



Overton vs Tottonian Vets

Date: 22 March 2008

Venue: Laverstoke Park

Overton hosted the Tottonian Vets team on a wet and muddy pitch at Laverstoke Park. The weather was not conducive to a high scoring game but nonetheless, both teams were out to win. Tottonian Vets applied pressure early and were camped in the Overton 22m for 10 minutes before Overton were able to clear their line and work their way up field. A good passage of play seeing the ball moving from one side of the field and some determined running in the appalling conditions saw Overton set up a rolling maul 10 metres from the Tottonian Vets line. The first points of the game were scored by Gavin Plows, a try being awarded from the rolling mauling. Conversion missed. The game then went into a stalemate with both teams attacking and defending with neither side gaining the upper hand. Half time score 5-0 to Overton.

From the kickoff Tottonian Vets once again applied early pressure. Being camped in the Overton 22m for 15 minutes, it was only the dogged defence by Overton that kept the Tottonian Vets from crossing the line. Tottonian Vets did cross the line but it was the combined upper body strength of Daniel Williams and Adam McLeod that held the Tottonian player off the ground. From the subsequent scrum the Tottonian Vets attempted to move the ball down the line, but the defence in the midfield resulted in a turnover and Overton were able to clear their line. A scrum in the midfield set up Overton's 2nd try of the day. James Smith-Jones made a sniping run off the back of the scrum to run 30 metres, defeating 2 defenders and finally off loading the pass to flying winger David Clark to score. Daniel Williams added the extra 2 points. The youthfulness of the Overton side overcame the experience of the Vets by starting to move the ball wide and putting together some good phases of play. On a further attack, James Smith-Jones made another sniping run but decided to cut back inside and take on the defence himself, breaking through two tackles to score. Daniel Williams added the extra 2. Overton ran out eventual winners although they were not clinical enough in their moves although this may have been due to the wet and muddy conditions.

Final score, Overton 19 and Tottonian Vets 0

Team: Gavin Plows, Marc Meggison, Jamie Davenport, Chris Salmon, Daniel Harms, Adam McLeod, Allan Brighty, Alan Cornell, James Smith-Jones, Daniel Williams, Francois Stoop, James Mountain, David Clark, Craig Clarke, Tom Barrington, Adam Kentall, Ryan Cornell

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