

## Munster Senior Cup Final

### DOLPHIN V. CONSTITUTION.

A large attendance witnessed the final of the Munster Senior Cup, in which Dolphin defeated Constitution on the score one goal to nil, at the University Grounds, Mardyke, on Saturday afternoon. The weather, though rain threatened, held up well, and the ground was in perfect condition for the game. The match was very disappointing in that the football was very poor for senior clubs. There was no excuse for the wretched exhibition given by both teams, for the weather and the ground were all that could be desired for an excellent game. The result, too, proved a surprise to the majority of the spectators, for Constitution were hot favourites for the cup. While not so strong as the winners in the forward division, they had certainly a better line-out behind the scrum, but they made little use of their backs, and to this fact, chiefly, is due their defeat. They certainly had not many opportunities of opening up the game, for Dolphin seemed determined to confine the play to the forwards, but a few chances did present themselves and were, however, thrown away. Throughout the whole game, which was anything but good from the spectator's point of view, there were only two or three back movements of any significance, and even these, with the exception of one by Constitution, were but feeble. Scrums and small rushes followed each other monotonously throughout the match, which would have been positively boring were it not for the keen interest centred in the result. Play being practically confined to the forwards, it was only natural for the game to have been a hard one.

Midfield play followed the kick-out, until O'Neill kicked to the Constitution line. O'Connell, however, cleared well with touch above the 25. From a free for off-side, Coleman attempted a place goal, but the kick proved too long and the ball went dead. After the kick-out, Woodward put his side attacking, and from a scrum on the 25 Constitution got possession. An excellent back movement—the only one in the whole game—followed, all handling well, but Buckley was well brought down in the corner. From the line-out, Wellwood and Cogan led a strong rush to midfield and play remained between the half-way and the Constitution 25 for a considerable time, neither side gaining any material advantage. From a touch at the half-way, Woodward started a back movement which resulted in touch near the Dolphin line, but a strong forward rush returned to the 25. Midfield play followed until another rush, in which Mahony and Bradley were prominent, took the ball inside the Constitution 25, and Dolphin were attacking when the half-time whistle blew.

Shortly after the resumption, Jones got possession and kicked strong. Williams misjudged, and Jones, following up, had hard luck for a score, being tackled only on the line. From a touch near the line, Wellwood cleared above the 25, and a few minutes later Sheehan led a rush to the Constitution end. Kelleher, Browne and McGrath returned to the Dolphin 25, where, from a line-out, Woodward kicked across, but Keane intercepted and transferred to Sheehan, who found touch below Midfield. Play hovered about the half-way for some time until a free put Dolphin attacking near the line, but the Constitution pack gradually forced back to midfield. Dolphin again pressed down to the line and continued attacking hotly for some minutes. A score seemed imminent when Dolphin were awarded a free nearly opposite the posts. Coleman, however, who attempted a place goal, allowed too much for the wind and missed by inches. A strong Dolphin rush after the kick-out carried the ball over the line but O'Connell touched down. Constitution paid a short visit to the other end after the kick-out, but Bowen, Bradley and Mahony led a strong rush, which Nolan held up at midfield. From a line-out, Bowen got possession and kicked strongly. Bradley, following up, got possession and went over for a good try, which Coleman converted with an excellent shot. After the kick-out, Constitution attacked, and a rush returned to midfield a few minutes before the whistle blow. Result:—

Dolphin—1 goal (5 points).

Constitution—Nil.

For the winners, Williams played a fairly steady game at full-back; Keane was the best man in the three-quarter, and Coleman and Wellwood each played well. The pick of a strong forward division were Bradley, Bowen, Mahony, Sullivan and Wren. For Constitution, O'Connell played a good game at full-back; Jones and Buckley were best in the three-quarter line, and Nolan also played well. Hennessy, McGrath and Cunningham were the pick of the forwards. The teams were as follows:—

Dolphin—Full-back, M. Williams; three-quarters, W. Studdart, L. Dick, P. Sheehan and D. Keane; halves, D. Coleman (captain) and W. Wellwood; forwards, M. Bradley, J. Bowen, J. Mahony, J. Wren, T. Sullivan, T. Cogan, J. O'Neill and P. Kelleher.

Constitution—Full-back, D. O'Connell; three-quarters, J. Sweeney, B. Jones, C. Buckley, J. Walsh; halves, J. Woodward and C. Nolan; forwards, P. McGrath (captain), I. Popham, P. Hennessy, J. Hyland, B. Browne, J. Cunningham, J. Favier, F. Wilkie.

Referee—Dr. W. Richardson (U.C.C.).