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# MALLOW RFC NEWS

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## Mallow forwards take no nonsense from Pres

### Mallow 1st XV 14— Presentation 6

*Maybe it's the attitude of these Mallow boys that sets them apart from others as we've never heard them complain about our age old dressing room facilities. But our visitors refused to avail of our hospitality. It was this honesty and humility that came through in this mud drenched battle at Parkadillane last Sunday that saw Mallow beat a highly fancied Clare side. This was without doubt the first big test for Mallow, as Presentation travelled to the North Cork town with a bigger pack and much more experience than our younger Mallow side. Mallow to date have seen off Ennis, Youghal & Bandon away and Muskerry, Ballincollig, Scarrif & Presentation at home & puts the North Cork side in a very promising position for 1st Division promotion next season.* The contest started in a frenzy with both sides taking the game to each other, but it was clear in the first few minutes Presentation were attempting to intimidate the Mallow forwards and were consistently infringing at the breakdown. On the twelfth minute Mallow took the opening points when Dave Walsh kicked the difficult penalty in monsoon conditions as a result of the Pres lock forward coming in from the side at the breakdown. The big Clare number eight Stephen Ryan was penalised on a number of occasions throughout the game and surprisingly was not sin binned.

Mallow had the upper hand throughout the first half and were solid in both scrum and lineout, hooker, Frank Thornton was on the money, hitting his targets, Brian Lenihan, Denis Murphy & John McCaullife. In fact Lenihan had a fine game stealing two opposition balls in the opening twenty minutes.

On the half hour, scrum Half Sam Holt scored an unconverted try. The



score came as a result of a spilled ball inside the Mallow twenty two when Mike Sweeney collected and sprinted down the wing, grubber kicking behind the Presentation defence for Len Browne to chase, Browne got a boot on the ball for it to run over the dead ball line. The Clare put in on their own twenty two saw Thornton win against the head and Holt broke to the blind side, a quick dummy pass to Browne, Holt held off the tackle and scrambled over the line. Walsh failed to convert. Presentation were again on the receiving end of the whistle when they were penalised at the breakdown for offside. Walsh obliged with a fine kick to put Mallow in the driving seat eleven points to the good. Presentation were on the back foot for the remainder of the first half, with the number ten and man on the match Robbie Doyle kicking Mallow in behind the opposition and into the corners. But on the final minute of the first half Doyle kicked for the corner, a kick Ronan O Gara would be proud of. From inside his half and with the breeze at his back he found a sweat spot just inches short of the corner flag, heaping pressure on the Presentation defence. Brian Lenihan took another ball from the opposition throw in only to be hauled to the floor and again Mallow were in a kickable position. Walsh slotted over the penalty to give Mallow the lead fourteen points to nil.

The second half didn't start so well for Mallow and within the opening ten minutes conceded three kickable penalties, the Presentation number fifteen slotting over two. Mallow were again saved by a poor penalty kick by Presentation when Mallow were penalised on the twentieth minute for losing the bind in the scrum. It wasn't until the twenty eight minute that Mallow finally got outside their own half after an onslaught of attacks in the mud from the Presentation pack at which stage it must have been difficult for the referee to distinguish between the jerseys. But Mallow's defence held firm and it was a commendable performance



Captain, John McCaullife who showed great leadership in Mallow's victory over Presentation last Sunday

## FIXTURES

### Saturday 10th December

U13 V Kanturk (A)  
U 15 V Kanturk (H)

### Sunday 11th December

1st XV V Kinsale (A)  
2nd XV V Kanturk (A)

## Mallow 1st XV 14—Presentation 6 (cont)



Over 70 new jerseys were sold last weekend at underage level.

More jerseys have been ordered.

