

## **Waterford City RFC**

### **Club Notes**

**03/12/2016**

#### **Munster Junior League**

##### **Waterford City 36 v Ennis 3**

After the disappointment of defeat in Ballincollig last Sunday, City had a chance to atone with a strong performance at home to Ennis on Sunday last. After a blistering start City went in at half time 22-3 up after tries from Cian Foskin x 2, Darren Walsh plus two conversions and a penalty from man of the match Michael Hayes. The second was a bit of a more scrappy affair but City managed to keep the scoreboard ticking with tries from Michael Hayes and Stephen Walsh plus conversions from Michael Hayes. A great team performance to leave us in the top 4 at the Christmas break.

#### **J2 Gleeson League**

##### **Waterford City 17 v Kilfeacle 7**

After a break of 2 weeks our J2 squad were back in action on Saturday evening last at home to Kilfeacle. After a scrappy but committed first half our lads led 10-3 after a try from Stephen O'Rourke and conversion plus penalty from Aaron Foskin. In the second half the lads lifted the intensity and added a try from Darren Coady plus a conversion from Aaron Foskin. A great performance across the board but man of the match belonged to number 8 Ed Mullally who carried hard all night.

#### **Under 16's**

##### **Waterford City RFC 17 v Clonmel RFC 18**

Commiserations to our under 16's who were beaten on Saturday by 1 point in their last conference match of the season. The soft ground and dry weather was ideal conditions for a

very fast & exciting game were each team displayed some great passion and skill in a very friendly atmosphere.

The City lads worked hard from the kick-off and with some good pressure from the forwards enabled the backs to exploit their strengths who with some very good running powered them way through the Clonmel defence to open the scoring with their 1<sup>st</sup> try under the post 5-0. On the restart Clonmel tested City's defence who answered back and kept them at bay, some handling errors as a result from City's non-stop pressure resulted in City picking a loose ball and once again charging over the Clonmel line to now make it 10-0 to City. After a lot of back and forth with some great rucking from both teams Clonmel came back with a score of their own to finish the half 10-5. The second half began much the same with the lads working nonstop in attack and defence, eventually the pressure of Clonmel's attack resulted in them going over to make the score line level at 10-10. After the restart and as a result of some great pressure from the city defence another handling error once again resulted in City picking up a loose ball and charging over the line to make it 15-10, followed by a successful conversion saw City lead 17-10.

After some fierce tackling & rucking with both sides producing strong runs with ball in hand. Clonmel broke through the City's defence to now make it 17-15. But it wasn't to be our day in the dying minute Clonmel charged City's 22 were the lads produced some big hits, turned over the ball and cleared the line just short of the half way touch line Clonmel regrouped and followed by some outstanding footwork made it back into City's 22 once again the lads kept them at bay with some great defence, but the Clonmel pressure was too much and a city player was penalised at the breakdown a well struck penalty from Clonmel in the dying seconds saw them take the lead. 17 – 18, the restart saw City charge at the Clonmel lads who kicked to touch and with that the whistle blew. Over all a very exciting, well played, match with the final score City 17 Clonmel 18.

It was a fantastic morning of rugby with a great display on show for the crowd of parents that had come to watch. Waterford City RFC would like to thank Clonmel Rugby Club for the hospitality and wish them the best of luck in the Pan Munster.

## **Minis Rugby**

Minis rugby every Sunday morning from 11-12pm. Santa will visit the clubhouse on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

Christmas raffle – all kids received a sponsorship card this week, each person will be entered into the draw. Tickets are also on sale in the clubhouse. Prizes include voucher for car buff and polish from James O Rourke, a handmade clock in the shape of a rugby ball by Paul Barry – Slate of the Art, a pre lit Christmas tree from Homebase, ladies and men's pamper sets, a Christmas pudding and many more great prizes.

## U16's

