

# THE MUSKERRY U13 NEWS

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Cobh Pirates 14 Muskerry 29

## Swashbuckling Muskerry lower Pirates's sails

After the excitement of our trip to Wexford it was back to basics for this re-scheduled league fixture away to Cobh. Muskerry had 22 players to pick from providing Sean with plenty to think about before choosing his starting fifteen.

The opening minutes were even with both sides spending time in the opposition half. In the 5<sup>th</sup> Minute Cormac Dennehy picked a ball from the back of the scrum and surged across the Cobh line to open the scoring. Matt Hayes slotted the conversion. Buoyed by this score Muskerry stepped up a gear and Robert O'Callaghan, Ian Flannery, and Luke Horgan were to the fore in the forward exchanges while Ciarán O'Connor, Cian Riordan and Jack Harrington were making their tackles count in defence.

Mid way through the half Odhran Heelan fed John Sheehan who was playing in the unfamiliar surroundings of first centre and he jinked



his way through the defence to make it 12 – 0 to the boys in blue. Cobh rallied after this and got over to leave it a 12 – 7 to Muskerry at the break.

At the restart we had one of the highlights of the evening when Cobh failed to tidy up possession and Cian Riordan pounced on the loose ball before racing up the wing with a host of Cobh players trailing in his wake before touching down for a great score. Minutes later Muskerry crossed again when Luke Horgan gained possession and galloped half the length of the field for a well deserved try which was converted with surgical precision by Matt Hayes

Muskerry were now in the ascendency but Cobh never gave up the fight and were camped for long periods on the Muskerry line. With about 10- minutes to go Ciaran O'Connor made a good break before being hauled down on the touchline. From the ensuing play a poor kick Cobh landed in Ciaran's hands and he gratefully touched down. Cobh didn't let their heads drop and managed a last converted try before the end.

This was a fine team performance by Muskerry where the entire team contributed to get the win.

**Muskerry Squad:** Craig Bennet, Cormac Dennehy, Gordon Desmond, Ian Flannery, Barry Fitzpatrick, Jack Harrington, Patrick Healy, Ryan Hegarty, Matthew Hayes, Odhran Heelan, Luke Horgan, Barry Fitzpatrick, Jared Murphy-Sheehan, Robert O'Callaghan, Michael O'Connell, Ciaran O'Connor, Ryan O'Neill, Shane O'Riordan, Colm O'Sullivan, Cian Riordan, Liam Weafer, Salman Yunel