

## **North Midlands Under 16's Cup**

### **Dudley Kingswinford V Hereford**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of November Dudley Kingswinford Under 16's faced a tough Hereford side in the first round of the North Midlands cup. It was a foggy morning making the match difficult for both sides and increasing the error count. However this consequently made it an enjoyable game to watch with lots of broken and end to end play.

The first half was uncontrolled with lots of mistakes while the two teams adapted to the tricky weather conditions. There were no clear chances for either team and both defences held out against the opposition's onslaught, until a mistake was made by DK on their own 10m line, the ball was picked up by the Hereford winger and he raced away to score in the corner. Both teams fought to put the next points on the board which turned the game into a physical battle which was edged by DK and they kept Hereford pinned back in their own half. Hereford went in 5 – 0 up at half time.

The second half began with both teams fired up and the fog clearing. DK showed their strength by number 8 Dan Fellows ploughing through Hereford's defence and scoring. DK were now on top and a cross field kick into the corner sent James Kinsella over and putting DK ahead. After some good flowing play James Kinsella on the overlap scored his second. A five metre scrum was a perfect opportunity for Dan Fellows to convert from another number 8 pick up. Constant pressure by DK caused a turnover and the ball was picked up and well finished by Dan Brazier which he then converted. Hereford battled bravely but could not force a score.

At the final whistle DK ran out 27 – 5 winners putting them into the quarter final.