
U13S THROUGH TO CONNACHT CUP FINAL

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Sligo RFC's youngest 15 a side team were convincing winners over Ballina in a thrilling cup semi final contest in Hamilton Park on Saturday.

The Sligo boys started strongly receiving the kick off and retaining the ball well in the early phases with openside flanker Dean Davey soon breaking free to cross for the first score. Out Half Mark Tempany stepped up to slot the conversion adding the points.

Sligo continued to apply the pressure with some strong ball carries by their forwards , good interplay and swift passing by their backs seeing winger Abhainn Savage get over in the corner.

Ballina came back strongly with some excellent play stretching the Sligo cover and getting in for a well worked try just before half time.

After the break the visitors came back strongly and closed on Sligo with another good try narrowing the score board to 12 - 10.

A well organised Sligo were soon back in control with structured play and rampaging runs by their forwards leading to another good try when Issac Marsden made the line.

The local boys continued to apply the pressure and soon got the ball wide to release pacey Savage again for an impressive run down the right and finished under the posts. Again, Mark Tempany was on target for the conversion.

Ballina fought back well and pinned Sligo in their half with some good tactical kicking and open play stretching the Sligo defence. This yielded a fine try in the closing minutes however as the whistle blew it was Sligo's day with the scoreboard showing a 24 - 12 victory for the home team.

Sligo meet Buccaneers RFC, Athlone in the final to be played in The Sports Ground in Galway on April 14th.

CONEY ISLAND CHALLENGE

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The Coney Island Challenge will take place on Sunday 13th October this year and will be run by Sligo RFC. Registration for the 10 mile and 10 km runs, as well as the 10 km walk will be opening soon.

SLIGO SEEK PLAYOFF SPOT

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The Sligo All-Ireland League Division 2B team currently lie in 4th place in the league, 6 points behind Rainey Old Boys and 7 points ahead of Wanderers in 5th. The team travel to 8th placed Dungannon RFC on Saturday 6th April and are hoping for a repeat of their 33-25 win from last October. Sligo need one final win to confirm their 4th place playoff spot and challenge for promotion to Division 2A.

SUMMERHILL COLLEGE IN CONNACHT RUGBY FINAL

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Best of luck to the Summerhill College U14 team who will play the Connacht League Final against Marist College, Athlone at 12.00 this Wednesday, 3rd April 12 in Tuam RFC.

FUNDRAISING AUCTION

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Efforts continue within the club to raise the much-needed funds for the development of the clubhouse. The Club Auction will take place on 28th April in the Glasshouse. Anyone with items to be donated to the auction, should contact any club committee member.

CARRICK PROVE TOO STRONG FOR GULLS

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Sligo Gulls 10 - Carrick-on-Shannon 23

Hamilton Park played host to the quarter-final of the Ard na Cregg Cup last Saturday afternoon, when the Sligo Gulls, the third senior team in Sligo RFC took on J2 League Winners Carrick-on-Shannon. The visitors were the hot favourites to win through to the semi-final and Sligo's odds had lengthened even more with the news that several influential players were unavailable for selection due to absence and injury.

Gulls - Gary Golden shares a laugh with his opposite number at the bottom of a ruck

The home side took the lead after 10minutes, when fullback Eoin Mc Cormack slotted home a well-struck penalty. Carrick piled on the pressure and responded with an equalising penalty 3minutes later. The Gulls' defence continued to be tested and strong running from the visitors resulted in two tries and a conversion to bring the score to 3-15 at half-time.

The Gulls came out fighting in the second half and gave a great display of solid rugby, with the pack securing possession and setting up the backline for some determined running. Carrick found themselves on the backfoot for the opening 20minutes and the pressure led to a succession of penalties. Sligo opted to run the ball each time, exerting even more pressure on the visitors and a yellow card was eventually issued for persistent offences. The vocal home crowd did their best to get their team over the line, but a solid Carrick defence refused to crack, and some impressive clearance kicks finally relieved the pressure and brought the play into the Sligo 22. The home side were caught offside and Carrick added another 3points from a penalty in front of posts.

