

Dudley Kingswinford Colts v Kenilworth

18th October 2008 at DK

Dudley Kingswinford 34 – 5 Kenilworth

A home game at last! DK Colts welcomed Kenilworth to Heathbrook on Saturday and with a superb all round display of solid teamwork and individual sparks of brilliance produced another impressive win. Kenilworth were expected to provide tough opposition but were rocked from the very start by the aggressive DK pack who spent the first 10 minutes in the Kenilworth half driving towards the line but Kenilworth defended well until the first try came from Matt Highfield, breaking the defensive line, sprinting down the left wing and beating the chasing defenders to the line, the conversion was missed leaving the score at 5 – 0.

DK prop Adam Biggins had to be replaced shortly after by Josh Brownsword following a dead leg received in a tackle, Adam did return briefly later on but was unable to continue. Right wing Ben Griffiths scooped up a low ball and got within inches of the line, from the ruck scrum half Sheldon Goble passed to flanker Russell who carried over the line but was held up by a sturdy Kenilworth defence. This however only delayed the inevitable and from the 5 metre scrum great pressure by Sheldon and Russell in the Kenilworth goal area earned DK the put in and from the back of the scrum number 8 Stefan Overton offloaded to Sheldon who drifted a perfect pass to Ben who touched down in the corner taking the lead to 10 – 0.

DK had given away several penalties and the ref awarded skipper Mark Cartwright a yellow card shortly before half time. Kenilworth would have been spurred on by this but DK dug even deeper and produced another try just before the break, replacement Prop Josh Brownsword showing a turn of pace scored his first try this season following a break by fly half Tim Cornforth. With the conversion missed the half time score was 15 – 0.

With Mark still binned DK made a strong start to the 2nd half with centre Matt Taylor breaking from deep in his own half evading several challenges but ultimately the final pass was hindered by a tackler and went behind left wing Nick Adams who would have had a clear run to the line. A break by Ben down the left wing resulted in a 5 metre scrum which DK turned over and Ben came off his wing battling through most of the opposition to score under the posts. Shortly after Ben got his third with a sprint round the left wing defence all the way to the posts leaving an easy conversion which Matt Taylor successfully kicked. DK's final try was from fly half Tim following a powerful break by skipper Mark, taken on by flanker Josh Brown with another strong run and finished by Tim under the posts. Matt Taylor added the extra 2 points taking the lead to 34 – 0. In the dying seconds Kenilworth got a consolation try which was not converted leaving the full time score at 34 – 5.

Next week the Colts are at home to old rivals Bromsgrove.