**Disappointing Day for 1sts in Thurles**

Munster Junior League Div 2 Thurles 16 Waterford City 03

The game started at a fast pace with both teams breaking deep into their opponents half with some fast paced rugby, Cian Foskin and Sean O Mahoney combined to bring play inside the Thurles 22 only for indecision from City to see Thurles relieve the pressure .Another break from Ben Duggan put Trevor Griffen free down the left who made a surging run deep into opposition territory and give a perfect off load to the supporting Damien Kennedy but City conceded a penalty at the next ruck only 10 yards from the tryline. The rest of the half seemed to belong to Thurles as they continued to move the ball well and were rewarded with two penalties on 10 and 20 mins to put them 6 – 0 ahead. Defence was the name of the game City while playing against the wind and with 5mins remaining in the half the Thurles No 8 broke and put their scrum half into a hole only for Damien Kennedy to cover across and stop him 5 yards from the line, turn the ball over and force the penalty. The 2nd half saw City wake up more and on 50 mins John Flynn converted a penalty to bring the score to 6-3. Almost immediately City conceded the a penalty in front of the posts to make it 9 – 3 in their favour. City had another chance at goal but the kick was missed. The game seemed to open up despite the conditions and with 5 mins remaining a rampaging run by prop Alex Fitzmaurce who off loaded to Sean O Mahoney only for him to be held up inches from the line but some poor handling saw the ball knocked on and the chance was gone. On the final play disaster struck and a dropped ball on the City tryline allowed a Thurles player dive on the ball for City to concede a very cheap try which was converted to leave the final score 16-3,very disappointing as City should have at least come away with the losing bonus point. All attention now turns to next weeks huge home game against Ennis

**2nds**

Cashel 17 Waterford City 10

Despite a number of injuries to our squad this week our younger guys gave a great account of themselves and stood up in this game. Explosive back row Aidan O Neill scored City’s try with man of the match Micheal Hayes kicking a conversion and a penalty.

**Womens Team**

Our ladies played Clonmel last Saturday night, despite the score line our ladies are still developing and can’t be disheartened, great effort put in.

**U-18**

We had a home game against Clonmel on Sunday.The match started well for us but the two chances we created we didn't convert into points.Then as usual after our initial 10 minutes we fell off the pace and although we defended really well Clonmel were camped in our 22 for a long time until they scored just before half time.The hope was we would pick up in the second half and after a knock on from the kick off Clonmel scored again on that attack from the scrum.Their pack was much bigger than ours and the pressure we soaked up in the first half started to show in the second and with very few replacements in the forwards we ended up with backs in the pack.One score of our own and that was from Ryan Phillips who intercepted a pass and ran 75 metres to score.The game ended 5 to 22 Clonmel won.Players to mention were Adian Power,Jake Phillips,Andrew Fahey who played his first game for a while very well and super sub Patrick Walsh.Man of the match was Conor Brennan who had a great game.

**U-16s**

Clonmel 34 Waterford City 07

Poor performance especially in first half conceding 24 points Never got going until it was too late. Restored some pride in second half with an improved defensive effort.John Harte scored only try . Next up probable quarter final away v Waterpark which will be a big challenge next Sunday

**U-14**

Our u14s played dungarvan at home today and won 34 to 17 in a very open and entertaining game, played in great spirit by both teams.

**Mini’s**

Our little warriors travelled to Fethard last Sunday and had a fantastic time in a very well orginised blitz and we would like to thank Fethard for inviting us