

St Senans lose against a strong Waterpark RFC

Waterpark RFC 30 St Senans RFC 7

St Senans travelled to Waterford to face opposition that had spent the past 8 years in the All Ireland League, and faced a club that looked intent on challenging for a return to that level again. The home side made their intentions clear from the start when they drove Senans deep from the kick off, and were rewarded with an easily converted penalty after just 3 minutes.

Following this early upset Senans regrouped and with some good wide play by Brian Collins and Jake Egan forced the home side to concede a penalty, unfortunately the kick did not find its target leaving the score unchanged at 3-0.

Senans continued to pressurise but could not break through a solid Waterpark defence, when the home side launched their counter attack they were awarded their second penalty on 20 minutes, the kick was good and extending Waterparks lead to 6-0.

The home side inflicted further misery on Senans when shortly after the restart they turned over possession on the visitors and ran in the first try of the match, a good conversion kick extended the home sides lead to 13-0.

Following this latest set back Senans took control of the game with some sustained pressure from the pack, but again failed to breach the Waterpark defence, on 35 minutes the home side cleared their lines and found space out wide to run in their second try. Adding a further 2 points with a well struck kick the home side closed out the half with a 20-0 lead.

The second half saw more pressure from Senans, who had the lions share of possession but found it impossible to break through. The home side added a further 10 points, with a converted try and penalty, extending their lead to 30-0. With just 2 minutes to go it looked like this would be the final scoreline, but Senans were determined not to go away scoreless. Dylan Sonneman finally broke through the Waterpark defence to score a consolation try for Senans which was converted by Jake Egan to leave the final score at 30-7 in favour of the home side.

Next week Senans travel to Cashel RFC to close out this years fixtures.

St Senans Team

Pa Ryan, Ger Hall, Tony O'Brien, Jack Jones, Aaron Skerritt, Aidan O'Callaghan, Duane Horkin, Ian Fitzgerald (C), Darren Guerin, Noel Hoban, Brian Collins, Declan Collins, Dylan Sonneman, David Dunne, Jake Egan. **Replacements:** Mike Lyons, Mike O'Connell, Chris Sloan, Fran Duggan, John Elsley.

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