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Meanwhile the clubs' second teams met at Greenfields for the opening fixture in Dorset & Wilts Division 3 South.

Before the game the Villagers looked to be short of personnel in the tight five, but the Blandford skipper sportingly came forward to lend the home side a couple of his replacement forwards to ensure that the match could go ahead without any restrictions.

The result was an open and entertaining game of rugby, and whilst Blandford took control of the first half running in four tries for a 22-0 half time lead, Puddletown competed strongly throughout and just shaded the second period with a brace of touch downs for veteran scrum half Scott Price and a first ever try for 18-year-old winger Chris Thomson.

Adam Church, temporarily in charge of the 2nd XV for this match, added: "The game was a credit to both teams and although we went behind early on our heads never dropped. We scored three well worked tries and there were solid performances right through the squad. Clearly several of the players out there today are determined to get their names on the 1st XV team sheet for the Salisbury fixture in a fortnight's time!"

Puddletown 2nd XV

1. Ed Richardson 2. Dan Durdle 3. Blandford guest 4. Ed Malpas 5. Blandford guest 6. Harry Foot 7. Will Hiscock 8. Jim Martin's friend 9. Scott Price 10. Stuart Mead 11. Nigel Smith 12. Barry Dovell 13. Steve Wells 14. Chris Thomson 15. Jack Foot
Replacements: Cub Foot, Chris Holding

Scorers:

Tries: Scott Price (2), Chris Thomson (1)
Conversions: Scott Price (1)
Penalties: None

Puddletown Man of the Match: Chris Thomson