

## MATCH REPORT

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### **Overton 22 v Kingsclere 3**

Overton travelled to Kingsclere for their last meeting of the season with both sides aiming to win, Overton to keep their unbeaten record and Kingsclere to move closer to a promotion berth. The first 15 minutes of the game saw Overton applying pressure and keeping Kingsclere pinned in their half of the field. The result of this was a penalty awarded to Overton. Daniel Williams called for the quick tap, received the ball from James Smith-Jones, drew 2 defenders before a soft pop ball to Francois Stoop who was able to score the opening try of the game through some ragged Kingsclere defence. Daniel Williams added the conversion. Kingsclere came back from the kickoff and the game entered a phase of attack and defence for both sides. Comedy moment of the day came from Adam McLeod, who having tackled a Kingsclere player, ripped the ball to secure possession for Overton. As he ripped the ball he was heard to proclaim, "The ball is mine, grrr!" Some excellent breaks in the mid field from Daniel Williams, Francois Stoop and James Mountain unfortunately were not converted into points as the final passes just did not reach secure hands. Kingsclere managed to get onto the scoreboard 10 minutes before the end of the half with a penalty in front of the Overton posts. Half Time score 7-3 to Overton.

Overton started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half determined not to let their opponents gain any advantage in the scrums or mauls. The forwards fronted up to the heavier pack of Kingsclere. Overton's 2<sup>nd</sup> try of the day came from James Smith-Jones, who sprinted 30 metres after picking up the ball from the back of a scrum. He flew passed 2 Kingsclere defenders to score his first of the day. Conversion missed. Kingsclere came back hard but Overton were able to keep Kingsclere at bay. James Smith-Jones crossed the line for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time to allow Overton to further extend their lead. Conversion scored. The dogged defence by Overton combined with quick ball out to the backs ensured that Kingsclere were unable to secure ball for long enough to gain any decent advantage. Overton ensured that their tackles counted and that Kingsclere did not cross the game line too often. Further pressure from Overton towards the end of the game resulted in a penalty 30 metres out. Daniel Williams stepped up to the mark and kicked the penalty to ensure a 22-3 win for Overton over Kingsclere and keep their unbeaten record in 17 league games.

Man of the Match: Allan Brighty

Team: Gavin Plows, David Pinchbeck, Chris Salmon, Marc Meggison, Joe Smith, Michael Shepherd, Adam McLeod, Allan Brighty, James Smith-Jones, Dan Williams, Francois Stoop, James Mountain, Carl Marchment, Chris Cotterell, Tom Barrington, Alan Cornell, David Smith-Jones

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