



# Rugby in Broadland-Great Yarmouth RFC Great Yarmouth

19<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Beccles 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 36, Broadland-Great Yarmouth Tigers 5**

Fielding a much changed side after loosing a number of players to 1<sup>st</sup> team duty, Broadland-Great Yarmouth Tigers travelled to Beccles for their second merit table clash of the season.

The home team fielded a development team consisting of a number of emerging talents and although lightweight in comparison to the Tigers pack, they were well up to the task, in particular around the field and especially at the breakdown. However at the set piece things were different, with the Tigers pack dominating throughout the game. Despite having the upper hand up front, the Tigers were soon under pressure from a younger, fitter side and were not able to contain the speed of the Beccles backs.

The home team made some initial tactical errors kicking deep into the Tigers territory, only to have the ball return with interest by Burling, playing his first game for Broadland in while. However Beccles learned from their mistake and began to run the ball, breaking through an unorganised Tigers defence on a number of occasions.

This pattern repeated itself up until half time, when R Ruddick left the field, this caused a re-shuffle with Cousins moving to the flank being replaced by White in the centre, which added some much needed experience in mid field. The Tigers tried to tighten up their game with some direct running from Tubbs, Wilkes and Gibbs, however a lack of support saw the ball turned over on a number of occasions.

Further changes on the 60 min mark brought veteran Riches, playing his first game after a long injury lay off, replacing captain Abel in the pack and Yanisch replacing Tucker at stand off. A further reshuffle to the pack saw Camock move to the familiar position of number 8, with Riches adding bulk to the second row. As a result an already potent scrummage became even stronger.

On the 65min mark Wardrop replaced Gibbs who was struggling to shake off a knock, shortly after Cantilon was replaced by S Ruddick, playing his first game after recovering from injury.

The added power in the pack paid dividends with Riches rolling back the years making a number of charging runs, despite the pressure it took the Tigers until almost the final whistle to breach the Beccles line, with Riches barging his way over from 7 meters from a tap penalty.

The game finished with the Tigers dominating play, however this was too little too late to make a significant effect on the scoreline.

Team: W Gibbs, G Hawkes, S Tubbs, K Wilkes, M Camock, L Moorhouse, R Ruddick, P Abel(capt), R Clarke, P Tucker, J Webster, C Cantilon, K Cousins, L Howlett R Burling

Replacements: D Wardrop(65), A Riches(60), S Ruddick(70), G Yanisch(60), M White(40)