



Rugby in Broadland-Great Yarmouth RFC Great Yarmouth

12th September 2009

Broadland-Great Yarmouth Tigers 27, Wymondham 3rd XV 19

Broadland-Great Yarmouth Tigers opened their merit league campaign with a hard fought home win against a well drilled and determined Wymondham 3rd XV.

The Tigers began the game at a furious pace, with some excellent rucking delivering quick ball to scrum half Clarke who was able to feed Stanhope-Smith playing in the unfamiliar position of fly half. The Tigers maintained pressure on the visitors line with a number of surging runs, with debutant and Man-of-the-match Tubbs leading the way, supported by a rampant pack.

However the first score came from Sewell retuning the ball from a wayward kick by the visitors scoring a fine try close to the posts.

Despite this, the Wymondham fly half made the mistake of kicking to debutant Webster, who made a number of scorching runs down the left wing, one of which lead to the Tigers second try with Webster unlucky to be halted 5 meters from the line, however Hewett first to the breakdown was able to recycle the ball quickly and dot the ball down for a try.

It was then the turn of Stanhope-Smith to get his name on the scoreboard, throwing two outrageous dummies before stepping on the gas to streak through the resultant gap to score. Shortly before the break the Wymondham number 9, benefiting from a rare patch of Wymondham dominance forced his way over the line, giving the visitors their first score of the game.

Despite this the Tigers were in full control of the game and looking to score more tries. At the half time break captain Abel decided to keep with the starting lineup, sensing a possible resurgence in the visitors side. The home team benefited from this with veteran Moorhouse scoring after some direct running in the centres.

However the legs of the Tigers team soon began to fade, so a slew of replacements came on with Wardrop replacing Gibbs, Vickerstaff replacing Barber on the 50 minute mark, Stanhope-Smith being replaced by R Ruddick 5 minutes later. These changes had the effect of unsettling the home side, with the visitors capitalising on this, scoring two well worked tries to come within 1 point of the home team. Two further changes were made with P Calnon replacing C Calnon in the second row and Captain Abel being replaced by Luke Moorhouse taking the field for his first senior game for the club.

With only ten minutes remaining the Tigers began to reassert themselves, generating quick ball for R Ruddick who faded one way, then the other before slicing the visitors back line in two scoring a great individual try (converted by Clarke), giving the home team a two score cushion which they maintained for the remainder of the game.

The Tigers next game is away to Beccles 2nd XV in their 2nd Merit table outing of the season, ko 3pm, meet at Cobholm at 1pm.

Team: W Gibbs, G Jarvis, S Tubbs (MOM), J Fogg, C Calnon, C Hewett, P Abel(capt), N Bensley, R Clarke, J Stanhope-Smith, J Webster, D Moorhouse, S Clover, T Barber, J Sewell

Replacements: M Vickerstaff(50), L Moorhouse(60), D Wardrop(50), R Ruddick(55), P Calnon(60), L Moorhouse(60)

Not used: G Hawkes, S Weston