

DIT's Northside -v- Southside rivalry to be renewed

After a hiatus of a number of years DIT will once again run the Gleeson Cup this season. The Gleeson Cup, once an All-Ireland competition, became a big event during the early 90's as the Inter DIT Cup and was contested for between the Bolton St Bears, the Kevin St Kings, the Aungier St Angels, the Mountjoy Sq Marauders, the Cathal Brugha St Cardinals and the Rathmines Ravens; with the Kings being aristocrats of the competition. It was then reformed early this decade as an annual head to head between the North and Southside Colleges.

Unfortunately due to the scheduling of the colleges calendar and the lack of participation in rugby within DIT, it became difficult to maintain the competition and it was last held in 2004. Now this season with rugby in DIT going from strength to strength and with the college fielding three sides, 1^{sts}, 2^{nds} and Freshers, it has become possible to hold it once more. Billed as the biggest match of the DIT rugby year the Gleeson Cup will take place on Wednesday the 11th of March in the Grangegorman sports grounds. The match will also be one of the main events of the DIT Rag week which this year is raising money for the Console charity.

Although this match is essentially a friendly, both sides are taking it very seriously. The Southside team captained by Pdraig Mahon have been rumoured to be seen doing warm weather training in the Algarve, while the Northside team captained by Michael McElroy has been seen in the early hours of the morning on team runs around the Phoenix Park!

This grudge match promises to be an epic encounter and all supporters are encouraged to attend. Keep an eye out for posters around the DIT campuses for further details, starting line ups and match info.

On March the 11th these teams will compete for the Gleeson cup and will hopefully settle once and for all DIT's North versus South rivalry.