

Overton vs Alresford

16th December 2017

Match Report

On yet another cold but thankfully dry afternoon ARFC came into this game with points to prove. Above all, was to make up for a disappointing display at Overton, where frankly, we let ourselves down, all be it to better side on the day.

Again missing at least 5 pretty likely starters, ARFC started strongly. So refreshing to see the boys go for it straight from the start and within 3 minutes we are rewarded as the ball goes through the hands and James touches down. **5 - 0**

Ted converts and the good support from the touch line starts to believe we can turn up against Overton.

With ARFC not looking vulnerable but with Overton coming back into the match our defence stood up and made the hits when and where it mattered.

We became a little bogged down in our half but Ted, playing an unfamiliar role at 9, with his always reliable right foot, kept pushing Overton away from our line.

On 20 minutes, and the game becoming very physical, and with Muzzer hitting everything in front of him, the game was temporarily halted to a serious injury to the opposition. The match was moved to the seconds pitch.

Immediately Overton continued on the attack and their pressure told and in they went and converted. From the restart Overton come at us again and amongst others Ethan keeps them at bay.

ARFC started to regroup and Billy and Connall surge into Overton's 22, release Ethan who was narrowly stopped metres short of their line. This seemed to inspire the boys and minutes later Muzzer scores and Ted kicks. **14 - 7**

As half time approaches and ARFC's confidence flowing again, we so nearly increased our lead through Charlie, but again thwarted just short.

HALF TIME: ARFC 14 - 7 Overton

The second half began, and with the light fading, Overton were awarded a controversial try which was converted. **14 - 14**

Then, and this is why we turn up every week, the boys stood up, had a chat with each other, and with our coaches always remaining positive, ARFC broke and Tom Rodwell scores. Ted converts from such a difficult position. **21 - 14**

63 minutes and ARFC, doing what we do and making life more difficult than it could be, allow Overton in to narrow the lead to 2 points. **21 - 19**

With minutes remaining and no one knowing who was going to take this, Ethan ran in a really deserved try which Ted converted.

FINAL SCORE: ARFC 28 - 19

MAN OF THE MATCH: TOM RODWELL

(I, as always wanted to list the match day stars, but my team sheet and memory got lost at the reindeer night!!)

We have now played 11 games in this new league and our record stands as won 5, drawn 1, lost 5. Not too bad is it!!

Well done to every player that has pulled on our jersey for the ones or twos, our coaches, whose commitment is inspirational, and to those that come and spur on the teams. We should all be rightly proud of what we are doing, enjoy the Christmas break, and look forward to coming back even better and stronger in 2018.

From this match reporter, happy Christmas and bring on the New Year.