

Waterford City Club Notes

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Under 18's

Douglas/Carrigaline 0 v Waterford City 3

In very difficult conditions our ever improving under 18 side came away from Cork with the points on Saturday last. Constant wind and rain made the game a scrappy tight affair. Both sides showed incredible heart & commitment to produce a very entertaining game even if the score line would suggest otherwise.

Douglas/Carrigaline had the better of the first half, playing with a strong wind at their backs the home side controlled territory. City had to rely on the maul, big carries from the forwards and backs to get up the pitch. Every little mistake was punished though by the home sides out half who used his big boot to pin City back time and time again.

City did extremely well to keep the score at nil all at half time. With the wind at our backs we were now the side dominating field position and came close to scoring on a couple of occasions. An accidental offside and a knock on would undo us as we went in search of a try.

With 20 minutes remaining Glen Taylor landed a penalty to put us in front. For the next 10 minutes we had to defend heroically to keep out the home side from scoring a try.

In the end we finished the game inside the Douglas/Carrigaline 22 searching for another score. Tough defence from the home side kept us out. The full time whistle was a welcome sound to the city lads.

A very pleasing victory for a squad who were well beaten at the same venue earlier in the season.

Speedy recovery to Cian Lally who received a facial injury.

Under 16's Pan Munster League

Bandon 12 v Waterford city 10

City travelled down to Bandon looking for their first win in the competition. With the wind and rain at their backs Bandon pressed for the opening score of the game, only to be met by a strong and resolute City defence. Every home side attack was stopped by big hits, and clever counter rucking. City attacked from every turnover which was met by some brave defence by the home team. With the last play of the first half Bandon attacked the City line, and after phase after phase of play the home side deservedly scored the first try of the game. Half time Bandon 5 city 0. City had to start the second half brightly, and so they did. After constant drives and mauls and quick recycling of the ball the impressive David [gingy] White crossed the line to level the game.

Bandon finally got their hands on the ball and moved into the city half, with some intelligent kicking and chasing. Ten minutes later Bandon attacked from deep in their own half moving the play from right to left to the half way line, but the City right wing Cian Wadding read the play well, intercepted and sprinted to the line scoring to the right of the posts. Tom Carney was unlucky with the conversion, striking the inside of the right upright. With three minutes remaining and City leading 10 – 5 Bandon moved into the city 22 and after countless phases of play scored under the posts. The try converted and the end of nail biting, exciting and entertaining encounter. This game was played in great spirit and determination, and both teams did their clubs, coaches and supporters proud.