

## Waterford City Club Notes

20/03/2016

### **Munster Junior League**

#### **Waterford City 57 v Ballincollig 12**

Tries: Dave O'Connor 2, Stephen Walsh 2, Damien Kennedy 2, Michael Hayes 2, Penalty try  
Conversions: Michael Hayes 6

MOM: Cain Foskin

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March was the day that champagne rugby hit Kilbarry with aplomb! City, set the target of remaining unbeaten of this calendar year welcomed a Ballincollig side unbeaten in their last three games and fresh from scoring over 50 points last weekend. However, with evergreen prop Dave O'Connor opening the scoring with a 60 metre sprint for the line, supporters and team mates were in for a treat!

City have prided themselves on there squad mentality and this performance was a testament to the thirty plus lads training twice a week. This was probably City's most complete performance with City playing an expansive brand of precise, powerful and clinical rugby. The main attribute from the game was the unselfishness of every individual in working towards a common team goal. A mantra has been set recently stating the 14 players without the ball are more important than the one man with the ball and the work rate, options created and angles of a running ensured City delivered an emphatic victory against an opposition still high on quality.

In the first half, once City realised they could exploit Ballincollig out wide, the ruthlessness and precision they cut through the opposition was delightful. Stephen Walsh, in his first full season had an enormous game, underlying not only his huge potential, but also showing development from his keenness to learn. The forward pack led by a phenomenal back row of

O'Hara, Delahunty and Foskin, pushing for the title of most complete back or in the division, created a platform for general Jack Caffrey to call the shots to exploit the space.

With five first half tries, City went into the break well in command, but also keen to maintain their high standards. Despite losing Jason Power and Aidan Power to injury, the depth of the squad was again proved with the bench making a huge impact on proceedings. Aaron Foskin had one of his most secured games of the season and with his vision when moved to fly half, created space and opportunities for his team. Damien Kennedy was back to his clinical best and Michael Hayes continued his recent vein of prolific form, once again showing his athletic abilities and kicking prowess.

Next up for City will be league fixture against Mallow where if City win, will see them finish fourth in the table, their highest league position for nearly 20 years.

Karl Reade, Dave O'Connor, Andrew Condrón, Jason Power, Ben Duggan (captain), Simon O'Hara, Cian Foskin, Joe Delahunty, Michael Hayes, Jack Caffrey, Stephen Walsh, Connor Power, Aidan Power, Damien Kennedy, Aaron Foskin, Brian Walsh, Alex Fitzmaurice, Ed Mullally, Mark Hayes, Fintan Purcell

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### **Mini's Rugby**

No training next Sunday morning for all minis' groups. Under 12's will have training on Wednesday evening from 7-8pm.

### **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.