**Munster Junior League Division 2**

Waterford City 10 Killarney 03

City made it 2 wins from 2 in the Junior League last Sunday with a hard fought win over Killarney. City began at a high pace and brought the game to Killarney early on and found themselves putting Killarney under pressure, a sweeping move from the backs nearly saw Conor Power cross the line only to be held up just short, a sloppy penalty allowed Killarney to relieve the pressure,they worked their up the field and earned a penalty to put themselves 3-0 up. City went straight back down the field and spent the next 10 mins in the Killarney half putting the away side under pressure, the Killarney defence was breached and captain Nicky Jacob touched down in the right corner to put City 5-3 up.City will be frustrated with the silly penalties they gave away throughout this game as they conceded them in key areas of the field and they left a number of oppertunites behind them after some sterling work especially in this 1st half. The 2nd half saw City go after Killarney in the opening 10 mins and they yet again crossed the killarney tryline with 2nd row Ben Duggan crashing through 2 would be tacklers to score on the far left to put City 10-3 up. Killarney kept trying to put the ball in behind the City defence but full back Aaron Foskin and scrum half Liam McCarthey where waiting and they kept sending the ball back into the Killarney half with some accurate kicking. With 10 mins remaining City found themselves defending their tryline and when it looked like Killarney were about to finally score a try, Simon O Hara and Conor Power combined for a moment of brilliance to turn the ball over and the play was moved up to the halfway line by a strong run from No 8 Simon O Hara and City relieved the pressure to bring the play just outside the Killarney 22. A moment of handbags from both teams saw a Killarney player sent to the bin which put a dampner on what was a good physical game, City missed the penalty kick and shortly after the ref blew the final whistle. A great win for City who will feel they can up it another 1 or 2 levels, big game next week away to Clanwilliam in the next round of Division 2

**2nds unlucky against Clonmel in J2 League**

Waterford City 12 Clonmel 17

Last Saturday night our J2 side played their 1st home League game, after their bonus point away win 2 weeks previous confidence was high. The game began with a frantic pace with both teams playing open rugby, Sean Stafford cut open the Clonmel defence and was unlucky not to make it to the tryline . Clonmel worked their way up the field and kicked a dropgoal to open the scoring. The next 10 mins was to be all Clonmel and they were awarded with a converted try to bring the score to 10-0 . City were not about to lay down and an interception by Sean Stafford nearly led to City getting their opening score but good cover defence by Clonmel kept City at bay. The City pack were beginning to dominate at the breakdown and some hard hits in defence saw flanker Aidan O Neill gather up a loose pass and sprint half the length of the field and just on the 22 put a good pass out to winger James Harrington who out sprinted two defenders and score in the corner. Clonmel went into half time leading 10-5. Citys confidence was building and they were beginning to find gaps, Barry Quilty was a constant threat at scrum half and 5mins into the 2nd half , quick ball to Sean Stafford saw him open up the Clonmel defence again and put Mick Costello under the posts for a well worked try which was converted to give City a 12-10 lead . Injuries were beginning to take their toll on the City backline and with 15 mins remaining Clonmel mounted an attack deep into City territory, missed tackles on their prop saw him barge over for a converted try and now they led 17-12. City controlled the remaining minutes and on the final play, 5 yards from Clonmel’s line City had a chance to win the game with a lineout but the Clonmel 2nd row stole the ball in mid air, the ball was kicked out and Clonmel snatched the win. All in all this was a good City performance despite the narrow loss, some big performances from Mark Power, Sean Stafford , Barry Quilty, Mick Costello and Aidan O Neill . Well done to Thomas Stevenson on his 1st start for City .

**Notes in General**

Hard luck to our ladies team who lost to St Senan's the weekend, a lot of beginners and hopefully training numbers will improve to help the team develop over the coming months

Our Women team training continues every Monday & Wednesday at 7:00 – 8:30, beginners more than welcome.

**Youths and Mini’s**

All of our underage have returned to training. If you have a child interested in rugby please contact Jimmy Foskin on 0863327327

Mini’s(ages 5-12) Sunday mornings at 11:00-12:00

U-13 & U-14 Wednesdays and Fridays 6:00 – 7:15

U-15 ,U-16 & U-18 Wednesdays at 7:00 – 8:15 Fridays 6:00 – 7:15