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Overton v Stoneham Park

Venue: Laverstoke Park

Overton Rugby Club hosted Stoneham Park for the third and final time this season on a very blustery day at Laverstoke Park. Overton, missing a few regular players had some players playing out of position to make up the numbers. The game started off slowly with neither side seemingly able to cross the line and the game being played back and forth across the field. First try of the day went to James Smith-Jones who made a sniping run off the back of a scrum and beat 3 defenders in his 30 meter dash to the try line. Conversion missed. Overton then took control of the game with a further try by Michael Shepherd who crossed the line after a break out from the Overton 22m. The ball went through a number of hands, both forwards and backs before Michael Shepherd was able to cross. Tom Barrington added the extra 2 points. Before the end of the half, Overton were able to get a further try from a good loose maul that showed its dominance. Gavin Plows was able to add to the Overton tally with a score of his own. Conversion scored. Half time score 19-0

The second half started much as the first had ended with Overton applying pressure and showing their dominance. Michael Shepherd was able to score a further try with some good following up support after a break in mid field. Conversion missed. A momentary lapse in concentration saw Overton gift Stoneham with an easy try which was not converted. Overton, determined not to let this happen again created opportunities with some good backline moves which allowed Carl Marchment to cross for a try. Conversion scored. Michael Shepherd scored his 3<sup>rd</sup> of the day after stealing the ball from the opposition centre and running in untouched to score between the posts. Conversion scored. The last try of the day came from Tom Barrington who, after good hands in the backline and shipping the ball out wide was able to cross the line, conversion scored.

Overton ran out winners 45-5. This weekend Overton travel to arch rivals Kingsclere for the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last league fixture of the season.

Team: Gavin Plows, David Pinchback, Chris Salmon, Allan Brighty, Adam McLeod, Michael Shepherd, Joe Smith, , Steve Worsnop, James Smith-Jones, Darren Barton, Alan Cornell, Paul Clarke, Tom Barrington, Carl Marchment, David, Smith-Jones, Marc Meggison

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