



Overton v North Dorset 2 – 3rd November 2007

Venue: Laverstoke Park

Kick-off: 14h30

The Overton Team hosted a friendly game against North Dorset 2^s after Verwood called off their league game. This was the first game that Overton were playing in their new colours of Blue and Green. The game was very evenly matched from the beginning with neither side gaining the upper hand in the first 20 minutes of play. Good counter rucking from both sides kept the possession changing hands constantly. From a good counter ruck by Overton, they were able to send the ball through the hands of the backline against the run of play and flying winger, Dave Clark was able to run around the defending wing. A good tap tackle from the North Dorset fullback was not quite enough to stop Dave Clark from stumbling over the line and scoring the first points for Overton. Daniel Williams added the conversion points. From the kick off, North Dorset applied pressure to Overton but excellent defence kept the visitors from scoring. An unfortunate incident saw a North Dorset player breaking his ankle in a tackle. This did not deter North Dorset though and they continued to apply pressure. Overton were able to clear their line and were back in the North Dorset half. A good rolling maul set up by the forwards saw James Smith-Jones cross the line for Overton, conversion missed. Half Time score 12-0 to Overton.

The second half was a repeat of the first with neither side gaining advantage and both sides defending their lines brilliantly. The Overton forwards were placed under immense pressure which saw the backline starved of quality ball and unable to unleash the running backline. Overton managed to keep North Dorset from scoring through most of the half, but eventually the pressure was too strong and North Dorset crossed the line for a try of their own. Conversion scored. Once again both sides maintained their composure and kept applying pressure when in attack, but neither side was able to convert the pressure into further points. Final Score 12 – 7 in favour of Overton.

Man of the Match: James Smith-Jones

Big Hitter: Seb Bacon

Team: Gavin Plows, David Pinchback, Chris Salmon, Daniel Harms, Joe Smith, Nigel Hall, Michael Shepard, Sebastian Bacon, James Smith-Jones, Dan Williams, Alan Cornell, Jonathan Baker, Matt Woods, Carl Marchment, Dave Clark, Paul Sullivan.

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