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Congrats to Tina & Neil on the arrival of their newly born girl

6 NATIONS TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

- There are tickets available for two 6 Nations home games. Ireland V Wales on the 5th February and Ireland V Scotland on 10th March
- Contact Eamon Gardiner for Tickets

MALLOW RFC NEWS

JANUARY 2012

1st XV face in form St. Mary's

Mallow 1st XV started the New Year in good form, quietly closing out two games after Xmas in both the County Cup and Munster Junior Cup.

Mallow advance in County Cup.

The first side travelled away to local rivals Fermoy in the first round of the County Cup. Mallow didn't play particularly well, however ran out easy winners thirty nine points to twenty four.

Mallow 39—Fermoy 24

1st XV take Limerick side Old Crescent in Munster Junior Cup

In this, their second Cup tie after the Christmas break, Mallow, by their own standards, played poorly but still did just enough to prevail at the Limerick venue. Conditions were ideal for good running rugby but both sides may have been suffering the effects of a long break as a free flowing game materialised only rarely. The hosts led by ten points to nil at half time having scored two tries which were the product of mistakes by the visitors. During this period Mallow had difficulty retaining primary possession and this allowed an average Old Crescent side to profit. Things might have been worse if Old Crescent had succeeded in converting the tries from very kickable positions.



Following the turnover, playing with whatever breeze and slope were there, Mallow began to dominate field position and Old Crescent rarely threatened the Mallow line thereafter. Mallow still found scoring difficult before scrum half Sam Holt eventually found a way through to score a good try on the right, the conversion not finding the target to leave the score at 10 – 5 with 15 minutes to go. Throughout the entire second half, the hosts did their best to frustrate the visitors by continuously disrupting play with injuries downtime, off-side indiscretions and in truth it made for very poor viewing. The referee responded with three yellow cards and for the last ten minutes was forced to resort to uncontested scrums. Mallow were dominant but could not convert the pressure until Sean Glynn scored the match winning try with 2 minutes to go. Even then the Old Crescent full back tried to disrupt the conversion by running out well in advance of the kick. Dave Walsh however

was not put off and converted to leave the score 10 – 12 for the visitors. Mallow saw out the remaining 8 minutes of extra time with ease. Their next assignment is at home against St Mary's in a top of the League clash and they will have to improve if they are to prevail. TEAM: Dave Walsh, Leonard Browne, Richard Weedle, Mike Sweeney, Leo O'Regan (Tristan 60), Mike O'Flynn, Sam Holt, Jason Sheehan, Donal Lucey (Frankie Thornton 40), Chris O'Regan (Ray Roche 40), Trevor Costelloe, Brian Linehan, Cormac Nyhan, Denis Murphy (Sean Glynn 35), Des O'Callaghan.

Mallow 1st XV play St. Mary's this Sunday in probably their toughest challenge yet . PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR TEAM @ Parkadillane for a 2.30 kick off.

FIXTURES THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14th

U8/9 v DOLPHIN (H)

U10/11 / 12 v DOLPHIN (H)

U13 v CHARLEVILLE (H / L)

U19 v FERMOY (A / F)

SUNDAY 15th

MALLOW 1st XV v ST Mary's (H) 2.30

MALLOW 2nd XV v

LISTOWEL (A/F) 1.45

U19s beat a fancied Muskerry to reach Semis

Mallow 13 – Muskerry 5

7 Jan 2012



Mallow U19s finished off their league campaign with a victory over Muskerry, as a result finishing on top of the table.

Both teams seemed rusty after the holiday break and Mallow scored first with a penalty from Luke OBrien. Mallow had the best of the play but lacked finishing. Muskerry were dogged at the breakdown and competed very well turning Mallow over several times to stop Mallow attacks. The boys in green received two further penalties missed narrowly by O'Brien. The half finished three points to nil to Mallow.

The second half was a different

affair with some excellent running by Mallow centres Hugh Barry and Avery Mitchell. Handling errors plagued Mallow giving Muskerry easy possession. Muskerry finally got a score with a fine individual effort from their winger to take the lead 3 – 5. However Mallow responded and pressed the Muskerry line and after being awarded a penalty ten meters out, as Muskerry turned expecting a kick to touch the quick thinking scrumhalf Aidan Twomey tapped and raced to the line to touch down for a vital score. Luke OBrien converted from the sideline and Mallow re-

gained the lead 10 -5. O'Brien scored a further penalty to push the score to 13 -5. Muskerry pushed hard but Mallow defended well and finished the stronger for a well deserved win. Man of the Match went to Luke OBrien.

Final Score Mallow 13 Muskerry 5.

Team: Fergal Murphy; Brian Long; Hugh Barry; Avery Mitchell; Pdraig Gardiner; Luke OBrien; Aidan Twomey(C); Chris OConnell; Riane Jones; Killian OConnell; Evan OKeefe; Cormac McCarthy; John Forrest; Eoghan Barry; Ian McSherry.
Subs: Aron Cole; Ronan Cremin; Fionn Moynahan; Denis Clogan; Keith Oliver; Ciaran Buckley.

NOTICE TO ALL MALLOW AGE GRADE RUGBY COACHES

Up coming Mini Rugby Course (u/6 to u/12) and Foundation Rugby Course (u/13 to u/17) will take place in Colaiste Stiofan Naofa Tramore Road on Fri 27th & Sat 28th Jan
 All Mallow Mini Coaches are requested to attend a "Min rugby workshop" on February 11th next
 Paul Barry will be in contact.

**DAY OUT FOR
MALLOW RFC
COACHES,
MANAGEMENT &
PARENTS**

MALLOW RFC
 Is organising a day trip
 to 6 nations match
 Ireland V Italy
 February 25th @ 13.00
 Tickets ranging from
 40, 50 & 75
 40 tickets available
 &
 Bus / Train will be
 organised.
 Contact a committee
 member or a Coach

Mallow U19s with Coaches Gavin Lynch, Kevin Twomey & Mentor Christy O Connell



Club Chairman congratulates all Volunteers

Club Chairman Frank Nyhan heaped praise on all Volunteers who came out before Xmas for two very worthy causes. The first was in support of the Mallow Tidy Towns Committee when up to twenty Players and members took to the Spa canal to clean out weeds and rubbish. "This is a great community project to get involved in" Frank said and I want to congratulate all the players & members who turned out. A special mention went to **Halla Lynch** who rallied the troops on this occasion.

Frank also praised Clubman **Seamus Keena** who organised a very successful flag day on Xmas Eve when players and members again rallied in numbers across town in various locations. "This was a really big effort on Xmas Eve when most people are rushing to get last minute Christmas shopping in and also considering players were up early after the players night out & the 12 pubs of Xmas tour. "Well done and congratulations to all. This season we have seen real club spirit" Frank commented.