



Overton V Paxton Pumas 10<sup>th</sup> November 07

Venue: Paxton

Overton travelled to Paxton hoping to continue their good form in the league, with 10 minutes played Overton realised the game was going to be tough in the near gale force winds and small pitch, Paxton from the offset threw everything at Overton and nearly caught Overton on the break only for the man of the match, Marchment, to make a last ditch tackle. This inspired Overton to up there performance and the tight 5 started to make there own impact, playing it through the phases and sucking in the defence only for the ball to come out quickly along the backline to Clark, Woods then to Marchment with a sublime side step for the first score of the game, Williams with the conversion. After this Paxton applied the pressure and some silly mistakes led to a penalty in front of the posts just before half time. Paxton finished that half without skipper due to an off the ball incident. Overton defended well for the remainder of the half.

Half time score 7-3

After a stern talking at half time Overton quickly set about trying to secure a win but once again Paxton provided heavy resistance to the Overton's forwards. Overton then increased the pace of the game and some dubious refereeing decisions along with Paxton's defence didn't allow the back row of Shepard, McLeod and Hall to get quick ball out to the backs just before the Paxton skipper was due to come back into play, a snipping run from Smith-Jones supported by Williams ran into the corner for a try. Conversion missed. With Paxton back to full strength the game was heavily contested between the two sets of forwards, with Overton's front row starting to give away some silly penalties (salmon). With 10 minutes left in the half Overton secured the points with a final try in the corner from hall, which had been made by all the forwards with a driving maul.

Final score 17-3

Skipper Williams said "It wasn't our best performance and we know we have a lot to improve on if we want to compete with Romsey next week, but the lads all stuck together and ground out the result that was needed"

Next fixture is at Laverstoke Park against Romsey in Hants Cup 14:30 K.O.

Team: D. Pinback, G. Plows, C. Salmon, J. Smith, S. Bacon, A. McLeod, N. Hall, M. Shepard, J. Smith-Jones, D. Williams, A. Cornell, J. Baker, M. Woods, C. Marchment, D. Clark

Subs: T. Fillery, C. Cave

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