

**DK Devils keep a clean sheet for two weeks running seven
unanswered tries passed Redditch**

Dudley Kingswinford under 16's 39 – 0 Redditch

The DK Devils welcomed Redditch under 16's to Heathbrook on Sunday 21st January 2007. On the back of a 55 – 0 trouncing of Rugeley last week DK's under 16's confidence was running high.

Despite some spirited play from Redditch DK's forwards dominated the game and their backs were truly spectacular in their running and ball handling. From the very start DK penetrated the Redditch 22 with some powerful forward play by number 8 Mike Cowern and lock Stefan. Following some excellent flowing play from Luke Esser, Matt Taylor and Sheldon, Ben Griffiths went flying up the left wing but was tackled just short of the line.

Full back Shane made an impressive unchallenged 50 meter run up the right wing which resulted in DK's first try by Josh Brown, which was successfully converted by fly half Esser.

DK's second score came from Mike Cowern, following some relentless pressure from the forwards and DK went into halftime with a 12 – 0 lead.

From the second half kick off DK flanker Josh Brown took a superb catch and avoided every challenge to score his second try to take the lead to 17 – 0.

Another fast and elusive break by Shane from his own 22 took DK deep into their opponents 22 where he was eventually brought to ground; the ball was recycled and taken on by Matt Lagomarsino in his first game on the left wing. DK then crossed the Redditch try line again, however the ball was held up.

Minutes later following a scrum in the Redditch 22 prop Sam Cowern broke away and powered his way to the try line to score DK's fourth between the posts, centre Matt Taylor was unlucky to hit the post with the conversion.

Flanker Josh Brown, who had already scored two tries and made numerous hard tackles, continued his tremendous form with a strong run handing off all challengers with ease then offloading to Dan Arnold who crossed the line for his first try of the season.

Right winger Tom Barlow made a couple of pacey runs up the right wing, the second of which led to DK's sixth try with Full Back Shane scoring a well earned 3rd try of the season.

The seventh try was scored by Scrum Half Tim Cornforth following a scrum in the Redditch 22. The ball was fumbled just over the line by Redditch and Tim

showed great awareness by pouncing on the ball and successfully touching down. The conversion was taken by Esser bringing the score to 39 – 0. DK nearly scored another in the last minute but were held up after some staunch defence from Redditch. Following this move one of the Redditch forwards was injured in the ruck and we wish him a speedy recovery.

In what was a complete performance from DK and one of the most entertaining games of Rugby anyone could wish to see, there were so many outstanding performances however one was truly outstanding and Josh Brown really celebrated his 16th birthday in spectacular fashion.

Well done to all the players.