



RCSI Beaumont Rugby team off to a flier at 2015 Hospital Cup

The RCSI Beaumont Hospital rugby team couldn't have got off to a better start to the 2015 Hospital Cup as the team had a resounding win over Vet College at the UCD Grounds last month. RCSI Beaumont won the game with a more than convincing 45-5 victory.

The Dublin Hospitals Rugby Cup was established in 1881 by a group of surgeons and physicians from Dublin hospitals. The prime motivator for the inauguration of the competition was Dr Frank Cassidy of the Richmond Hospital. A meeting of interested surgeons and physicians in hospitals associated with Trinity and the Royal College was held in Lawrence's of Grafton Street on January 19, 1881.

The treasurer's report for the season 1881-1882 clearly shows that surgeons and physicians supported the venture by each contributing the princely sum of £1 towards its establishment.

Among these benefactors were Dr Henry Stokes, Mr Osborne, and William Thornley Stoker (brother of Bram, author of Dracula). Medical students of the day contributed between two and five guineas per hospital. In total, 57 pounds, 11 shillings, and eight pence were collected to endow the competition.

