

Lowestoft and Yarmouth Rugby Football Club



1st XV Match Report 20 February 2010

DAGENHAM 21
LOWESTOFT AND YARMOUTH 32

Lowestoft travelled to Dagenham Saturday looking for a first away victory of the season and they managed this against a battling Dagenham side who never gave up. After last weeks fantastic result against 2nd placed Canvey Island, Lowestoft were confident and this showed from the kick off, Lowestoft were rewarded a penalty in front of the sticks with only 3 minutes gone and Lewis Davey stepped up to put L&Y ahead 0-3. Again almost immediately from the restart L&Y took control and a neat box kick from scrum half Tom Castleton took the ball deep into Dagenham 22. Simon Coleman then stole Dags lineout ball and the drive was on, Marc Thomas was on hand for the 1st of his hat trick of tries, 0-8. After another good passage of play and some thundering runs from Jake Titterington and Russell Wilkinson fly half Scott Nelson sold the dummy and broke through. A last gasp tackle by the fullback nearly halted the try but Nelson offloaded to the supporting Graeme Newton who crashed over the line wide on the left, 0-13. Lowestoft kept on pressuring for another score but Dagenham held on for the half time whistle, 0-13.

Only 1 change was made at half time bringing on young Jan Sheijde for the hard working Steve Powles in the back row. Lowestoft were feeling confident with a slight slope and wind at their backs but from the kick off L&Y found themselves under pressure and Dags were not going down without a fight after some poor 1st up tackling Lowestoft conceded a try under the post which was converted 7-13. From the restart Dagenham shifted up a gear and from a long clearance kick from Nelson, Dags fullback offloaded to the speedy number 11 who evaded 4 would be tacklers and sprinted in from 60 metres the conversion was good and Lowestoft found themselves trailing 14-13. As has been the case all season L&Y seemed to switch off for 10 minutes and this allowed Dagenham to record their last points of the game after some more sloppy defending they managed to break through and score under with the conversion good. Lowestoft's afternoon was not looking good. After some rallying and some words from Captain Marc Thomas, Lowestoft started to play the rugby that has brought them recent success. They were making the ball do the work and relying on the catch and drive from Simon Coleman and Ryan Oakes. It was from a lineout that L&Y got back into the game, Coleman took a lovely catch and was driven to within inches of the line as Dagenham brought the maul down, Jan Shiejde was on hand to crash over to bring the score to 21-18. With 20 minutes to play L&Y started to find rhythm and were soon on the score sheet again. From a 5 metre scrum they decided to drive Dags over the line and Marc Thomas was on hand to touch down. Lewis Davey made the conversion to put Lowestoft ahead 21-25. With the clock

ticking away Dagenham were trying all they could but L&Y took every opportunity to pin them back with long kicks. In the final 5 minutes Lowestoft sealed the game from another text book Coleman take at lineout, this time Dagenham managed to halt the drive so Thomas decided to break away and barge his way over from 5 metres. Davey kicked the conversion to leave the final scoreline 21-32. Lowestoft are away again next week to Billericay.

Winelodge Man Of the Match: Marc Thomas.

Graeme Newton (Lee Protheroe 65 mins), Lewis Davey, Jake Titterington, Simon Coleman, Russell Wilkinson, Steve Powles (Jan Sheijde 40mins) , Ryan Oakes , Marc Thomas, Tom Castleton, Scott Nelson, Steve Adams, Myles Mcalone, Daniel Boardley, Josh Fewkes.

Replacements not used: Simon Titterington

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