

THE MUSKERRY U13 NEWS

Saturday March 26th 2011

Muskerry 5 Dolphin 24

Muskerry battle hard but can't halt Dolphin

Muskerry went into this game knowing that Dolphin would present a huge challenge. On a beautiful day for rugby Muskerry had a good hand to play with 22 players present but found themselves trapped in their own half in the early stages. Defensively the boys were superb as their line held firm in the face of relentless pressure from a big Dolphin pack. With forwards Cormac Dennehy and Ian Flannery leading by example, tackle after tackle was made to thwart the men from Musgrave Park. As the half progressed Muskerry came into the game more but rarely threatened the Dolphin line but kept things scoreless till the break.

**Half Time Muskerry 0
Dolphin 0**

Muskerry started the second half well but eventually the visitors found a chink in their armour and crossed for their first score.



In this period the home had chances to create scores themselves but over anxiety led to mistakes. Dolphin went over again to leave the score at 12 – 0 and a mountain to climb for the home team. A third relatively soft try followed before Muskerry decided it was time they gave the big home support something to cheer about. Cormac Dennehy made a great burst through the middle and found Ciaran O'Connor outside him and he crashed past the cover to touch down.

Muskerry continued to press but some poor decision making before the finish allowed the visitors in for a fourth and final try.

A tough day at the office for the boys but they made Dolphin sweat before they got the upper hand. There were some good performances from Cian Riordan, Jared Sheehan, Ciaran O'Connor, Cormac Dennehy, Gordon Desmond, and Ian Flannery. Next up is our trip to Wexford where we face the might of the Leinster U13 Premier League champions Wexford Wanderers. Saturday's encounter should serve us well against the Wexford men.

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