

Dudley Kingswinford Colts v Worcester Wanderers

20th September 2008 at Worcester

Worcester 19 – 24 Dudley Kingswinford

Following a comprehensive 53 -0 victory in the season's first fixture against Kidderminster last week the Colts travelled to Worcester for what promised to be one of the toughest games of the season. Physically Worcester appeared to have the advantage and took an early lead with a converted try by the outside centre. The first DK score was an impressive solo effort from left wing Ben Griffiths on 15 minutes taking the pass from outside centre Chris Kinsella in his own 22, sidestepping all defence attempts down the wing then cutting in to touch down behind the posts, the conversion was successfully taken by fly half Sam Cooper drawing the scores at 7-7.

From the restart DK threatened again with a strong run down the left wing by Nick Adams, nice off load in the tackle lead to another powerful run by inside centre Matt Taylor who was tackled by the fullback short of the try line. The second try came five minutes later when Prop Rich Gresswell powered over the line scattering the two defenders taking DK's lead to 12 – 7.

This was swiftly followed by another elusive run down the right wing by Nick Adams who was unlucky not to score, however from the resulting ruck a great running line by Matt Squires who took the pass and crossed the line to increase the lead at half time to 19-7.

A further unconverted try by Worcester just after the restart left the score at 19-12.

Shortly after Worcester scored again tying the scores again at 19-19, which is how it remained for the next 20 minutes which proved a tense time for players and supporters alike. Nick Adams nearly scored twice, once being tackled inches short of the try line and shortly after crossing the line only to be judged in touch by the referee. The deciding try came from a 5 meter scrum, Fly Half Sam Cooper passing to Matt Taylor who saw the opportunity out on the left wing producing a perfect long pass to Ben Griffiths who sprinted to the corner for his second score.

A very satisfying result for a Colts team that have only played together as a unit once before, a very impressive defensive display by the forwards who also showed great strength against the big Worcester pack, combined with great running lines and elusive play by the backs this was a performance to be proud of.

This was a fine start to the season and a firm foundation to build on and take to Earlsdon next week for the first round of the National colts Cup.