

Highfield versus Cork Constitution u-18's League - Friday night 19:15 KO- lights on!!

Con began playing with the hill and held possession for the first five mins despite the repeated waves of Highfield defence from Sean O'Regan, Darren Jones, Bryan McGovern, Niall Downing and cutting tackles of Sean O'Toole (so, so brave..again!), Mathew Murphy and David O'Shea. A turnover ball resulted in a penalty kick to the Con corner. A quick lineout was won by William Power and when he was fouled and awarded a penalty the team took a quick scrum to Highfield- Sean Fahy breaks from 8 position, 8 yards out and ...Try! Highfield 5. Dave O'Shea converts, Highfield 7- Con 0

Dave O'Hea and Don Keogh's forwards were just beginning to show their seamless cohesion with the slick backline coaching of Mick Cummins and Alan Stack.

Another fourteen mins of superb action - Highfield with a series of piercing line breaks that were continually recycled via the half back pairing of Mathew Murphy and David O'Shea the recycling set up targeted running by Niall Downing, William Power, Sean Fahy.....Con were feeling the pressure of the hits and following pressure penalty...Highfield bite, win a turn over penalty and put it the ball in touch -twenty mins had zapped by.

Highfield win line out possession again - Highfield knock on in the Con 22 after run by Sean o Toole - the Highfield lime light at that phase.

A series of excellent defensive plays ensued- Penalty to Highfield inside 22. Quick play and hands to Sean Dylan - Try 2 is nailed in the corner - Dylan is on fire - Highfield 12 - Con 0. Despite the missed conversion, Highfield are bursting to hit out through their centres of Tadgh O' Corrain and wings Ross O' Donovan and Ian Kearney with electric support from

'birthday boy' Stephen Murphy with his powerful side kick - Darren Jones the boys are frustrated by last play knock on's. With yet another great break on the restart from the kick-off, and a timely pass to Tadgh o' Corrain which he offloaded smartly to Ian Kearney and he in turn to Stephen Murphy who like a leprechaun darted through no space - but only to be held up - yesterday wasn't his Birthday!

In the 32nd min, a lineout won by Salvador Patricio where he delicately passed through the Con backline was the closing highlight of the most amazing thirty five mins of underage Woodleigh Park rugby in many a year.

Second half

Con offside on restart scrum Highfield Penalty for ground play Highfield win resulting lineout. Following some kicks and returns the Highfield boys looked like they would go through again but were frustrated by a now exhausted Con side.

After ten mins of the second half play, Highfield bring on a second pack including Ian O'Keefe, Zane Yil, Jack Fitzgerald, Conor Murphy and Cormac O'Driscoll. Soon afterward Daragh O'Donoghue replaces Mathew Murphy. Moments later Stephen Murphy joined the fray - what a bench!! Con counter but Tadgh makes try saving tackle on Highfield 10 yard line. Highfield followed with a series of breaks and looked to regather their shape. Following a scrum on the Con 10 yards line that shape was showing just as Cian Cunningham breaks and releases Ian O'Keefe on the right and skips in for try. The converted try brings the final score to 19-0. What a highly entertaining evening!