

Lowestoft and Yarmouth Rugby Football Club



3rd XV Match Report 7 November 2009

Lowestoft & Yarmouth III v Norwich III

Lowestoft and Yarmouth came into this game with a strong line-up; still it was a great effort by the Drifters to come away with a win on the board from an entertaining fixture against a good Norwich side. The game kicked off with L&Y on the front foot and soon resulted in fly half Kia Stannard diving over near the posts very early on as a result of some good work by the forwards. This perfect start faltered slightly as Norwich scored a few minutes later from some poor defending from the home team. However Stannard soon crashed over the try line again and managed to touch down directly under the posts, giving Jason Cleveland a good opportunity to convert and he succeeded. Good play continued until Norwich scored a converted try largely against the run of play when they pounced on a mistake from an earlier scrum. L&Y Drifters could have given in at this point, but they kept it together and although Norwich got an unconverted try L&Y played some determined rugby up until half time. Adam Woodrow made some strong runs in the Norwich half supported by the likes of Lee Protheroe, Andy Chittenden and Wayne Hall but the score remained 17-12 to Norwich at the break.

Captain Paul Cowlbeck then took the opportunity to rotate his squad and brought on five substitutions, replacing himself in the process. The drifters started the second half pretty much in the same style, as No 8 Cleveland barged over from a ruck from five yards out, and then subsequently converted to tip the game in L&Y's favour at 19-17. Twenty minutes of frenetic end to end rugby then took place with neither side able to put register further points until Norwich got an opportunity to cruelly snatch the game from under the Drifters noses, but the penalty attempt sailed wide to the home crowd's relief, with Cameron Reid doing well to take the ball out of the visitors reach with a long clearance kick. L&Y then regained possession and Jason Cleveland put the result beyond any doubt with an excellent penalty to seal the win at 22-17.

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