



## Supermarine 1<sup>st</sup> XV 14 v Puddletown 1<sup>st</sup> XV 15

Puddletown travelled to Swindon for a second round clash with Supermarine in the Dorset and Wilts plate on a very cold Saturday. On arrival the pitch was still frozen and there was some doubt weather the match would take place but at 2.15 Puddletown kicked off what would prove to be a thrilling match.

From the start the visitors showed their intentions, running with the ball in hand deep into home territory brothers Tom and Tim Yeatman linked up well and only some desperate defence from Supermarine prevented Puddletown from opening their account.

After surviving the initial onslaught the home backs started to work their way down field and broke through the visiting defence to score a try under the posts that was converted. Following this setback the villagers were soon back on the attack, prop Jon Wilson broke through the home defence breaking several tackles to score out wide. The visitors kept the pressure on but were unable to increase their score by the time the whistle went for the break.

From the restart Supermarine seemed to up their game and it was the visitors turn to defend, wing Mike Bull and No 8 Rob Jameson were outstanding making several tackles close to their one try line but as the defence tired Supermarine scored their second converted try to increase their lead. When stood under their own posts visiting captain Martin Spicer had stern words with his team, this had a marked effect and from the restart his forwards battered into the home pack. The breakthrough came when the home stand off tried to clear his lines with a kick under pressure from the visiting forwards, this was charged down by Puddletown second row Paul Chidley who followed up to dive on the ball for a try.

As the clock ticked the visitors knew they needed another score to stay in the competition, this almost came when centre Toby Musgrove broke through the midfield. He offloaded to full back Dan Udell who sprinted towards the line only to be tackled by his opposite number. With the scrums now uncontested due to Supermarine using all of their replacements Puddletown had a chance of a score as they started to dominate the home forwards. Scrum half Josh Hiscock picked up the ball from the feet of his No8, sprinted down the blind side to score a try that would win the game for the villagers. Following the whistle triumphant skipper Martin Spicer said "we made hard work of it but we are still in the competition, the ground was very hard and the lads will be bruised tomorrow but I'm sure they are going to have a good trip home tonight".

### **Scorers:**

Tries: Jon Wilson, Paul Chidley, Josh Hiscock

Conversions:

Penalties:

### **1<sup>st</sup> XV Team:**

(1) Jon Wilson; (2) Toby Boatswain; (3) Anon; (4) Paul Chidley; (5) Matt Symes; (6) James Perrett; (7) Martin Spicer; (8) Rob Jameson; (9) Josh Hiscock; (10) Tom Yeatman; (11) Tim Yeatman; (12) Toby Musgrove; (13) Ryan Snook; (14) Mike Ball; (15) Dan Udell; (Reserves) Jim Talbot

### **Next Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> January '08**

Puddletown 1<sup>st</sup> XV v Swanage & Wareham 2<sup>nd</sup> XV (Away)

Puddletown 2<sup>nd</sup> XV v Blandford 2<sup>nd</sup> XV (Home)