

Transfield Cup Quarter Final

“Saints” Struggle against a strong U.L.Bohs Team

St Senans RFC 5 U.L.Bohs RFC 45

In the season opener St Senans found themselves pitched against a strong U.L.Bohs side that were to prove difficult to hold from the out-set.

An unforced error from the kick-off resulted in a scrum for the visitors, from which they gained possession, and when they moved the ball quickly along their back line they broke through the home sides defence to run in a try after just 2 minutes. An easy conversion gave the visitors a 0-7 lead.

From this early set back St Senans rallied and pressurised the visitors forcing them back inside their own 22, where they threatened on a number of occasions to breach their defense, however the visitors held firm. When some poor ball handling by the home side resulted in possession returning to the visitors, they once again showed a turn of pace that could not be thwarted, running in a second try which was once again easily converted extending their lead to 0-14.

This latest set back caused the home side to lose composure and when the visitors intercepted a long pass, running in their third try the game was all but over. Another try was to follow this and the added conversions gave the visitors a 0-28 lead.

St Senans regrouped and in a good move down the left flank managed to get the ball out to Mark Egan for him to run in his first try for the club, unfortunately a wayward kick denied Senans a further two points. The first half ended with a score line of 5-28 in favour of the visitors.

Despite some good periods of pressure by the home side the second half mirrored the first as far as scoring went with the visitors running in a further three tries, converting just one, leaving them deserved winners with a 5-45 scoreline.

Next Fixture:

Sun Sept. 27th St Senans travel to Clonmel in the Munster Junior Clubs Challenge Cup, kick off at 2:30

St Senans Team

Pa Ryan, Fergal Lawler, Tony O'Brien, Jack Jones, Aaron Skerritt, Paul O'Halloran, Duane Horkin, Ian Fitzgerald (C), Diarmuid Hughes, Fran Duggan, David Dunne, Declan Coughlan, Chris Sloan, Mark Egan, Declan Collins. **Replacements:** Steven Hearne, Ger Hall, Johnny Bridges, Ed Slattery, Brian Collins

Malcolm Simpson P.R.O.

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