

Lowestoft and Yarmouth Rugby Football Club



1st XV Match Report 23 January 2010

Wisbech 13 Lowestoft & Yarmouth 7

Once again the away day blues prevented L&Y from taking the league points in a match they had more than enough chances to win. Dominance in the set scrums and driving mauls was not enough against a very committed Wisbech. The home side had two chances to score tries, both gifted by defensive naivety, and they took them. L&Y had probably 8 or 9 chances to touch down but they could only manage the one try.

From the first scrum it was obvious the L&Y forwards would be enjoying the set pieces as they drove the Wisbech pack backwards, they also had the upper hand in the lineouts winning their own ball and stealing occasionally from Wisbech. It was around the park that Wisbech triumphed as they were quicker in thought and body and with the help of some unusual refereeing decisions at the rucks they snuffed out any quick ball L&Y craved for.

L&Y took the lead following a clean lineout catch by Simon Coleman and an impressive forwards drive that took them over the line for Marc Thomas to touch down. This was converted from out wide by Scott Nelson. From the re start L&Y contrived to turn the ball over to Wisbech and they skipped through the non existent defence to score. Just before half time L&Y had a chance to increase the lead by a penalty that Nelson narrowly missed.

The home side started the 2nd half at a terrific pace and were soon awarded a penalty in front of the posts which they gratefully put over to take a 1 point lead. L&Y came straight back and following sustained pressure near the Wisbech line they were awarded a penalty in front of the posts. This time Nelson inexplicably put it wide.

L&Y were dominating most aspects of play but a break out from Wisbech saw them scorch down the left wing and touch down in the corner. L&Y then seemed to completely take over the possession and territory and Myles McAlone made a superb 60 metre break but was stopped just 5 yards short of the line.

Veteran No 10 Matt Jary received a yellow card with 5 minute to go and despite repeated pressure L&Y could not break through.

It has to be said that 5 of the L&Y backs had an average age of just over 20 and also Steve Adams was playing in the unfamiliar position on the wing following a late call off. 2nd team skipper, Lee Protheroe, also came on for the last 10 minutes and replaced Chris Howe at hooker when Howe moved to the back row following an injury to Callum Cashman. Tom Castleton playing only his 3rd game at scrum half gets better every week and Josh Fewkes, new to full back, is also finding his feet but seems to be settling in well.

A disappointing result but not a disaster against a team that has only lost at home once in the league this season.

Team: Bristo, Howe, J.Titterington, Coleman, Wilkinson, Davey, Cashman, Thomas, Castleton, Jary, Nelson, McAlone, Boardley, Adams, Fewkes: Replacements: Protheroe (on for Cashman), S.Titterington

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