



Rugby in Broadland-Great Yarmouth RFC Great Yarmouth

17th October 2009

Hold 3rd XV 17, Broadland-Great Yarmouth Tigers 24

After a three week layoff the Tigers travelled to Holt for a merit table game, fielding a full strength team and 5 replacements, the Tigers were soon into their stride, dominating in open play and at the breakdown and scrummage.

Strong running by props Gibbs and Tubbs set a great platform for the backs, with wings Barber and Webster getting their hands on the ball early into the game.

The Tigers first try came from a perfectly placed chip by D Moorhouse, which was plucked out of the air by flying wing Webster who rounded his opposition winger and dotted the ball down under the posts (converted by Barber).

Despite struggling at the lineout for most of the game, the Tigers pack rampaged about the park with the tight five making hard yards, supported by the back row. Man of the Match Barber played a stormer, returning wayward kicks with interest and seemingly able to run round his opposition winger at will.

The 7 to nil scoreline the didn't reflect the domination the Tigers had over their hosts, with Holt having struggled to breach the Tigers 22 for much of the first 40 minutes. So at half time a number of changes were made, with Riches replacing Fog in the second row, L Moorhouse replacing Payne at fullback, C Calnon replacing P Calnon and C Hewett replacing the Captain Crane.

Rather than destabilising the team the fresh legs brought new impetus to the side, with Gibbs battering his way over from close range to score a try, after some good driving play by the Tigers pack. At the kick off Camock snatched the ball from the air, and then popped the ball in the tackle to C Calnon who raced to the line from half way, un-touched by the opposition.

After some strong running in the centres by Cousins and Cantillon, Tubbs showed his kicking skills off with a pin point kick into the corner to setup a lineout close to Holt line. A knock on at the resulting breakdown gave the Tigers a great attacking scrum, with Camock breaking blind and popping to Cousins who committed two defenders setting up a maul inches from the line. Scrum half Clarke popped the ball to Tubbs who burrowed his way to the line to score (converted by Clarke) straining his calf in the process. Fogg returned to the field, with Riches moving to the front row.

With only 20 minutes left in the game the Tigers began to relax which was capitalised on by the home side, scoring three times in quick succession bringing themselves to within a converted try of a tied game. Mindful of this and seeing no options in front of him, prop Gibbs attempted an audacious drop goal from 30 meters out, which only narrowly missed the upright.

With the referee calling last play at a Holt lineout deep in the home side's territory the Tigers saw victory assured, however poor midfield defending allowed the Holt outside centre to weave his way towards the their line, speedster Webster was quick to react, coming from the opposite wing to make a match saving tackle ensuring a well earned victory.

The Tigers entertain local rivals Lowestoft 2nds at home tomorrow ko 3pm.

Team: W Gibbs, G Jarvis, S Tubbs, K Wilkes, J Fogg, M Camock, P Crane(Capt) ,P Calnon, R Clarke, D Moorhouse, J Webster, K Cousins, C Cantilon, A Payne

Replacements: C Hewett(40), A Riches(40), K Collings(60), L Moorhouse(40),C Calnon(40)