whence we came
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of Garryowen in glory*

