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Match Report – Wymondham -v- Norwich, 16th October 2011



U13 Team - Wymondham 57, Norwich 0

On a crisp autumn day that became increasingly warmer throughout the morning, the next fixture in the rugby calendar was a local derby against Norwich – a team that has been challenging on previous occasions.

After a not untypically slow start, the Wymondham team soon gathered its momentum and became an unstoppable force with which to be reckoned. The forwards set up innumerable opportunities that were quickly developed by the backs. Scrummages were hard fought and invariably won by the Wymondham forwards and many rucks were 'textbook' with the ball cleanly and quickly presented for movement out to the backs by the ever-able Will Findlay. The tackling was exceptional from a dynamic back row and from Joe Milligan who made two excellent try-saving tackles.

The play amongst the Wymondham backs was both fast and skilful with some excellent ripping, offloads and pop-passes demonstrated by Daniel Wood, Owen Sharpe, Joe Milligan and Dominic Smith. One 'switch' pass by Joe Milligan completely wrong-footed an increasingly frustrated opposition and on several occasions Owen Sharpe seemed to cut through the

Norwich team like a 'hot knife through butter'. There were too many breaks to mention individually but what must be highlighted is the strong support play that turned most of these breaks into tries - players anticipated the direction of play and by simply being in the right place at the right time, they successfully took the rugby ball forward to the try line.

This was a match where the Wymondham team truly showed its depth and breadth of skills in every position on the pitch. Nine tries were scored in a game of rugby where everyone played their part, including those members of the development team who stepped into the breach. It was both flowing and, on occasion, absolutely outstanding in its delivery – well done to all!

Tries: Owen Sharpe (3), Dominic Smith (4), Lewis Jennings (1), Joe Milligan (1)

Conversions: Will Findlay (5), Joe Milligan (1)

Man of the Match: Owen Sharpe

Forwards: Jobe, Drew, Harry, Kit, Dougal, Alex, Max, Dan B.

Backs: Will, Joe, Lewis J, Owen, Dom S, Dan W, Charlie B.

Reps: Oliver W, Dom C, Robert B, Nathan M, Tom G, Jordon M.

Everybody is invited to train from 10.00am onwards and then stay on to support...... you never know like last weekend you might even get a full game!

Please remember black shorts and socks for matches!