

Dudley Kingswinford Colts v Wolverhampton

22nd November 2008 at Wolverhampton

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Following the long awaited but deserved victory over Luctonians DK travelled to Wolves on a cold and windy Saturday afternoon with high hopes but only 18 players and with all three replacements being forwards injuries to any of the backs would have been disastrous, however fortunately all came through unscathed. The opening minutes were all DK with constant pressure being applied deep in the Wolves half, in fact during the first 20 minutes several tries could have been scored, however credit to the Wolves defence as they managed to keep DK out, on several occasions only inches from the line with Russ Newly, Mike Gledhill, Ben Griffiths and Josh Brown all coming frustratingly close. Cruelly after so much possession, territory and chances it was Wolves who got the first points with a penalty well struck from the 10 meter line by the number 12. The score remained 3-0 to wolves until half time and DK were very unlucky to be without a point.

The second half got off to a great start after a powerful run by Chris Bartley followed by quick ball and good hands from the backs and full back Chris Morris joined the line between outside centre and wing and crossed the line on the corner for the games first try. The conversion was a tough ask out wide on the wing for Matt Taylor and it just went wide of the posts leaving DK with a slender 2 point lead at 5-3. Moments later after the restart DK were back on the Wolves try line again and Matt Taylor crossed under the posts however the ref judged he was held up and from the 5 meter scrum Wolves turned DK over to clear their lines. However moments later DK were back again with another 4 meter scrum, this time scrum half Sheldon struck from the back of the scrum just beating the defending number 8 to score in the same place as Chris and once again a tough kick went only just wide for fly half Tim Cornforth taking the lead to 10 – 5. Wolves then struck back with a somewhat dubious penalty with Matt Taylor judged off his feet but the kick was another good one from the 12 and DK's lead was reduced to 10-6. For the next ten minutes Wolves applied a lot of pressure and had the DK supporters worried when they looked like taking the lead, but DK remained strong defensively and then wing Chris Kinsella broke away and showing great football skills under pressure from tacklers he chipped on and scored in the same area yet again as the previous two. This time Matt Taylor nailed the conversion successfully leaving the final score at 17-6 and the third successive victory over Wolverhampton.

Next week the colts travel to Camp Hill for what promises to be a close game.