The Gulls were dominant from the restart and once again piled on the pressure. Darragh Mc Elhinney controlled the pace of the game, with quick ball from the back of the ruck. Strong ball-carrying from Niall Cawley, Dermot Kiely and Gary Golden tested the Carrick defence and Sligo's determination and never-say-die attitude was eventually rewarded when Jamie Gerrity crashed over for a well-deserved try, much to the delight of the now-raucous home supporters. Eoin McCormack added the extras to put 8 points between the sides, with only 5 minutes left on the clock.

Pressure from the restart, resulted in a penalty for Carrick and having been dominant in the lineout throughout the game, they kicked for touch. A strong maul from the big Carrick pack, set up a ruck on the Sligo 5m line and the pack picked the ball and drove over the line for the final score of the game.

This may have been the Gulls' final game of the season but it marks the start of a new era in senior rugby for Sligo RFC. It has been 35 years since the Club last fielded three senior competitive teams. Great credit must go to coaches Podge Johnson and Clive Morris, as well as team manager Declan Lynch. Nearly 30 players were part of the Gulls' squad this year, a mixture of young players who have come up through the youths' system, complete novices to the game and many experienced players, with a real love for rugby. Jamie Gerrity finished the season as top try scorer (6 tries) with David Cummins coming in second (4 tries). Well done to all involved.

Sligo Gulls: Christophe Perrott, Andreas Probst (c) James Tansey, Michael Healy, Niall Cawley, Jordan Sexton, Peter Walpole, Gary Golden, Mark Harte, Darren Harte, Jean De Rouge, Sean McVeigh, David Cummins, Callum McLoughlin, Eoin McCormack, Andrew Kerr, Dermot Kiely, Thomas McBride, Vincent Reynolds, Podge Johnson

SLIGO V SUNDAY'S WELL PRE-MATCH LUNCH

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The final home game of the season takes place on Saturday 13th April, when Sligo play Sunday's Well at 2.30p.m. The club will host a pre-match lunch at 1p.m., open to all members and friends of Sligo RFC. The two-course lunch from The Glasshouse, includes a complimentary glass of wine and entry to the match at the cost of €20 per person. Advance booking is essential, as places are limited. To book your place, text Des on 086 246 9829 before 8pm Wednesday 10th April.

U20S ARE SLIGO'S 21ST TEAM

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This year, Sligo RFC boast an incredible 21 teams, from U7s in the Juvenile section to Division 2B of the All-Ireland League. This total includes 8 juvenile and 9 youth teams of both boys and girls, three senior teams and now an U20 team, who will compete in this year's Connacht U20 Cup. The U20 Cup will see teams representing Ballina, Ballinrobe, Connemara, Corinthians, Creggs, Monivea/Westport and Sligo face off in a knockout series of games, with three quarter-finals before two semi-finals and a decider on the Easter weekend. Sligo U20s will play at home against local rivals Ballina in the semi-final at 1p.m. on 7th April.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD LIFT CONNACHT PLATE

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Sligo RFC 50 – Our Lady’s Boys Club 7

Sligo Development Squad finished their season in fine style with an emphatic victory in the Connacht Junior Plate final at Connacht Rugby headquarters, The Sportsgrounds, in Galway on Sunday. Sligo crossed the whitewash 8 times in an all action display in a match they dominated from start to finish.

Playing towards the College Road end , with the aid of the stiff breeze, Sligo’s Euan Brown kicked off. Sligo forced the early pace and camped inside the boys club 22. Jake Sexton, Christian Nielsen and David Heath all carried powerfully before team captain Garry O’Hehir broke through wide on the right to open his and Sligo’s account.

Two minutes later Sligo struck again, an inch perfect Brown cross kick was fielded by left winger Charlie Cooper who raced in and around and touched down behind the posts. Brown added the extras.

Another two minutes and the Sligo blitz continued when a sweeping left to right move was finished by pacey right winger Robbie Ryan. Sligo were now in full flow, the front row of Craig Adams, James O’Hehir and Ross O’Boyle had the edge at the scrum. David Heath and Michael Mc Morrow brought energy from the second row and flanker Jack Gormely was carrying strongly. Centres Sean Mullin and Mark Gerrity consistently broke the gain line and Donal Brady was a live wire at full back.

With 20 minutes gone Mullin collected the ball on the half way line and burst through the first line of defence. The cover defence looked like halting the powerful centre but Mullin wasn’t for stopping and swatted away three tackle attempts before crashing over the line for Sligo’s fourth of the day. Browns conversion pushed Sligo’s lead to 26 points.