



Overton V Paxton Pumas 15<sup>th</sup> September 07

Venue: Laverstoke Park

Overton welcomed their first home league fixture with a vital win despite 9 changes from the previous week's team. The opening 20 minutes were nervous, with each team trying to find some rhythm and identify their opponent's weaknesses. Overton took the initiative with a strong, driving maul that led to a try for Worsnop. Conversion missed. With 10 minutes left in the half Overton finally put together multiple phases, drawing in the defence only for Sullivan to score a try. Conversion scored. Straight from the restart the forwards powered towards the opposition 10 metres, only for a penalty to be conceded. From the resulting lineout Overton created quick ball for Hall to score supported heavily by Plows and Brighty. Conversion Scored. Half time 19-0

After a slow start Overton's ill discipline cost them 2 shots at posts only for Paxton to fail. This lifted Overton to rise their game and instantly Cornell and Bull made a surging break only for Smith-Jones to pick up at the breakdown and pass 4 tackles and in the corner for a try. Conversion Scored. Paxton's heads were down and Overton went in search of more tries and quick hands created the perfect chance for Doel who placed the ball down on the 5metre and NOT the try line. Overton continued to pressure and once again it told, quick lineout to Williams who drew the defence and back inside to Mcleod to score a try. Conversion Scored. By this time Overton had won the contest and made full use of the substitutions Bevan, Fukes and even bringing on veteran Williams ( 65 ) in the front row. A penalty was conceded on the 22-metre line and with a quick tap Barratt offloaded beautifully to Clark who made a run around the defence only to offload to Mcleod to score his second. Conversion Scored. With 5 minute left to play, Overton threw the ball around with little caution and the ball was turned over and a counter was on, fortunately for Overton the kick was straight into the hands of Williams who scored and converted. A last minute mistake by the dynamic duo of smith-Jones and Cornell unfortunately led to a charge down and a score for Paxton. Final Score 47 – 5

Team: Gavin Plows, Pinchy, Robert Bull, Steve Worsnop, Joe Smith, Allan Brighty, Nigel Hall, Adam Mcleod, James Smith-Jones, Dan Williams, Peter Barratt, William Doel, Ryan Cornell, Paul Sullivan, Dave Clark,

Subs: Pete Williams, Tony Fukes, Andy Bevan – all used

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