

Waterford City Rugby Club

Club Notes 13/12/2015

Senior Squad – Waterford City RFC 56 v Castleisland 0

Tries: Aidan Power 2, Dave O'Connor, Joe Delahunty, Sean O'Mahony. Michael Hayes, Ben Duggan, Damien Kennedy

Conversion: Michael Hayes 5 Penalties: Michael Hayes 2

MOM : Darren Walsh (pushed by Sean O'Mahony)

After fantastic work by groundsman Barry Harold, City ended the year with a fantastic home performance, full of pace, power and impressive offloading defying the conditions. In their first home game for nearly three months and after playing the top three sides away from home, City were determined to finish the year on a high. With some returning players in the back line and an excellent few weeks of training, City were buoyed by a pre game talk from Paul 'do it for Munster' Ryan and started with the verve of Storm Desmond. City had talked about the conditions and how to play the opposition, but Head Coach Peter Jones and the army of supporters in Kilbarry were treated to some fine rugby.

City couldn't have wished for a better start where after 90 seconds, man of the match Darren Walsh spotted a gap inside his own 22, with some good offloading in the tackle from Aidan Power and Cian Foskin, Dave O'Connor finished a magnificent move which was even better than his offload in training during the week. City's pack were hugely impressive, particularly the rampaging back three of Cian Foskin, Sean O'Mahony and Joe Delahunty with all full of energy, hard running and offering a supporting option to the ball carrier. The offloading was a joy to behold and the tries continued to come thick and fast with the bonus point wrapped up before half time. Michael Hayes, after some video analysis work in midweek, rediscovered his kicking boots to land some excellent shots at goal.

The set piece again functioned superbly, building on last week's impressive lineout performance in Abbeyfeale, superbly led by Eamon O'Keefe and Sean O'Mahony. The backs made sure they got in on the act with Aidan Power cutting some nice inside lines and

scoring two well taken tries. Again, the option of a supporting man in the backs gave the ball carrier space, and from some neat inter play from Aaron Foskin, Michael Hayes spotted a gap and with a superb show and go, cantered to the line. Damien Kennedy then showed great strength to rip the ball in the tackle and finish impressively

Things were to get even better for City as club captain Ben Duggan, came off his bench to make 45 metres with his first ball carry and score a try at the back of a driving maul with his second. However, this was a whole squad performance with the foundations built on the training paddock. Whilst congratulations must go to all 22 players in the squad, the result is to the 55 lads on City's playing roster this year. Special mention also to Connor White for doing his club duty as linesman.

City's league action is now over for 2015 with the next future coming up away against Tralee on January 17th. However, before the turn of the year, City will look to continue their recent good form by replicating wins over Waterpark on Sunday 20th and Dungarvan on Tuesday 29th December.

City: Andrew Condron, Dave O'Connor, Karl Reade, Eamonn O'Keefee, Jason Power, Sean O'Mahony, Cian Foskin, Joe Delahunty, Darren Walsh, Michael Hayes, Damien Kennedy, Connor Power, Aidan Power Stephen Walsh, Aaron Foskin,

Brian Walsh, Ben Duggan, Alex Fitzmaurice, Liam Hayes, James Halligan, Mark Hayes, Jack Caffrey

As always, many thanks to all of our supporters, families and sponsors Done Deal and the Kingfisher club. We wish all rugby fans a peaceful and prosperous Christmas.

Mini's News

Due to conditions in Kilbarry, the mini's training was moved to Kingfisher Sports complex on Sunday. The kids and coaches adapted well to the restricted space available. Again, hats off to the coaches for digging deep in their bag of coaching tricks to keep the show on the road! Club president Jemma Jacob was on hand to promote our upcoming club fundraiser which takes place next Friday the 18th at the Waterford Dog Track.

Finally, the blitz scheduled for Dungarvan on Jan 10 has been cancelled so we are looking at the possibility of trying to run one ourselves. More news on that ASAP. If not, training as usual in Kilbarry at 11am.

Santa to visit Kilbarry

Our Annual Christmas party for the minis including a visit from Santa takes place next Sunday December 20th from 11:30 to 12:30 after a light training session from 11 to 11:30.

A Night at the Dogs

Waterford City RFC has their biggest fund raiser coming up on Friday 18th December in Kilcohan Dog track. 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. Family Tickets €20, Adult Tickets €10. Tickets are available from all coaches and committee members. Club President Jemma Jacob will be at the clubhouse on Wednesday evening at 6.30pm if anyone would like to pop in and purchase their tickets.

Club Gear

Club gear is now available to purchase from Excel Promotions, Unit 12, Six Cross Road Business Park, Kilbarry, Waterford. Pop into the showroom to see the gear and try it on for size.