



OVERTON RUGBY CLUB

MATCH REPORT

23/02/08

Overton 7 vs Trojans 2/3 34

Overton hosted a combined Trojans 2nd and 3rd side in a friendly fixture at Laverstoke Park. Overton were without a few of the regular players from the starting line up due to injury and other commitments. This did not get the team down and they went into the game with heads held high. The Trojans team were the first to apply pressure to the Overton tryline, but the dogged defence by the entire team ensured that Trojans did not score. Overton turned the tables and were then camped in the Trojans half for the next 20 minutes. Overton failed to put any points on the board during this spell due to some good defence from Trojans. Trojans were the first to open the scoring through a powerful drive from their scrum. Overton did not let this get them down and just before the end of the half, a good scrum set the platform. The ball went out wide to Alan Cornell who was on the wing to cross for Overton's first points. Daniel Williams added the conversion. Half time score 7-7.

The second half was dominated by Trojans after they made 8 changes to their team. With fresh legs on the park, they were full of running. Overton at this stage suffered further injuries to their depleted ranks and had to call on a few of the 2nd team substitutes to keep up the numbers. Positional changes had to be made to accommodate for the losses to injury. Trojans ran in a further 5 unanswered tries, however Overton did not make them easy. A good performance from Overton against a team that is equivalent to Hampshire Division 1 shows that they still have the determination to play tough games when it is a friendly. Tom Barrington was named Man of the Match for a solid performance at fullback. Final score 34 – 7 to Trojans.

This weekend Overton host Stoneham in their last meeting for this season in a league fixture.

Team: Gavin Plows, Chris Salmon, David Pinchback, Daniel Harms, Joe Smith, Marc Meggison, Allan Brighty, Alan Cornell, James Smith-Jones, Dan Williams, Francois Stoop, James Mountain, Chris Cotterell, David Smith-Jones, Tom Barrington, David Clark

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