

Waterford City RFC

Club Notes 06/03/2016

Munster Junior League

Presentation 6 v WCRFC 19

T: Michael Hayes C: Michael Hayes P: Michael Hayes 3

MOM: Simon O'Hara

City were set a target of remaining unbeaten in the league for 2016 and kept up their impressive league form with a convincing 19-6 win against Presentation on the 3G Astro turf surface in Garryowen RFC, a day which went down in Damian Kennedy's lifetime a day to rival his wedding day.

Presentation have been somewhat of a bogey side for City over the last few years, and following on from the 10-9 away win in Kinsale, head coach Peter Jones challenged his troops to continue this impressive away form and was delighted with another win for this resurgent City side. The surface suited City's fast paced game but Presentation as always proved a hard nut to crack in the first half. City were guilty of a few handling errors in the first half, meaning City failed to get a constant amount of phases placed together. However, with Michael Hayes in impressive kicking form, City entered the break at 6 all and with a wind behind them back in the second half, confident of a result.

At half time, City knew if they continued with their game plan and improved their phase work, then the game should be there's. City began the half moving the ball well and using the conditions. Darren Walsh was looking as lively as ever and beginning to dictate the pace of the game with some sniping runs, but unfortunately succumbed to a concussion injury. However, such is the strength of this city side, Michael Hayes slotted in seamlessly to scrum half and we kept the tempo we had been striving for. As always, the back row of Foskin, Delahunty and O'Hara put down a marker as surely one of the best back row units in the division by continually getting us over the gain line and doing a huge amount of defensive work with second row Alex Fitzmaurice assisting with some dynamic ball carrying. Strength in depth is crucial to City squad this year and the impact of a five substitutes made a huge

impression on the game as City maintained the tempo that ultimately Presentation couldn't live with. Hayes continued to penalize Presentations indiscretions and with ten minutes to go, saw a gap and ghosted through ala Darren Chicky Walsh for the game winning try to seal the game.

Presentation continued to fight, showing all the experience of a hardened side but City's defence, led impressively by the forward pack and Connor Power as defensive talisman, held firm for a momentous victory for City.

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

Next up is a home league clash vs. Ballincollig.

Karl Reade, Dave O'Connor, Andrew Condron, Alex Fitzmaurice, Ben Duggan (captain), Simon O'Hara, Clan Foskin, Joe Delahunty, Darren Walsh, Jack Caffrey, Mark Hayes, Connor Power, Aidan Power, Damien Kennedy, Michael Hayes, Brian Walsh, Liam Hayes, Jason Power, James Halligan, Stephen Walsh

U16's Challenge Match

The U16's travelled to Clonmel this Sunday for a challenge match. City played a great game and finished victorious with a score line of 12-54 to City.

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.