Wymondham U13 vs. Diss U13 January 15th 2012 at Mackenders, Bellrope Lane, Diss.

MATCH REPORT

WYMONDHAM □ 51 – DISS 5

Following our autumn home loss to Diss with many players away on school duty, we were all looking forward to this return fixture where we could field a near full strength team, with Casey and Oliver playing out of position at full back and wing.

Diss kicked off but the ball didn't go 10m, and having won the resulting scrum, Joe got us moving forward up the left with a strong run. After some good forward play in the Diss 22, Max stole the ball in the loose and after a few drives and rucks, Joe popped over in the corner for the first score. We seemed to stutter a little for the next five minutes of the game with passes going to ground and balls being knocked on to everyone's frustration. On the positive we were well on top in the scrums and Dom's quick strike was taking ball after ball against the head, giving us good possession to set the backs away.

From open play Diss cleared their lines only for Casey to catch on our own 10m line and set off on a long arcing run, handing off enthusiastically as he went to get our second score, again in the far left corner.

From the restart, more good forward rucking had Jobe setting the ball back to deliver clean possession to the backs from which Owen broke up the middle to score under the posts which Will then converted. The forwards rucked with commitment and aggression giving more ball from which Joe kicked forward for Owen to run through, gather and score putting us 22-0 up at half time.

The second half opened up with some scrappy play and it took a few minutes to get going again with another strike against the head from Dom for Joe to brake away putting Lewis in for the score. From the re-start more forward dominance with hard rucking gave more good possession for another score from Lewis. From the next re-start Will caught the ball in midfield and distributed left giving Dan a break up the touch line supported by Kit and Alex with neat inter passing allowing Owen to score again converted by Will.

After a few good drives from Diss and penalties given away by us, they managed to drive over in the corner for a try.

We now started to vary the play a little, hitting the runners at first receiver allowing Jobe and Alex to make good ground. Bertie, Nathan and Louis came onto the field just as Diss repeated their mistake of kicking to Casey at full back who ran back with interest giving ruck possession in the midfield from which Owen scored. In the last move of the game Lewis went on a strong arcing run only to be tackled a few meters from the line, but Owen was on hand on hand (only one who can keep up with Lewis) to take the offload to make the final score, the referee bring the game to a halt as we have gone over the 50 point barrier.

Things to work on would be looking for the off load in the tackle instead of letting the move slow up and presentation of the ball from the tackle once you've been brought to ground.

All in all a great display of "power play" rugby with a class of rucking and phased ball retention we have been looking for from training all season, and a great display of "against the head" hooking from Dom and strong running from the backs. Well done everyone!

Thanks to Clark Ross for the notes from which is report has been compiled.

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Try: Joe Milligan 1, Casey Hawes 1, Lewis Jennings 2, and Owen Sharpe 5

Convertions: Will Findlay 3

Man of the Match: Joe Milligan