



Dorchester RFC 3rd XV 5 - Puddletown RFC 2nd XV 17

Despite the domination of the home side in the set, Puddletown seconds enjoyed the spoils in this keenly contested bi-annual derby game at Dorchester proving out 17 to 5 winners.

Good positional kicking from Dorchester put Puddletown seconds under pressure for the first quarter at the start of the game but it was the visitors who were first to score.

Excellent ball retention through several phases of play from the experienced Puddletown backrow of Boris Langdon, Ed Malpas and Cub Foot, was constructed from positive central defending and turn over ball providing a platform on the twenty two. With options either side the ball was moved open but short for Emptage to break several tackles and score. Try converted by Kevin Voss.

The first half continued in similar vein but with the Puddletown tight five showing their pedigree in the loose play, numerous drives through novice hooker Richard Green and the able scrummage engines of Tom Foot and Digby Gill ensured a flowing game with good discipline and few handling errors but no further points.

A second try from the strong running of Emptage fifteen minutes into the second half was the result of territorial advantage gained by controlled interplay up the centre of the park between forwards and backs linked seamlessly by skipper Dan Jeans and sterling performances from props Matt Williams and Nigel Arthur.

Next it was Dorchesters turn to score in the corner from a kick to the line and a solid line out making the score 5 points to 12.

The end of the game was played out mostly in the Puddletown half but with Dorchester not worrying the try line and only after a creative try from Nigel Smith being provided the ball from the elusive running of son Gareth Smith all aptly choreographed by Stuart Mead.

2nd XV Team:

(1) Matt Williams; (2) Rich Green; (3) Nigel Arthur; (4) Digby Gill; (5) Tom Foot; (6) Cub Foot; (7) Boris Langdon; (8) Ed Malpas; (9) Dan Jeans; (10) Kev Voss; (11) Spud Thomson; (12) Stu Mead; (13) Gareth Smith; (14) Alex Emptage; (15) Nigel Smith; (Reserves) Chris Holding

Forthcoming Fixtures

Boxing Day: Town v Country (Home)

Sat 3rd Jan '09: Puddletown 1st XV v Supermarine (Away) (D&W Vase)