

## Waterford City RFC

18/12/16

### **Munster Junior Cup**

#### **Waterford City 37 v Thurles 17**

Tries - Alex Fitz, Ben Duggan, Michael Hayes, Liam Hayes, Darren Walsh,

Cons - Michael Hayes 3 Pens - Michael Hayes 2

Man of the Match - Alex Fitz

Thurles were the visitors to Kilbarry on Sunday last in the first round of the Munster Junior Cup. The City lads knew it was going to take a huge effort to beat a Thurles side that have only been beaten once this season. From the off it was clear City were very much up for this game from 1 - 15. After good approach work, Captain Ben Duggan drove over for the first try. Michael Hayes added the extras. Michael Hayes added a further try, conversion and two penalties to leave the half time score at 20-3.

The message at halftime was to keep the work rate up and a good start to the second half was key to success. Unfortunately Thurles got the first score of the half when a high kick wasn't dealt with; it allowed the Thurles number 13 Peter Coman gather and race under the posts. From here City really upped the ante and after multiple phases Alex Fitz crossed in the corner for as good a try that has been seen in Kilbarry for a long time. Michael Hayes added the conversion once more.

Thurles came roaring back and after putting together a number of phases they scored beside the post to leave the score at 25-17 in favour of the home side with 12 minutes left on the clock. Once more Thurles came on the attack, looking very threatening they were eventually forced into a knock on after some great defence from City, Jason Power popped the ball up off the ground to scrumhalf Darren Walsh who raced all the way up the pitch to score under the posts. Again Michael was accurate with his kick.

On the last play City scored a cracker of a try, after sublime handling from Aaron Foskin and James Halligan, Michael Hayes punched a hole in the Thurles defence on his own 22 metre line, from here he fed his brother Mark who was eventually brought down in the Thurles 22. A number of hard carries from and clear outs from the forwards set the platform for the ball to go wide where Liam Hayes scored in the corner. A brilliant team try.

A great team performance from the lads which sets us up nicely for the New Year.

### **Mini's Rugby**

An exciting morning at the clubhouse on Sunday as Santa came to visit all our Mini's players. Enjoy the Christmas break and training will resume on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Thanks to all who supported our Christmas raffle. The winners are Rebecca Irish, Liz Ferguson, Carol Kehoe, Melissa Evans, Lilly Walsh, Niamh Corcoran, Denise Gailbert, Brian Upton, Monika Burns, Chris Murray, Jack Doheny, Stephan Gillen, John MacNamara, Jim Madigan and Mrs Coady. Well done to all, prizes can be collected from Jemma Jacob at the clubhouse on Monday evening at 7pm.

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year from all in Waterford City RFC