

## Overton vs Alresford

Overton travelled away to Alresford with a strong selection of players expecting a tough game from their opposition. Just before the kick off, the game had to be turned into a friendly due to no referee turning up. Overton started slow and was faced with a strong wind into their faces, which set the tone for Overton to run everything at Alresford. The first try came after 15 minutes from the forwards, with a driving maul, Plows over for a try supported heavily by the back row of Hall, McLeod and Shepherd. From the restart Overton scored probably one of the best tries of the season. The restart was caught and from this position the forwards offloaded 6 times to make the space for Smith-Jones to pass out to Williams to make the switch to Cottrell who picked a sublime line then to offload to Mountain, quick hands to Marchment and back to Williams who made a deft inside flip to Mountain to Score. From this Alresford picked up there game and made some good strong runs with their back row and wingers having the most impact and despite some good tackling and some unfortunate plays (forward pass, knock-on's) may have scored. After this scare from Alresford, Overton picked up their game again and returned with a try score just before half time for Cornell. Half Time score 17 –0

Overton made some changes at half time due to illness; Pinchback, Woods and Clark came off for Meggison, Barrington and Barton. These changes were to prove that despite 4 regular players missing as well, Overton is starting to build a strong squad.

The game plan stayed the same for the second half and Overton pressed with every opportunity and soon after came Cornell's second try of the season and match with a strong crash over the line. Alresford tried to counter at every opportunity but failed to score. The next to scores were to come due to some errors made by Alresford which Barrington and Williams made the most of and scored under the posts. Alresford heads never dropped throughout the game but it was a day for Overton's forward to set a good platform for the backs. This time from the base of the scrum the ball went across the hands for Marchment to score. Quickly after the restart Overton pounced on a mistake, Williams kicked through the line of players, followed up and scored. 10 minutes left to play and Overton had to more say, the forwards mauling up the field, sucking the defence only for the front 3 to provide quick hands out to Mountain to make his second score. Alresford heads finally went down and with the last play of the day Overton made one final attack. The forwards as they had throughout the game setup quick ball for Barton who let the backs run and gain ground for the supporting back row to clear up the mess and let Man of the Match Shepherd in for a score, 6 conversions in total. Final score 57-0

Man of the Match – Michael Sheppard

Team – Pinchback, Plows, Salmon, Smith, Sheppard, McLeod, Hall, Cornell, Smith-Jones, Williams, Clark, Cottrell, Mountain, Woods, Marchment, Barton, Barrington, Meggison.

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