

Waterford City RFC

Club Notes 6/12/2015

Senior Squad – Abbeyfeale 20 v Waterford City 8

Tries: Sean O' Mahony (1)

Penalties: Michael Hayes (1)

MOM: Dave O'Connor, pushed by Sean O'Mahony

Delighted at finally having a game after a stop start season, City's first team travelled for there third successive away game, making the long drive to table toppers Abbeyfeale. With an early start from the Deise, City braved storm Desmond looking for a repeat of last seasons 13-5 victory.

After the last two games against the teams placed second and third in the table, City were determined to start well despite missing four of their regular backline. Playing down the hill in calm conditions, the coaching staff were delighted with the pace and verve of City's 15 man attack and were disappointed to miss an early try scoring opportunity where City worked space out wide for our forwards only for a pass to go astray with the line at our mercy.

City continued to spend the majority of the first half in Abbeyfeales half, kicking the ball and utilising our mobile forward pack, but disaster struck as City tried a chip over the top on the half way line only for it to be fielded by Abbeyfeale who interlinked well to score under the posts against the run of play.

With city's lineout working brilliantly under the stewardship of the returning Eamonn O'Keefee, City built momentum and attacked the Abbeyfeale line. City pounded the line with big ball carries and width in the back line to the extent that two Abbeyfeale players received yellow cards for deliberate foul play in stopping try scoring opportunities. After a solid scrum, Sean O'Mahony spotted a gap and scored a powerful try that his all round performance and leadership deserved. Unfortunately, the conversion was missed and the half ended 7-5 to Abbeyfeale.

City aimed to take advantage of their numerical advantage, and from another phase of play after a bulldozing break from Joe Delahunty, scrum half Liam McCarthy linked well with the back line, passing through captain Connor Power into Stephen Walsh for Mark Hayes to pressure the Abbeyfeale line. The Limerick side did well to repel another City attack and for the next ten minutes they exerted their own pressure. It was disappointing that City gifted two penalties for not rolling away at the ruck which Abbeyfeale duly converted.

City upped the tempo in the second half and again created space, Abbeyfeale conceding a penalty which Michael Hayes popped over to leave the score 13-8 with seven minutes remaining. City had their chances, but from a city knock on, Abbeyfeale had a scrum in the middle of the field. On the last play of the game, Abbeyfeale scored from the scrum taking City away from bonus point territory.

Despite the loss, there were positives for City with a much more functional pack, led by Joe Delahunty and Sean O'Mahony doing huge amounts of work. Eamonn O'Keefe and Jason Power turned our lineout into a weapon and Dave O'Connor capped a man on the match display with some impressive turnovers and tackles. City will build again before taking on Castleisland next Sunday, themselves 22-6 winners at Tralee, and will look forward to City's first game at home in two months.

WCRFC: Andrew Condron, Dave O'Connor, Karl Reade, Eamonn O' Keefe, Jason Power, Sean O'Mahony, Tom Bowe, Joe Delahunty, Liam McCarthy, Michael Hayes, Damien Kennedy, Connor Power, Stephen Walsh, James Halligan, Mark Hayes

Brian Walsh, Colm Lynch, Alex Fitzmaurice, Kevin Whelan, Jack Caffrey

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Club Gear

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pop into the showroom in Unit 12, Six Cross Road Business Park, Kilbarry, Waterford. Details of all gear will be posted on Facebook.

A Night at the Dogs – Benefit Night

Waterford City RFC has their biggest fund raiser coming up on Friday 18th December. A Night at the Dogs..... As it's the Christmas season we would like all our members to come and join us in what promises to be a festive/fun night for everyone. This night is for all of our members from Mini's to Youths to Senior's, our Veterans, and Coaches and to all their families. Please come and support our night. Tickets on sale Sunday morning's in the clubhouse and at each training session, Family Tickets €20, Adult Tickets €10. Thanks for the Support – WCRFC Committee.