

Dudley Kingswinford Colts v Luctonians

8th November 2008 at Luctonians

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Following last week's disappointment against old rivals Stourbridge, the Colts travelled to Kingsland to meet another tough old adversary. With Luctonians recently hammering Bromsgrove 34 – 0 and a similar result against Stourbridge under their belts, coupled with the fact DK's first year colts have never won this fixture, you could be forgiven for being somewhat pessimistic about the outcome. To make matters worse several players were not available today including Rich Greswell, Danny Richards, skipper Mark Cartwright, Ben Griffiths, Mike Gledhill, Sam Cooper and James Evans. However tremendous defence and taking chances when they were presented enabled the DK boys to emerge victorious from a very competitive and well balanced encounter.

The match couldn't have got off to a worse start for DK, with Luc's kicking off deep into the DK half a stray pass was intercepted and the simplest of tries put Lucs' ahead, and with the conversion successful a 7 – 0 lead in the first 20 seconds looked ominous. However this was to be Lucs' one and only score of the game as DK dug in and gave nothing away for the next 80 minutes. Lucs' had much of the possession and territory in the first half, but the DK defence remained rock solid, with flanker Chris Bartley heavily involved adding power and dynamism to the forwards, Josh Brown hitting the rucks hard and inside centre Matt Taylor contributing his usual tackle count putting in some very hard hits that many Lucs players will be feeling for a while. The DK try was a great solo effort from wing Nick Adams intercepting a pass on the half way line and powering down his wing with impressive pace to beat the defenders to the try line. The conversion was a tough kick from out wide against a strong wind which Matt Taylor judged to perfection to level the score at 7 – 7.

Matt added a further 3 points to DK's total from almost the same position as the conversion when Lucs gave away a penalty for deliberate use of the boot. The score was 10 – 7 at half time and remained that way until the end. The second half was a scrappy affair but DK held their own even when reduced to 14 players when Chris Morris was sin-binned for a late tackle. Lucs applied a lot of pressure in the closing minutes and came within inches of the try line but the defence remained solid and DK got the turnover just before the final whistle ended a very hard fought and close encounter between two well matched teams.