



## ***North Dorset 2nds 27 Puddletown 0*** by Geoff Puryer 07/11/09

The Villagers suffered another disappointing defeat in Dorset & Wilts Division 1 South, and despite enjoying superior possession for most of the game, were given a lesson in finishing by their North Dorset hosts as they ran in five tries.

The visitors started strongly with a series of promising attacks, each time going through the phases only to fall short at the critical moment, either being turned over by the home defence, or by giving away penalties at the breakdown, and they were unable to capitalise on their early territorial advantage.

The hosts eventually broke out of their own half and immediately made it count when for the first time in the match they crossed Puddletown's twenty-two and, in a well rehearsed move off the back of a line-out, took the lead with an unconverted try.

Undaunted, the Villagers were soon back up-field to test their opponents' defence again, and in one spell lasting several minutes were virtually camped on the home try-line, only to finally waste the opportunity by giving away yet another penalty for holding on.

North Dorset were relieved to clear their lines and, as the first half came to a close, once again punished the visitors when a good spell of pressure ended with their tight-head prop breaking through to touch down, increasing the lead to 10-0 at the interval.

The second period saw the same pattern emerge with Puddletown continuing to take the initiative, enjoying the better of the set pieces, and repeatedly making good inroads into home territory, only for players to become isolated by a lack of support at the critical moment.

Patiently waiting for the opportunity to counter attack from these breakdowns, North Dorset were clinical in their execution when the chances did come, and by the end of the game had scored three further tries, one of which was converted.

After the match captain Dan Udell said: "We did a lot of hard work out there today and much of our build up play was good, but it all counts for nothing unless we score points".

"Our forwards were strong again, particularly in the line out, and we contested the scrums well, but we were getting turned over far too often in the final phases. Its all about speed and support at the breakdown and we'll be working hard on that area of our game before next week's fixture against Westbury".

*Puddletown 1<sup>st</sup> XV:*

1. Jon Wilson 2. Tim Yeatman 3. Ed Richardson 4. Jim Talbot 5. Paul Chidley  
6. Toby Boatswain 7. James Perrett 8. Martin Spicer 9. Josh Hiscock 10. Tom  
Yeatman 11. Mike Ball 12. Toby Musgrove 13. Dan Udell (capt) 14. Matt Isaac  
15. Mark Thomson

Replacements: 16. Ed Malpas (for Jim Talbot - 65 mins) 17. Nigel Smith (for Toby  
Musgrove - 65 mins) 18. Dan Durdle (not used)

*Scorers:*

Tries: None  
Conversions: None  
Penalties: None

*Dorset Piddle Brewery Man of the Match: Tim Yeatman*