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J2 team claim the Ballyrandle Cup for 2nd time in 3 years!!

Waterford City 41

Clonmel 0

A strong Waterford City team took on Clonmel last Tuesday night in Dungarvan in the final of the Ballyrandle Cup. City were on the scoreboard after only a minute when a sweeping move saw the ball go wide to Damien Kennedy who cut back inside and went through the defensive line to touch down in the corner. On 5 minutes Aaron Whelan put in a well timed pass to number 8 Trevor Griffen and he sprinted to the line to make it 10-0. From the restart City looked to continue the onslaught and captain for the day Darren Walsh put a chip over the top and gathered it perfectly to sprint clean to the line and City were 17-0 up on 10 mins. On 20 mins things went from bad to worse for Clonmel when they turned over ball in their own 22 only for a wayward pass to be intercepted by Trevor Griffen and he scored his 2nd try in a few minutes. Clonmel could have thrown in the towel at that point but instead they threw the kitchen sink at City and went on to dominate the rest of the half, they worked themselves up the field and began an assault on the City tryline. City will count themselves lucky they didn't find a player in the bin with a high number of penalties being conceded but just when it seemed Clonmel would register their first score Alex Fitzmaurce made a crucial turnover from a counter ruck and this led to a clearence which took City into half time with a strong lead. The 2nd half began the same as the first with City finding gaps in the Clonmel defence with fly half Sean Stafford and centre Gary Keane pulling the strings which allowed Alex Fitzmaurce crash through with a strong rampaging run and score under the posts. City didn't ease off and looked to attack at any oppertunity that arose, Darren Walsh saw a chance to counter attack with 20mins remaining and he managed to gather his own clearing kick and sprint freely to the tryline to add City's sixth try. With the game coming into the final minutes scrum half Mark Hayes saw an oppertunity to snipe through and he out paced the defence and score a great try in the corner, shortly after the referee blew the final whistle and the cup was on it's way back to Kilbarry. A superb display by the team who showed the strength and depth of our squad at the moment. Well done to the coaches and players who ended the season in style.

U/14s Plate Final 27/4 /2014

Waterford city v Cashel.

On a perfect day for rugby these two sides played another entertaining game. Cashel came flying out of the blocks, keeping city in there own half for the first 15minutes, but only had 3points to show for all there pressure. City then got there hands on the ball, and worked there way into the Cashel half and came away with the first try of the game scored by Noise Mac Cathmhaoil, converted by Tom Carney. 7-3 city. Cashel came straight back with a try of there own. 8-7 Cashel. Then a big turning point in the game,it looked like city were going to be awarded a penalty for the player off his feet and lying on the ball,it wasn't awarded and Cashel broke to score just before half time. 13-7 to Cashel. The second half began with both sides attacking at every chance and cashel got the next try 20-7 to cashel. City came roaring back and after a few phases of play sean Walsh got the touchdown and tom Carney kicked a fine conversion. 20/14 to cashel. Breathtaking stuff!!!!!! Cashel came storming back and after confusion in the city defence cashel gathered the ball and scored an easy try 27/14 to casual. Then after good pressure from city . Cashel got a turn over and their no.12 (and man of the match) Ryan o Sullivan broke away to score under the posts 34/14 to cashel. To their credit the city side never gave up and with the last scrum of the match. Moved the ball through the backs and kept it alive for an easy run in for full back man hartery. Final score cashel 34 city 19. Well played to both sides for an entertaining and thrilling final. All of the city coaching staff would like to thank this fine squad for their dedication.comittment.and excellent discipline throughout the season. A special thanks to all the parents who have travelled through the season in all winds and weather to cheer on this improving team. Roll on next season.

The club will host it's annual AGM this Friday the 9th of May

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