

Overton vs Alresford

16th September 2017

Match Report

After a perfectly observed minutes silence ARFC kicked off led by our captain Shem Young.

From the start Overton started putting ARFC on the back foot. Overton really came at us but the ever reliable Ted kicked away from our line to relive some pressure.

6 minutes into the match and ARFC had still not ventured into Overton's half. Some great defensive work by Billy Lovegrove and a try saving tackle by Ted kept the scores level.

Gradually ARFC came back into the match and in the 10th minute had a great opportunity to take the lead from a penalty which was missed. However 3 minutes later, with Overton offside, Ted slotted for a deserved 3-0 lead.

Back came Overton, and only some determined defence, including an amazing try saving try tackle from Ethan prevented Overton taking the lead.

Then in the 21st minute all ARFC's good work was undone when Overton were allowed to run through and score. 3-5.

Straight from the restart Overton nearly came straight through us again. Alarm bells were ringing but with Muzzer not relenting and ARFC galvanised Greg came within inches of reducing the deficit. ARFC kept the pressure on and resulted in Overton going down to 10 men for not releasing. Instead of using this advantage, Overton broke, running the length of the pitch to score and if it wasn't for a Guns interception and an amazing Ted tackle the talk at half time would have been more than interesting.

HALF TIME: OVERTON 10 - 3 ARFC

Within 2 minutes of the second half Overton ran through us so easily to stretch their lead to 12 points and then converted to extend their lead to 14 points.

In the 50th minute ARFC were reduced to 14 and 3 minutes later Overton again went over far too easily, 22-3.

In the 55th minute ARFC showed what we can really do, pushing back Overton and Jack going over, 22-8.

ARFC began at last to look like 15 players and not individuals. Then on 60 minutes ARFC switched off and Overton breezed through to touch down. Conversion kicked, 29-8.

With all credit to our boys we dominated the last 10 minutes, never giving up, and scored two tries including a great Ethan try.

This was no through lack of effort but we were missing something today. I do believe we had the better individuals on the pitch but maybe not the better team.

FINAL SCORE: OVERTON 29 - 20 ARFC

Match day team -

Rob Walls, Shem Young, Jack Meakins, Billy Lovegrove, Harry Robson, Tom Rodwell, Sam Murrell, Conall Cook, Jamie, Ethan Green, Charlie, Guns, Greg Edwards, Ted Hepelstal, Tom Andrews, Ian Stuart

Man of the Match: Ethan Green