

Waterford City

Club Notes

26/02/2017

Munster Junior League

Waterford City 24 v Crosshaven 14

Munster u16's Bowl

Early on Saturday Morning our under16's made the long journey to County Cork to take on Group 2 Winners Bandon RFC in the Quarter Final of the Munster Bowl. A wonderful display of both attacking and defending rugby saw City emerge on the wrong side of a 20 – 8 scoreline.

From the kick off the home side tested the City defence, hitting our forwards hard in the centre then working the ball out wide trying to expose any weakness in the City backline, but whichever side they chose they faced City's Back Three, wingers Josh White & Daniel Kelly who worked tirelessly throughout the game, making bone crunching tackles alongside full back Darren (Brick Wall) Kenneally who stopped anything dead in its track that came down the line forcing Bandon back down the centre only to be met by City forwards Sean Leane & Jack Stickel who rose to the occasion working nonstop around pitch making hit after hit. A late tackle from Bandon's No 8 on Sean Leane resulted in a yellow card City hoped to capitalise on this but were unable to take advantage of the extra man as Bandon's forwards regrouped and charged at the city line moving closer phase by phase and were once again denied after some furious counter rucking from City Forward Dean Kelly. The young City lads played a structured game, led by their captain Bryan Brown and took their opportunities when they arose however neither side were able to make any inroads on the scoreboard and it took all of twenty five minutes before either team crossed the scoreline. A five metres scrum saw Bandon take the lead 5-0. City hit back on the restart when just moments later an infringement from a Bandon player gave City's Number 10, Keelan Taylor an opportunity to get his team on the score board. A well struck kick in very windy conditions saw City finish the half 5 – 3.

The second half was much of the same and after 10 minutes of some very exciting play from both teams a well kicked penalty saw Bandon further their lead to 8 points. Once again both teams charged at each other each trying to get that much sought after Try but it was Bandon who crossed the line first after taking advantage of City's No 8 Paddy O'Donovan being sent to the Sin Bin for a late shoulder charge as the ref kept consistency & control of the game. This put Bandon in a position of leading the game 13 -3. City upped the ante and had the Home side under severe pressure and it was only a matter of time until they broke through. It was City's front row player Hakeem Dwalayewho had the final say when he powered his way through three tackles and busted through for a well-earned try, giving his team the score they so desperately needed, score line was now 13 – 8 with 8 minutes left on the clock.

On the restart city laid siege to the Bandon line. City's Number 1 Aaron Murphy working tirelessly rucking & mauling and giving 100% but try as they did they were unable to breach a stubborn defence for that vital try. In the dying minutes Bandon who after weathering everything that was thrown at them managed to work their way up field and were awarded a penalty on the 22 once again. In similar style to their first try Bandon's large No.8 crossed the City line to go 18-8 ahead after a well kicked Conversion and with only seconds left on the clock the scoreline was 20–8.

The restart saw City charge at the Bandon lads who kicked to touch and with that the whistle blew. Over all a very exciting, well played match with the final score not doing justice to the closely fought game.

Over all it was a great morning of rugby with a fantastic display on show for the crowd of parents that had come to watch. Waterford City RFC would like to thank Bandon Rugby Club for the hospitality and wish them the best of luck in the Semi-finals. This was by far City's best performance to date with each and every player giving a 100% this young City side have an abundance of talent and are starting to show how capable they are and it's only a matter of time until they become a force to be reckoned with. Waterford City RFC would also like to wish a speedy recover to Darren Kennelly who finished the game out on what turned out to be a hairline fracture on his Collar Bone.

U14's

Waterford City 17 v Carrick 20

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Conversions: 1x Kieran Kennedy

Heartbreaker for our U14s this morning against Carrick in horrible windy conditions, despite being down 15-0 at halftime the lads clawed it back to lead 17-15 only to lose it on the final play with a breakaway try. This leaves the lads in 2nd place with a final game to play against Clanwilliam at home this Sunday with the prize being a home semi-final at stake. Well done all in what was a game of 2 halves due to the conditions

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Minis Rugby

Home blitz against Dungarvan next Sunday March 5th. All players to be at the pitch for 10am.