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Munster Junior League Div 2

Waterford City 10

Bandon 13

In wet windy conditions City took on 3rd placed Bandon last Sunday in Kilbarry. City will be frustrated over the start they gave the opposition as a kick in behind our defence wasnt gathered properly and Bandon managed to regain possesion and work their way to 5 yards from the tryline and quick ball to their centre saw him crash through and score to put them 5-0 up. City regained their composure and showed their dominance in the scrum and rolling maul. On 20mins Bandon recieved a penalty which they kicked to within 5 yards of the tryline, from there they managed to maul over in the corner to put them 10-0 up.This was to be the last score of the 1st half.The 2nd half saw City dominate the majority of play and some good play from the forwards saw Sean Stafford put back row Sean O Mahoney through a gap on the 22 and he went all the way to score under the posts with two defenders hanging off him and now City trailed 10-7.The penalties were beginning to go City's way and the rolling maul was becoming more and more effictive with Bandon being forced to defend in their 22 for large portions of the half. On two occasions the forwards nearly found their way over the line only for Bandon to hold the ball up. City did miss a penalty on 65mins but 5 mins later John Flynn put the ball over to bring the score to 10-10 and City were still on top. On 75mins City had a chance to go 13-10 up but the penalty kick fell short,from the resulting 22 restart Bandon managed to reclaim the ball and they forced a penalty to move them into the City half for the first time in the 2nd half. Bandon played patiently and won a penalty which they converted to put them 13-10 up. City came back but a knock on on the last play allowed Bandon to claim the win.Heartbreaker for City who played so well in the 2nd half in poor conditions, next week the Munster Junior Cup comes to town and City play 1st Division side Old Christians.

U18

Waterford City 26

Carrick 10

We had a much needed chalange match verse Carrick on Sunday, thanks to them for hosting us. The game was a massive awakening for us to see how out of practise you get when you have been unable to play for so many weeks. Carrick scored first with a well take penalty. We were not playing well making too many mistakes, bad decisions and even when we did play well this was soon undone by silly errors. Saying this after some good play from Alan Woods he set up Aidan Power for our first try this was converted by Connor Brennan to take the lead. Carrick played well and after more mistakes they found themselves in the corner a yard out. Our only good feature of the first half prevented them from scoring which bought up half time. There were some stern but constructive words spoken at half time and these seemed to get us going at the start of the second half but as in the first a sloppy pass and 4 or 5 missed tackles on the same player lead to Carrick scoring under the posts and taking the lead. This did seem to kick us up a gear and we started to play better. After some good rucking and then some excellent passing across the field Craig Tyrell crashed over in the corner for his first try with the club. Shortly after this Ryan Phillips ran away down the wing and under the posts to score again after more good play from fowards and backs. We dominated possession during and after these two tries which led to the best try of the game from Jake Phillips. This try started in our 22 with a scrum and after a very well executed back-row move Aidan broke the line and we were up to half way, where our fowards were quickly on the scene to secure the ball when Jake picked it up from the ruck, stepped out, cut back inside to break the line again he palmed off a woodbe tackler and sprinted off jinked past the full back to smash the ball down with delight under the uprights. This was the final score 10-26 a win to Waterford City. Many thanks to Bill Farrel and John Harte who came to help us out with numbers at short notice this morning, they both played superbly. Man of the match goes to Liam Hayes for his work rate throughout the game and he was one brigth light in the first half. Thanks to the parents that drove. This was a good way to blow out the cobwebs for our league match next week against Cashel. See you all on Wednesday at 6pm if anybody would like to play new players are always welcome (born 1996-1997) contact Dave on 087 9475136

U15 reach League semi final!!

Waterford City 15

Thurles 12

Great win for our lads away in Thurles on Saturday. A try by Cian Barry after some good work by the team put City 5-0 up but Thurles replied to make it 5-5. Some good play from No 8 Matt Garvey and Luke Power brought play up to the Thurles line and Luke Foran finished it off well to score in the corner which Jack Jacob converted to put City 12-5 ahead. Thurles replied with a converted try to make it 12-12 and just when it looked like the game would go into injury time Jack Jacob puta penalty over to give City the win and send them into the semi final.

U14 reach Plate semi final!!

Waterford City 44

Galbally 05

Powerful display by our young lads Sunday morning to send them into the plate semi final, it builds them up nicely, best of luck in the next round lads !!