

Overton travelled to Alresford on a blustery afternoon knowing that a win would take them a step closer to promotion to Division 2 and to potentially win the league as champions with 5 games left to spare. Overton started very slowly and struggled to really get into the game with any sort of rhythm. Alresford as per 2 weeks prior pressured at every breakdown and tried to play some good rugby but it was their mistakes which led to Overton's first try with a turnover from Michael Shepherd who, after stealing the ball ran into the corner for a try. Conversion missed 5-0. Sadly, Matt Woods, after a superb run down the wing was injured and replaced by David Clark. Overton restarted and scored quickly with Chris Salmon crashing through off the back of a maul in the corner for a try, 10-0, conversion missed. Alresford restarted and applied some pressure but Overton's defence once again proved to hard to break down. Overton finally clicked for the first time after 25 minutes of play. Moving from Overton's 22 the forwards put together some quick ball for the backs to finally run and make their own impact on the game. Quick hands through the backs with a superb looping line from James Mountain, out to Tom Barrington in for the try. Conversion scored 17-0. One more score was to come just before half time from the forwards. From a lineout George Harwood brought it down, secured by Adam McLeod and Nigel Hall to set a perfect driving maul for Chris Salmon, Marc Meggison and Gavin Plows to join at the rear and drive forward over the line for a try. Conversion Scored. Half time 24-0.

Overton started the first 5 minutes of the 2nd half well, but then slumped to their worst 30 minutes of the season despite scoring 4 more tries. Alresford attacked with every opportunity and only turnover ball helped Overton score. The first came from Man of the Match Chris Salmon, from quick ball out to the centre back inside to the forward running full pace, bashing two players over in for a try. Conversion scored 31-0. Straight from the restart Overton had some good luck and quickly counterattacked, spreading the ball wide only for Chris Salmon to be in the right(wrong) position in for his second try. Overton had 10 minutes left to play in the second half and finally strung some worthwhile plays together, with Carl Marchment, Tom Barrington and James Mountain making some strong inroads to provide an opportunity for James Smith-Jones who was held up short to offload to Dan Williams for a try. Conversion scored 38 -0. Heads finally went down from Alresford and Nigel Hall made it worse for the home side by scoring two more tries at the death (despite being injured and protesting to come back on, big Baby!!!) The first came after a quick tap from Darren Barton out through the backs to Chris Cotterell to draw his man out to Nigel Hall, conversion scored 45-0. With the final play of the game the backs applied some heavy pressure on the Alresford team who spilled the ball and Nigel Hall beautifully bent down and picked up on the run and under the posts. Conversion scored. Final score 52 -0

Team: C. Salmon, G. Plows, M. Meggison, G. Harwood, A. Brighty, M. Shepherd, A. McLeod, N. Hall, J. Smith-Jones, D. Williams, M. Woods, T. Barrington, J. Mountain, C. Cotterell Subs: D. Pinchback, D. Barton, D. Clark

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