

THE MUSKERRY U13 NEWS

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Midleton 24 Muskerry 5

Midleton distill fine blend to overcome Muskerry

Midleton is a town famous for its whiskey distilling and their 12 and 13 year old vintage blend proved too strong for the Muskerry palate in an engaging contest on the main pitch at Midleton.

Muskerry had a panel of nineteen players and were captained for the day by Cian Riordan, whose grandfather is a former Midleton player and was in attendance. Following a shaky start Muskerry settled and began to chip away at the well organized Midleton defence.



The break finally came when wing forward Gordon Desmond made a darting run to cross for the first try. A trend was beginning to emerge as the half progressed: lots of possession but poor handling and some poor decision making. Then Midleton counter-attacked from a Muskerry kick and broke through for an equalizing try.

The remainder of the half was tense with neither side able to conjure a scoring opportunity. The Muskerry forwards were doing well with Michael O'Sullivan-Greene to the fore aided by the industrious Robert O'Callaghan and Luke Horgan. In the backs the motto of the midfield combo of O'Connor and O'Callaghan was 'Thou shalt not pass' as they made some crunching tackles that thwarted the home team on a number of occasions.

Half-Time: Midleton 7 - Muskerry 5

The second half opened with Midleton camped in the Muskerry half. Our boys were giving considerable aid to the home team's cause by kicking away possession and some sloppy handling: a pass to the chest was a rare sight and some of the tackling was straight from tag rugby. The pressure told and Muskerry conceded a second try although it appeared that the scorer spilled the ball before touching down. We shipped a number of injuries before conceding two late tries to the home team to leave the final score at 24 – 5. Muskerry had continued to battle gamely to the end with Ian Flannery, Gordon Desmond, Adam O'Connell, and Cian Riordan and



others never giving up on the cause. In all a disappointing result against a good Midleton side, but one from which the boys can learn and bounce back again. Sunday's Well are next up on Saturday and we will have to lift our spirits and our game for their visit.

Muskerry Squad: Craig Bennet, Cormac Dennehy, Gordon Desmond, Ian Flannery, Odhran Heelan, Ryan Hegarty, Luke Horgan, Jared Murphy-Sheehan, Robert O'Callaghan, Peadar O'Callaghan, Adam O'Connell, Ciaran O'Connor, Martin O'Reilly, Shane O'Riordan, Michael O'Sullivan-Greene, Colm O'Sullivan, Cian Riordan, John Sheehan, Liam Weafer

N.B. Our thanks to Midleton for their excellent medical assistance when we had players injured.