

Waterford City Rugby Club

Club Notes – 25/10/2015

Senior Squad – Cobh 35 v WCRFC 13

On Sunday 26th October, City took their unbeaten record to fellow table toppers Cobh Pirates to test themselves against the favorites for the Division 2 crown.

In blustery conditions, returning captain Ben Duggan decided to play into the wind for the first half against a talented Cobh side. City were keen to get off to a good start but after 15 seconds gave a penalty away at the breakdown for Cobh to draw first blood and lead 3-0. Further mistakes at the breakdown gave two more penalties to Cobh with Michael Hayes replying with one for city. The game was evenly poised with both teams defending well. City were comfortable and, when they managed to get there offloading game going, City managed to exploit spaces. However, the game changed drastically in the 24th minute when City were reduced to fourteen men following a red card at the ruck. City didn't deal well with the reduction in numbers, and went from looking comfortable to conceding two soft tries and went in at half time to a 21-3 deficit.

Head coach Peter Jones took the half time break to give a few home truths to the squad, echoed by some senior players and this ensured that city were back in the game with their lineout functioning well and from this, City managed to score two unconverted tries. However, despite Cobh being on the end of a heavy penalty count, particularly in the red zone, Cobh exploited space and some weak City tackling to score two further tries and secure a bonus point victory.

City were desperately disappointed and left not only wondering what could have been if the game had remained 15 vs. 15, but also aware that the performance wasn't good enough against quality opposition. However, the squad can only look at their own mistakes and they will do there utmost to fix these problems before our next league fixture against Castleisland at home in two weeks' time.

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

WCRFC: 13 Tries: Simon O'Hara, Tom Bowe Penalty: Michael Hayes

MOM: Simon O'Hara

Karl Reade, Colm Lynch, Alex Fitzmaurice, Jason Power, Ben Duggan (captain), Simon O'Hara, Cian Foskin, Joe Delahunty, Darren Walsh, Aaron Foskin, Damien Kennedy, Connor Power (captain), Michael Hayes, Aidan Power, Nicky Jacob,

Dave O'Connor, Tom Bowe, Andrew Condrón, Mark Hayes, Stephen Walsh,

U18's – Cobh 10 v WCRFC 5

An unlucky result for a young, developing under 18's squad. A draw was on the cards until a last minute try sealed the win for Cobh.

U16's – Waterpark 10 v WCRFC 23

Tries: Sean Walsh and David Glynn (2)

Conversion: Tom Carney Penalties: Tom Carney (2)

A great squad performance away from home against a talented Waterpark team. Well done all.

Mini's News

Blitz Sunday 1st of November in Fethard – KO 10.30am.

'Your Club, Your Country' Draw

Club and Country tickets are still on sale. Final day for purchase is Friday 30th of October. Tickets can be bought at all training sessions during the week. Tickets €10 each - buy two tickets and you will get a club beanie free (while stocks last). Thanks for your continued support.