

Verwood vs Overton

Overton travelled to Verwood expecting a hard fought game and straight from the off Verwood were clearly trying to make a point that they could compete with the Div 3 leaders. After 5 minutes, turnover ball from the forwards led to a break up the middle of the park only for Verwood to infringe. 45 metres out Williams converted the first points of the game. 3-0. This kicked Verwood into shape again, who came strong at Overton and may have scored but for some superb defending from Hall, McLeod, Shepherd and Salmon on the line. Overton once again turned over the ball and broke out quickly and passed the ball through the hands to Woods who held his defender and passed to Marchment to run 50m in for a try, conversion scored 10-0. Verwood picked up the pace from this and made some inroads with their pack (which was clearly heavier) and then shipping the ball wide to the backs who started to make some progress but a mistake led to a break out and once again the support play from the Overton forwards proved to be pivotal in Meggison getting his first try for the club. Conversion Missed 15-0. Straight from the off Verwood retrieved the ball and powered through the forwards and over for a try, 15-5. With 15 minutes left in the half the team rallied but despite some good tackling by McLeod and Cornell (senior) Overton conceded another try 15-10. Verwood quickly conceded a penalty from the restart 18-10. From the off, with Plows leading from the front, Overton tried to disrupt any good ball by fiercely competing at breakdowns. The first lineout in the Verwood 10m was taken superbly by Cornell down to Smith-Jones who darted through the gap, passed to Mountain on his shoulder and inside to Williams to score – conversion scored 25-10 just before half time. Half Time 25-10

From the restart Overton were to make one last mistake, quick ball from the forwards and a missed tackle from Williams led to an overlap for the home team and over for a try, 25-15. This set Overton up for a flourish of tries and for the score to not really reflect how close the game was, the first was from Hall who battered his way through and dummy to Cottrell and in under for a try 32-15. With 25 minutes left Smith-Jones made a sniping run and with a floated pass to Williams broke through the line of the defence in for a try under the posts 39-15. With 2 minutes left of play came the final try of the game from Mountain, quick ball through the backs and forwards interchanging, a gap appeared for Mountain to side step his man and in for a try. Final Score 44-15

Big Hitter: A McLeod

Man of the Match: The entire back row

Team: Salmon, Meggison, Plows, Shepherd, Harms, McLeod, Hall, Cornell, Smith-Jones, Williams, Barrington, Woods, Cornell (senior) Mountain, Marchment.

Subs: Barton, Cottrell, Sheridan – all used

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