

# *Lowestoft and Yarmouth Rugby Football Club*



## **3rd XV Match Report 21 November 2009**

LOWESTOFT YARMOUTH 3<sup>RD</sup> XV 38 - WATTON 2<sup>ND</sup> XV 10

This merit table game was the first time these two sides had met and spectators were not disappointed. The Drifters had to pick themselves up from a surprising defeat at Norwich Union 2nds the previous week where they managed to lose 41-17.

This match the Drifters pack dominated from the start led by a solid front row of Colby, Gibson and Bitters, with Cowlbeck and York in the powerhouse and Williamson, Trigger and Gardener in the back row. The pace of the game was quick, from a line out in the Watton half, Cowlbeck taking a clean ball to Smithand who fed to Stannard to give solid ball for Matt Kerry to open the score under the post, that was converted by Smith. More pressure in the Watton half gave opportunity, and after six phases, Howard Smith bulldozed over the line for a converted try by Phil Smith. Watton fought back with a converted try and from a lack of discipline the Drifters conceded a penalty, and then it was end to end play for the rest of that half.

The second half was just as hard as the first, but with more passion from the Drifters. An early score in a crashing attack from the backs and support of the pack gave center pressure under the post with Robby Gardener grabbing the glory and touching the ball down under a heap of bodies, this was converted by Smith. More good runs from Barber, Smith, Stannard and Kerry made way for the forward momentum of the Drifters pack unstoppable with Mark Bitters crashing over to score a converted try. Tex, Gibson and Phil Smith made way for Craig Oakes, Olly Easy and Ninja to carry on the fight. Another good performance from the Drifters saw Williamson run 15yards to score the best try of the season that was converted by Matt Kerry on the final whistle.

Next week Fakenham 3rds are due with a 2.15 kick off at Gunton Park. All welcome.

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