**Wolfhounds @ Hartford, September 16th, 2017**

Wolfhounds traveled to Hartford Saturday seeking a second NERFU D2 victory against the Hartford Wanderers. The boys battled tight legs from the 2 hour drive and extremely hot and humid conditions to come away with a comprehensive 44-10 victory.

The match opened inauspiciously as the Wolfhounds spilled the kickoff and allowed a successful penalty attempt after several weak tackles. Refocused from the restart, the Wolfhounds made a line break and pinned the Wanderers back. The home side needed to infringe repeatedly to stop the Wolfhounds’ attempts at the line, drawing a yellow card. Sean Moran crashed over the line to open the scoring after a series of leg sapping mauls. The Boston Irish went from there to dominate the rest of the half, scoring tries through a long break by full back Paddy “Other Paddy” Meenan and a burst past an unguarded ruck by skipper Paul “Tay Tay” Taylor. Sloppy offloads and knock-ons limited the scoring for the Irish, but Hartford had no answer for the aggressive “hammer” defense, exemplified by a goal line stand to end the half with the score 17-3 to the Wolfhounds.

Hartford threatened to make a game of it immediately after halftime when they capitalized on a loose wolfhounds pass to score a long counterattacking try. With the score 17-10, the Wolfhound bore down to turn the screws on Hartford. Hartford failed to threaten the Wolfhounds half for the reminder of the match, with 5 more Wolfhounds tries coming through Lock Ben Stone, Center Tyler Ierardi, Wing Mark “Dangerman” Kavanagh, Prop Ed Guiton, and another. Wolfhounds walked off the field exhausted from the heat but happy with the 44-10 victory. 2nd Row Big Sean Moran Man of the Match.

With numbers low for Hartford in tropical conditions, both sides agreed to a shortened B-side match with 20 minute halves. Wolfhounds responded to a 10-7 halftime deficit with 3 second half tries to come away victors, featuring Prop Big Sean Otto scoring a try in his 2nd ever rugby match. Flanker Luke Bradley Man of the Match.

The Boston Irish Wolfhounds continue their campaign Saturday September 23rd against Amoskeag. The match will home at the Irish Cultural Centre in Canton. It will also be Alumni and Family Day. We hope to see our fans and family out there this Saturday!