

Lowestoft and Yarmouth *Rugby Football Club*



2nd XV Match Report 12 December 2009

Swaffham II 17 Lowestoft & Yarmouth II 10

Lowestoft and Yarmouth were unlucky in a narrow defeat to their Swaffham counterparts in what was an overall encouraging performance from all involved. Experienced players Matt Jary and Matt Keary made a positive impact to the backline and the forwards looked strong again; with both scores coming from the pack.

Apart from the bemusing penalty awarded to the home side for L&Y's lateness at kick-off, the visitors kept possession and camped in the Swaffham half for most of the first forty minutes. This pressure culminated in Kia Stannard touching down just right of the posts but the referee decided there was a forward pass in the build up and subsequently disallowed the effort.

L&Y kept hammering away at the Swaffham defence though, and eventually it paid off when Adam Woodrow plucked the ball from a good driving maul and found space to dive over for the first points of the afternoon and give the visitors the lead they deserved.

Good territorial play continued, notably from the boot of Jary; giving Brian Roberts the opportunity to use his aerial ability in the line outs, and the wingers to use their pace. However the conditions weren't great and this was highlighted when the ball was dropped in the centre of the field and snatched by an alert Swaffham player who did well to score under the posts for an easy conversion that sailed over to make it 7-5. Half time came at the wrong time for L&Y as they conceded two further tries, again to a combination of bad luck and a little loss of focus perhaps. However changes were made to keep the team structured and fresh and it seemed to work as yet again L&Y started to dominate play once more. Time was ticking for the visitors and in the dying moment's explosive prop Wayne Hall emerged from a mêlée of players quite a distance out to within yards of the try line and from some good rucking implemented from recent training, substitute Alan Roberts barged over to get a well earned try and some consolation for the visitors. Hopefully they can now build on this and hit the ground running in the New Year.

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