

St Senans sunk by Pirates

Cobh Pirates RFC 17 St Senans RFC 3

St Senans travelled to Cobh knowing that they needed to take something from the match to give their chances of survival in div1 a boost.

Senans started the game confidently, holding off the Pirates early attacks, and taking the lead on 12 minutes with a well struck penalty by Declan Collins.

The game then became a battle between both sets of forwards with neither side able to break through for a clear scoring opportunity. Late in the half Senans were down to 13 men and Pirates down to 14 as both sides became frustrated with the stalemate. With the very last play of the half it was the home side that broke the stalemate running in the first try of the game, this was converted and they went in leading 7-3.

Boosted by their late first half try and with some good movement of the ball Cobh broke through Senans defence to add a second try within minutes of the restart, the conversion went wide but left the home side leading 12-3.

The game then followed the pattern of the first half with both sides finding it impossible to create any clear cut scoring opportunities. Senans had a very good opportunity with about ten minutes to go when they found themselves encamped on the Pirates 5 metre line. Unfortunately an infringement handed possession back to Cobh and with the last play of the game they ran in a late try to finish the game 12-3 victors.

This latest defeat leaves Senans at the bottom of the table and facing relegation back to div2

Next week St Senans are in Cup action against Crosshaven RFC, this fixture takes place in Jimmy Slattery Park at 2:30 on Sun 14th.

St Senans Team

Pa Ryan, Ger Hall, Tony O'Brien, Mike Lyons, Jack Jones, Dermot Fitzgerald, Aaron Skerritt (C), Stephen Ryan, Darragh McCoy, Darren Guerin, David Dunne, Chris Sloan, Fran Duggan, Shane Thompstone, Declan Collins.

Replacements: John Paul Elsley, Edward Slattery, Gary Crowe, Brian Collins, David Webb.

Social Note: The club will hold their annual "Night at the Dogs" in Limerick race track on Sat 13th Feb. Tickets are available from any committee member and cost just €12, this price covers entry to the dogs, return bus from Shannon Knights and entry into a draw to win TWO tickets for the Ireland v Wales match in Croke Park on March 13th PLUS €500 cash.

The club looks forward to your support of this event.

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