

Waterford City RFC

Club Notes 29/11/2015

Senior Squad – Waterford City v Ennis

After a stop start season City's first team were again frustrated at not being given the chance to gain any momentum as Ennis conceded their league game on Sunday. This means that City will travel to early season pace setters Abbeyfeale for only their third game in nine weeks. Abbeyfeale have surprised everyone this year and City will be hoping last year's 13-5 victory ensures they are ready.

J2 League – Waterford City 7 v Waterpark 3

Tries: Tom Bowe **Conversion:** Aaron Foskin

MOM: Stephen Walsh (pushed by James Halligan)

Local derbies are always a tight affair and City was keen to extend their current winning run against their near neighbours following last season's 15-7 and 27-11 victories. However, with the wind and rain blowing in Kilbarry, this was never going to be a classic but would be decided by old fashioned will, determination and defense.

City, not for the first time this season could have been accused off not utilising the wind at their backs and didn't pin Waterpark down in their own half. The conditions made handling the ball difficult although City thought they had scored through some great inter play between Aaron Whelan and Aidan Power only for this to be ruled out for a forward pass. City continued to pressurise, playing structured rugby but that elusive last pass, coupled with falling foul of the referee at the breakdown cost us the chance to convert opportunities. At half time the score was 0-0 with the sideline and supporters wondering if City would be left to rue the strong wind at our backs.

The second half saw Waterpark take an early lead through the impressive Isaac Daly after City again infringed at the breakdown. The next 38 minutes saw City control the game which

delighted coach Peter Jones. With breakdown problems resolved and a shortened lineout making use of our ball carriers, City began to punch holes in the Waterpark midfield. In the 46th minute after 7 phases of play from a successful lineout, Tom Bowe was on fly half Aaron Foskin's shoulder to power his way over the line to continue his excellent recent form. City continued to pressurise Waterpark, and when Waterpark used the wind, the back three of Stephen Walsh, James Halligan and Thomas Stephenson were outstanding at fielding kicks and running back with real purpose. It wasn't until the 76th minute that Waterpark exerted sustained pressure on the city line until the impressive Halligan made a tremendous man and ball tackle, saving a certain try with city winning a penalty at the resultant breakdown. Skipper Eamon O'Keeffe put his sevens boots back on and set off on a 95 meter run to the Waterpark try line. However from good Waterpark defense, Cities line was not to be breached for a well-deserved victory

Well done to all, next week our senior team play only there third game in nine weeks when they travel to early season pacesetters Abbeyfelae with our J2 side welcoming Dungarvan/Youghal.

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

Mini's News

Next Sunday December 6th, we have a minis blitz away to Carrick (home team) and Dungarvan. Kickoff is at 10.30am, please be at the clubhouse for 9am for a 9.15am departure.

On December 20th Santa will be visiting the clubhouse in Kilbarry. There will be light training from 11 to 11:30am followed by a festive gathering in the clubhouse. Please bring catering.

A Night at the Dogs!!

Waterford City RFC has their biggest fund raiser coming up on Friday 18th December. A Night at the Dogs..... As it's the Christmas season we would like all our members to come

and join us in what promises to be a festive/fun night for everyone. This night is for all of our members from Mini's to Youths to Senior's, our Veterans, and Coaches and to all their families. Please come and support our night. Tickets on sale Sunday morning's in the clubhouse and at each training session, Family Tickets €20, Adult Tickets €10. Thanks for the Support – WCRFC Committee. We are also looking for sponsorship, to sponsor a Race on the night is €100 and to advertise in our booklet is €50. Any and all raffle prizes are also welcome.

Fixtures for next week:

Senior Squad - Abbeyfeale v Waterford City in Abbeyfeale – KO 2.30pm

J2 Squad - Waterford City v Dungarvan/Youghal in Kilbarry – KO tbc