

Killarney versus Highfield U-18's – Saturday 1st February

A late start on a cold winter's day set the scene for an enthralling encounter. The match began with heavy rucking and Sean O'Toole made some early hard tackles. Jack Fitzgerald



was tireless in tackles. Darragh O' Donoghue made a lovely few nice breaks but Killarney were tight in defence.



After fifteen mins of pressure playing from side to side Zane got in on the right wing. David O'Shea made a fantastic conversion. Highfield 7-Killarney 0.



Killarney counter attacked immediately and Highfield are forced to tackle conceding a series of penalties. Sean O' Regan's aggression in the rucks is superb and his combination with Stephen Murphy and Sean Fahy forces Killarney down the field.



Highfield win a penalty and David kicks for the corner.



The forwards win the lineout and set up a classic maul with hooker Brian Mc Govern at the tail. They drive over in the corner. Dave makes

another superb conversion. Highfield 14-Killarney 0.



Highfield began strong in the second half Niall Downey is superb in the loose and Sean Dillon makes some cutting runs inside the Kerry



men's lines. Ian Kearney makes some very crucial tackles and Cian



Cunningham isn't found wanting when hard contact is needed.



Liam Linehan is forced to play at full back where he puts in a very solid performance. Highfield build pressure and suck in some hard offensive Killarney play. Darren Jones comes on for the mighty Jack Fitzgerald and his fresh legs burst through the Killarney defence. Soon after Mathew Murphy replaces Darragh at scrum half and the ball is spun perfectly along the line to keep the Woodleigh park boys moving forward.

Colm Mc Sherry gives the three quarters role a skilful display. Conor Murphy replaces an exhausted William Power and puts in a few brave and key tackles. Guillermere Patricio makes some illusive runs at Killarney to upset their balance.

A fabulous win. 14-0 final score. Coaches Dave, Don, Alan and Mick have managed to take their boys to a Munster A quarter final. Well done!