**John Sweeney**  
087-2645718

**PARKING @ CAROHKEEL**  
To all Parents.

Please park in a orderly manner when parking in Carohkeel on Saturday morning.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**Mallow RFC**

**Flag day**

**Christmas Eve**

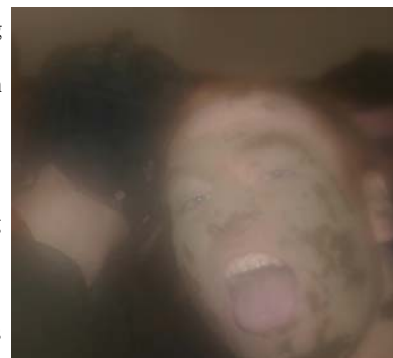
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with Ray Roche, Jason Sheehan & Frank Thornton defending like Trojans. The game could have turned against Mallow in the second half when they again allowed Presentation back in to a kickable position as a result of back chat to the referee. The resulting penalty went wide of the posts to Mallow's relief. This was a heroic performance for Mallow with both Eoin Glynn and Chris O Regan putting in fine games and coming off the pitch with a clean bill of health after returning from injuries. Mallow's back row were again effective at the breakdown with Denis Murphy, Neil Lucey and Des O Callaghan delivering a high performance display. And despite the fact there was little open running rugby the Mallow backs mucked in with Mike Sweeney and Ronan McCarthy putting in big games in defence and Ritchie Weedle, Len Browne and replacement Mike O Flynn constantly threatening the opposition. John McCaullife commended his players for standing up and getting stuck in and also thanked the supporters for coming out to support the team in such bad weather conditions. Mallow fought hard for this victory, Mallow 14 – Presentation 6. The North Cork lads will set their sights on another big game away to Kinsale next weekend. Mallow V Kinsale Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**MALLOW RFC 1<sup>st</sup> XV:** J Sheehan, F Thornton, R Roche, J McCaullife, B Lenihan, Eoin Glynn, D Murphy, N Lucey, S Holt, R Doyle, R Weedle, M Sweeney, R McCarthy, L Browne, D Walsh, M O Flynn for R McCarthy, C O Regan for J Sheehan, D O Callaghan for E Glynn, A Barrett, D Lucey.



*This person was seen behaving suspiciously in the Mallow dressing rooms after the match last Sunday. If you can identify him please report him to the local Garda.....*



**Nutritional seminar**  
For Foundation level Coaches  
**Wednesday 18th January 6.30—9.00**  
Munster Suite, Thomond Park Stadium,  
Limerick. 20.00 euro  
Contact Siobhan  
[siobhancollins@munsterrugby.ie](mailto:siobhancollins@munsterrugby.ie)



### Minis

*Cathal O'Brien (left) takes on Highfield.*

*Sean Hayes sprints for the line against Dolphin*



### U19s draw with Old Christians

Mallow U19s suffered a small set back last Saturday with a draw away to Old Christians. Mallow had the first opportunity to score after being awarded a penalty for offside but the kick was pushed to the right by out-half Luke OBrien. Mallow pressed for the opening score but a determined Christians defence held firm. Christians cleared the ball deep down field, after the ball was knocked on by an offside Mallow player. The quick penalty by the by Christians scrum half caught Mallow off guard to open the scoring with a converted try. Mallow responded well and worked the ball down the field finishing with a try by Chris OConnell which was converted by Luke OBrien.

Mallow gave up a soft try to begin the second half after an intercepted pass which led to Christians second try which was converted. Mallow again responded well to gain their second try scored again by Chris OConnell and converted by Luke OBrien. Christians pressed Mallow's line for the winning score, but Mallow's defence held firm and Mallow nearly stole the game at the death when hooker Eoghan Barry was tapped tackled just short of the line. Man of the Match went to captain John Forrest. Final Score Old Christians 14 Old Christians 14. Mallow U19 Squad: Fergal Murphy; Brian Long; Hugh Barry; Pdraig Gardiner; Aron Cole; Luke OBrien; Aidan Twomey; Chris OConnell; Ronan Cremin; Killian OConnell; Evan OKeefe; Cormac McCarthy; John Forrest(C); Riane Jones; Ian McSherry. Subs: Eoghan Barry; Denis Clogan; Keith Oliver.