



Hampshire Division 3 League Game – Verwood vs Overton – 08 September 2007

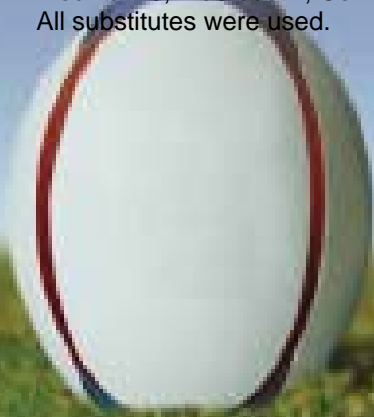
On a bright sunny day, Overton travelled to Verwood for the opening round of the Hampshire Division 3 season.

Overton, making some last minute changes, saw certain players (namely Alan Cornell) playing in unfamiliar positions (as a prop) for the first game of the season. This however did not dampen the spirits of the Overton players as their main aim was to get the season off to a winning start. A brilliant break on the blind side by scrum half James Smith-Jones, opened up the Verwood defence, who off loaded the pass to winger David Clark to score the opening try of the game within the first 5 minutes. Daniel Williams added the extra 2 points. In the 13th minute, Overton were awarded a penalty after a Verwood player was sent off for a 10 minute break for use of the knee. This enabled Overton to clear the ball and return to the Verwood half of the pitch. On the half hour, the brilliant use of the backline saw David Clark again cross the line but only dot the ball with one hand - the ball was judged to have been knocked on by the ref who was 50 yards from the winger at the time and thus no try was awarded. Verwood were able to clear their line and kept the pressure on Overton coming close to scoring but just being held up over the line by some committed Overton defence. Halftime score 7-0.

The 2nd half got underway and within 5 minutes Overton were awarded another penalty which Daniel Williams converted into points. Verwood went straight back onto attack and were awarded with a try after some poor defence by Overton in the 17th minute. Conversion missed. Back in the Verwood half, Overton were awarded a further penalty but this was missed, however 2 minutes later, and 5 metres from the Verwood tryline, Alan Brighty scored from a tap penalty. Daniel Williams added the further 2 points. The game settled into a to and fro between the 22 metres until the 38th minute saw the full use of the ball going out wide to allow David Clark to score a further try in the corner. Conversion missed.

Final Score: Verwood 5, Overton 22 : Man of the Match: Alan Cornell, Big Hitter: Adam McCloud

Team: Plows G, Harms D, Brighty A, Cornell A, Hall N, Williams D, Smith-Jones J, Clark D, Mountain J, McCloud A, Cornell R, Bond A, Woods M, Marchment C, Speers R, Cox S
All substitutes were used.



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