

Waterford City – Club Notes

28/02/2016

Munster Junior League

Waterford City 39 v Dungarvan 3

Tries: Simon O'Hara 2, Ben Duggan, Aidan Power, Michael Hayes, Darren Walsh

Conversion: Michael Hayes 3,

Penalties: Michael Hayes

MOM: Jack Caffrey

Following on from last week's disappointing away day in Skibereen, City had the prospect of a local derby against Dungarvan to put their season back on track. Following a hugely impressive week of training, City was focused on getting back to normality in the set piece and also the structure they have worked on in the last number of seasons. Jack Caffrey was drafted in at fly half to command his troops and responded by putting in a man of the match performance as City eventually outworked their Deise neighbours.

Boosted by the performance of the Under 18's City was pumped to bring another victory to the Kilbarry faithful. However, City fell behind early on to a David Hickey penalty for an aggressive hand off in the second minute, but this would be the only time the Dungarvan side would score any points. City, through the dynamism of Simon O'Hara, Ben Duggan and Joe Delahunty with Clan Foskin being his all action self and Dave O'Connor bringing ball carrying to his array of skills, City put themselves in plenty of try scoring opportunities. However, these weren't converted through a series of mistimed final passes or some rash decisions until Simon O'Hara displayed beautiful footwork to cross the whitewash from an impressive driving maul. City continued to work, but were missing that final pass and entered the break 10-3 up against dogged Dungarvan side.

After the break, City had a twenty minute purple patch and played some excellent expansive rugby. Michael Hayes, moving from full back to wing looked dangerous at all times with Aidan Power utilizing his passing skills to put both wingers into try scoring positions. City upped the tempo, particularly through the half back pairing of Darren Walsh and Jack Caffrey and, left a number of try scoring opportunities behind them. However, with five tries and 29 unanswered points in the second half, head coach Peter Jones was happy with his troops. The second half in particular answered a number of questions about City's desire and ability to up the standard when asked and they produced some exceptional rugby.

Next up for city is a trip to Limerick to play presentation as well to avenge last year's narrow defeat.

As always, many thanks to all of our supporters and sponsors Done Deal and the Kingfisher club.

Alex Fitzmaurice, Dave O'Connor, Andrew Condron, Eamonn O'Keeffe, Ben Duggan (captain), Simon O'Hara, Clan Foskin, Joe Delahunty, Darren Walsh, Jack Caffrey, James Halligan, Connor Power, Aidan Power, Stephen Walsh, Michael Hayes, Brian Walsh, Liam Hayes, Tom Bowe, Aaron Foskin, Damien Kennedy

U18's – ¼ Final Munster Bowl

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U16's Friendly

Waterford City 31 v Clonmel 38

Club Dinner Dance

The Waterford City RFC Dinner Dance is on April 22nd in the Woodlands Hotel. Tickets on sale every Sunday morning at the club house or you can contact Club President Jemma Jacob directly. Tickets 40pp. All welcome, parents, players, friends and family.