

Dudley Kingswinford Colts v Burton

4th October 2008 at Burton

Burton 10 – 26 Dudley Kingswinford

Following last week's disappointment in the National Cup the Colts travelled to Burton hoping to regain the form that brought success in the season's first two fixtures. The starting line up had to be altered at the last minute due to several players getting lost! This did not affect the performance however and DK got off to a great start with an impressive individual try from skipper Mark Cartwright with a strong charge from half way breaking the defence line and evading all tacklers to touch down close to the posts. The conversion was successfully taken by fly half Tim Cornforth. Shortly after Burton missed one penalty then succeeded with a second taking the score to 7-3. On 25 minutes DK centre Matt Taylor crashed through the Burton defence then offloaded to wing Nick Adams who stepped his opposite man and sprinted to the line under the posts. Tim kicked the extra two points increasing DK's lead to 14-3. Burton hit back with a converted try but from the restart the reply was perfect with DK's other wing Ben Griffiths crossing in the left corner following a strong break by lock Jamie Graham, with the conversion missed the half time score was 19-10. Even though the Burton pack had an obvious weight and size advantage DK won three first half scrums against the head, with some impressive hooking by Matt Squires.

Burton applied a lot of pressure in the second half but the DK defence remained solid, with some of the best attacking moves of the game coming from their own try line. Notably one particular break by replacement fly half Matt Kinsella down the left wing with a man outside an offload in the tackle would have lead to a try. Another great line break by Matt Taylor followed by several ground making phases by the forwards took DK to the Burton try line and an unfortunate knock on inches from the line ended the impressive attack. The try of the match came from Matt Kinsella taking everyone by surprise, stepping what seemed like the entire Burton team to touch down under the posts, Matt also converted his own try, taking the full time score to 26-10.

Next week the Colts travel the short distance to Old Hales, a relief after the long distances of recent weeks.