



Rugby in Broadland-Great Yarmouth RFC Great Yarmouth

5th September 2009

Broadland-Great Yarmouth Tigers 0, Lowestoft & Yarmouth 51

Work commitments keeping some of the new up and coming talent away for the afternoon, the Tigers were not able to field any replacements, so the first run out of the season was by a team containing an interesting mix of youth and experience. With Sam Noon and Chris Hewett playing well in unfamiliar positions of fly half and wing.

When the opposition arrived fielding a mixed team with a more than a sprinkling of 1st team players and a replacement bench of 13 – it was obvious that the home team were in for an up hill struggle.

Despite this the Tigers pinned their visitors in their own half for much of the opening exchanges, only conceding break away tries when their defence lapsed momentarily. The Tigers came close on a number of occasions to breaching the opposition line and were denied at the last by a mixture of solid defence and the final pass not reaching its target.

Despite the score line, the Tigers can take heart from a gutsy performance, with excellent debut performances from Nathan Bensley at number 8 and Chris Calnon showing his dad Pete the way from the second row. There was also a great cameo performance from veteran Mark Lacock, who showed that despite his advancing years he still posses a potent tap tackle, using it to good effect to deny the visitors two tries. His performance marred only by a clumsy obstruction that lead to a 10 minute visit to the sin bin.

Pocket dynamo and man of the match George Jarvis had a stormer, taking a hatful of balls against the head in a scrum the visitors thought they would dominate, ably supported by props D Wardrop and W Gibbs.

All in all a great first outing for the Tigers, who will be again sorely tested at home against Wymondham 3rd team in their first merit table 2 outing at home next week KO 3pm.

Team:

W Gibbs, G Jarvis (MOM), D Wardrop, J Fogg, C Calnon, P Calnon, M Camock, N Bensley, R Clarke (capt), S Noon, C Hewett, M Lacock, D Moorhouse, J Sewel