



# Rugby in Broadland-Great Yarmouth RFC Great Yarmouth

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Ipswich YM 1<sup>st</sup> XV – 23, Broadland – Great Yarmouth 1<sup>st</sup> XV - 7

Broadland – Great Yarmouth finally returned to playing action following a three week break imposed by the dry pitches in the Great Yarmouth area. An exceptionally young side travelled to play Ipswich YM in what was expected to be a difficult match for the Yarmouth side.

Ipswich started with a vengeance and early play had Broadland on a back foot. Early pressure faired well for the home side as they went over for an early score. Pressure continued but it was wing Joe Payne who almost picked off a pass in the midfield, Managing to get a hand to knock the ball, Payne juggled the ball as he began to break free only to lose it as he broke into space. Ipswich kept the pressure up and a close range penalty extended the score to 10 – 0.

Broadland were struggling to establish a platform and it was only superb tackling from Nathan Bensley and Ryan Gallie that prevented further Tries, Ipswich did however go away with a second penalty. Broadland's frustrating first half continued as Ipswich drove over a try despite a call from the Great Yarmouth players for a knock on. Broadland began to settle and Ipswich were beginning to be contained through some solid defensive work from Alfshinpour and Ledgerwood in the midfield. Jake Sewell was receiving a barrage of kicks at full back but was putting them all back into Ipswich YM half, supported well by 1<sup>st</sup> XV debutant Liam Howlett. Broadland however could not get on the scoreboard

Broadland certainly came out with more vigour in the second half, early attacking put Broadland down close, Prop Steve Weston came within inches of scoring on a pick and drive, but eventually Broadland opted for the penalty, which was not successful. Broadland attacking play was looking far more cohesive. Captain Matt Beckett, Released flanker Asa Morrison down the Sideline, In a show of quick hands between the forwards, Morrison put the ball back inside to Ryan Gallie. Gallie slipped the ball back to Beckett who drove over the goal line, only to be called back for Gallie's toe clipping the touch line.

Broadland continued in attack and a penalty awarded ten metres out was taken by Simon Ruddick, who passed to Lock Sam French, French had no trouble in Dancing through tacklers to score a superb close range try (Converted Ledgerwood)

Ipswich did conclude with another try which again had challenges over its legality, but by this point Broadland had come to terms with the fact things were not going to go their way. It was a challenging match, but a good leaning experience for a number of younger senior players.

Tries French

Con : Ledgerwood 1 of 1

Pen: Ledgerwood 0 of 1

**1<sup>st</sup> XV Team:**

J.Sewell, J. Payne, J.Alfshinpour, S. Ledgerwood, L.Howlett, J. Doggett, S.Ruddick S.Weston, M. Beckett (Capt), R. Gallie, S.French, N.Bensley, A. Morrison, E. Dixon. A.Towfighi

Replacements: R.Chiddle (40 mins) P. Buckley (58 mins)