



## *Puddletown XV 19 Pegasus-Palmerians 22*

by Geoff Puryer 03//04/10

With one eye firmly on the future the Villagers' starting line-up for this friendly fixture included no fewer than four seventeen-year-olds, all of them fully justifying their selection by delivering fine performances in what turned out to be a competitive and suitably well matched encounter.

The visitors, in Dorset on their annual Easter tour, arrived at Greenfields as the newly crowned champions of Essex League Division 2, and with the game just minutes old they showed their intent with a well worked try out wide to take an immediate five point lead.

This stung Puddletown into action and good work from the forwards soon saw them deep in Pegasus territory. Repeated attacks were repelled but the visitors' defending was not always to the referee's liking and after a series of penalties his patience finally ran out with the award of a penalty try.

Harsh perhaps in a friendly game, nevertheless Tom Yeatman's simple conversion put the Villagers ahead, a lead that they increased just before half-time with a simple touch down from Barry Dovell, his second try in as many weeks. Again Yeatman added the extras.

Puddletown continued to dominate after the break and with ten minutes gone the move of the match saw the ball passed out along the line for teenager James House, on his first home appearance, to sprint into the corner and score. Dan Udell's conversion attempt failed and although Puddletown created further chances it was the visitors who replied with a try of their own, before both sides rang the changes as agreed to give everyone a run out.

Understandably this rather took the rhythm out of the game and the last quarter was played mainly in midfield until in a final flourish, Pegasus, showing the sort of confidence that their successful season has bred, ran in two late scores, so stealing victory away from the hosts.

*Puddletown XV:*

1. Adam Geal 2. Tim Yeatman 3. Ed Richardson 4. Pete Gordon 5. Jim Talbot  
6. Harry Foot 7. James Green 8. Harlan Hill 9. Gareth Price 10. Tom Yeatman  
11. Rob Franks 12. Toby Musgrove 13. Barry Dovell 14. James House  
15. Dan Udell (capt)

Replacements (all used): Toby Boatswain, Derek Callaway, Dan Cree, Justin Owers,  
Martin Spicer, Jon Wilson

*Scorers:*

Tries:	Penalty (1) Barry Dovell (1) James House (1)
Conversions:	Tom Yeatman (2)
Penalties:	None

*Dorset Piddle Brewery Man of the Match: James Green*

*Next Match :*

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April - kick off 3:00 pm

Dorset & Wilts Division 1 South - Puddletown v Wimborne Seconds