



# Rugby in Broadland-Great Yarmouth RFC Great Yarmouth

24<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Broadland-Great Yarmouth Tigers 27, Lowestoft & Yarmouth 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 0**

Broadland-Great Yarmouth Tigers faced local rivals L&Y in a keenly fought merit table clash. From the kick off the visitors charged at the home team only to meet a stalwart and tenacious defence. Despite being the lighter of the two sides the Tigers showed no fear from 1 to 15, with every man putting their body on the line.

Excellent driving at the ruck saw the home team turnover the ball on a number of occasions, and with direct running from the backs, the home side were soon within sight of the opposition line. Quick ball from the ruck allowed scrum half Clarke to thread the ball through a retreating defensive line to Jordan who jinked his way to score a fine try.

Learning from the previous outing and playing more cohesively the Tigers pack worked for each other ensuring secure ball from the breakdown. Making full use of the strong wind at their backs the Tigers half backs pinned the opposition in their own half for much of the first half.

Tigers second score came from Captain Abel, who picking the ball up from a 5m scrum wrestled his way to the line despite the attention of three would-be defenders.

From the resulting kick off, man of the match Calnon repeated his feat of the previous week running the ball in from just short of half way, much to the delight of the crowd. At the break and 15 points to nil up the Able made changes to the team bringing on Smart, Riches, with Bilyard and Wilkes making way for them.

Riches was soon into his stride, plucking the ball from mauls at will and providing a solid platform at the base of the ruck. Despite playing with the wind the visitors were unable to generate clean ball and consequently most attacks were snuffed out by solid defensive line.

Further changes saw L Buckley replace Hawkes and Rogers replace Abel, with Vickerstaff replacing Barber. Excellent teamwork lead to the Tigers fourth try with back and forwards popping the ball in the tackle, with Webster dotting the ball down for his second try in two weeks.

The Tigers final try came from L Buckley, who capitalised on good driving play was able to slice through the visitors defence to score (converted by Clarke).

In the final 10 minutes the visitors threw the kitchen sink at the home line, however heroic tackling from the home team halted all attempts. The game finished with L Moorhouse putting in a juddering tackle on a man twice his size resulting in the ball being spilled in the process. P Buckley pounced on the ball dabbling the ball into touch to seal a memorable victory for the Great Yarmouth team.

Team: K Bilyard, G Jarvis, S Tubbs, K Wilkes, C Calnon, G Hawkes, L Moorhouse, P Abel(Capt) , R Clarke, D Moorhouse, J Webster, P Buckley, S Jordan, J Pollard

Replacements: M Smart, M Vickerstaff, A Riches, L Buckley, K Rogers