



EDF Junior Vase ROUND 1 – Overton v Economicals – 01 September 2007

On a cloudy but warm day, Overton Rugby Club hosted the Economicals from Surrey Division 4 at Laverstoke Park in the first round of the EDF Junior Vase.

The Economicals were the side to open the scoring for the day by crossing over the line for a try. This was due, initially, to some indecision at the back, not clearing the line which resulted in a lapse in the defence and this gave a relatively easy score to the visitors. Conversion missed. For the next 10 minutes, Overton were camped in the Economicals 22 but were unable to convert pressure into points, finally losing a scrum that enabled the visitors to clear their own line. In the 23rd minute, the visitors were awarded a penalty which they converted into points. This was followed 3 minutes later with a penalty awarded to Overton. Unfortunately this was missed but in the 28th minute, James Smith-Jones made a sniping run which opened up the visitors defence. He offloaded to Nigel Hall who was able to cross the line and put the first points on the board for Overton. Conversion missed.

Good play and passing between backs and forwards kept the play in the visitors half and this pressure was finally awarded with a penalty in the 32nd minute. This was easily converted into 3 points by Daniel Williams. Minutes later, Overton were awarded another penalty which once again was converted. On the 40th minute the Economicals were once again penalised and Dan Williams was able to knock this over. Halftime score 14-8 to Overton.

Changes made to the Overton pack at half time provided fresh legs on the park and Overton were once again camped in the Economicals half. Unfortunately the pressure was not sustained and the Economicals were able to clear their line after a series of silly penalties. In the 62nd minute, Economicals were once again on the front foot and were able to cross over the line for a further try. This was converted. 3 minutes later Overton responded with Dan Williams calling for the ball on the blind side, drawing his defender and offloading the ball to John Baker, who back on the wing relished the chance and crossed over the line for Overton, turning his defender inside out on the way. Dan Williams converted. The next 10 minutes saw both side attacking and defending with any points being scored. The visitors were able however to send a long ball wide to their winger who was able to score under the posts for an easy conversion in the 75th minute. On the return, an attempted drop goal from Dan Williams went wide of the posts. Economicals cleared their line from the drop out, but the attack from Overton resulted in a penalty in the 79th minute. Dan Williams took the decision to kick for goal, did not make the greatest contact with the ball but was rewarded with the ball crossing over the bar.

Final Score: Overton 24 v Economicals 22 : Man of the Match: Nigel Hall

Team: Plows G, Bond P, Kitching J, Worsnop S, Harms D, Brighty A, Cornell C, Hall N, Williams D, Smith-Jones J, Clark D, Baker J, Mountain J, Kennett M, Speers R, Fillery T, Cave C, Rhino, Matt, Carl

All substitutes were used.

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