



Overton v Alresford 27th October 07

Venue: Laverstoke Park Kick-off: 15h00

Overton hosted Alresford on a wet day down at Laverstoke Park and were looking to cement their position at the top of the Hampshire 3 table. Overton did not have a good start and an early mistake gave Alresford an early penalty. Alresford failed to find touch and the resultant 22 drop out enabled Overton to clear their line. Overton were then able to apply pressure but poor handling resulted in a scrum to Alresford. A stable scrum by Alresford saw them win ball, but the attempted box kick from the scrum half was charged down by James Smith-Jones, who was able to follow the ball and cross the line for the first score of the day. Conversion missed. Overton remained camped in the Alresford half and in the 12th minute, a good scrum from Overton saw the ball passed out to the backs and Daniel Williams was able to run through the gap created from some diversion running and score under the posts. Daniel Williams added the conversion. Several minutes later, Overton were awarded a penalty and kicked for touch. The resultant line out was lost but Overton maintained the pressure and in the 25th minute Gavin Plows was able to bulldoze his way over the line. Conversion scored. On the half hour and Overton were still camped in the Alresford half. A box kick from Smith-Jones was carried out by Alresford and quick thinking from Smith-Jones teaming up with Michael Shepard saw Shepard cross the line untouched from a quick throw in. Conversion missed. In the 36th minute, Smith-Jones crossed for his 2nd try of the game after a pickup from the back of a scrum by Nigel Hall, who drew the opposition defence and allowed Smith-Jones to run around the outside. Conversion missed. Half time score 29-0 to Overton.

The 2nd half started as the first half ended with Overton applying pressure and remaining in the Alresford half. Alresford attempted to clear their line but Matt Woods collected the ball and a strong run down the touchline saw him link up with the forwards. Good interplay amongst backs and forwards and Adam McLeod was able to pop the ball to Michael Shepard to score his 2nd of the day. Conversion missed. A 50th minute penalty was taken as a quick tap and enabled Adam McLeod to burst through a tackle and score, conversion missed. Once again the resultant pressure from Overton kept them in Alresford's half and on the 70th minute Nigel Hall was able to cross for Overton. Daniel Williams added the 2 points. Poor defence from Overton saw the Alresford forwards steam towards the try line and a cross field kick saw Alresford cross the line for their first points of the day. From the kickoff, Overton were keen to make amends and Nigel Hall added his 2nd try of the game by breaking through 2 tackles to score. Conversion missed. Final Score: Overton 51 – Alresford 5

Man of the Match: Michael Shepard

Big Hitter: Gavin Plows

Team: Gavin Plows, Pinchy Ru, Chris Salmon, Ryan Cornell, Daniel Harms, Nigel Hall, Adam McLeod, Michael Shepard, James Smith-Jones, Dan Williams, Alan Cornell, Jonathan Baker, Matt Woods, Carl Marchment, Dave Clark.

Subs: Joe Smith, Darren Barton, Sebastian Bacon

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