

Dudley Kingswinford Under 17's v Oswestry Under 17's  
at Heathbrook 11<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**DK 44 – 0 Oswestry**

After a difficult start to the season with several key players injured and unavailable DK came back fighting putting 8 unanswered tries past a battling Oswestry side. Following relentless early pressure by the DK forwards fly half Luke Esser launched a perfectly weighted and directed cross field kick to the corner where Chris Morris kept his cool to take the ball clean and touch down for the game's first try. 2 minutes after the restart Josh Brown was held up after an impressive drive to the line but the Oswestry defence was solid, then from the 5 metre scrum fly half Luke Esser crossed the line for DK's second try. 5 minutes later DK were awarded a penalty for crossing and Tim Cornforth went through 2 defenders to score his first try of the season and take the score to 15 – 0. Another penalty to DK and Luke Esser placed the kicked perfectly in the corner 2 metres in, the line out ball was taken superbly at the back of the line by Jamie Graham who penetrated the defence to score an excellent individual try. Shortly before half time Josh Brown scored DK's 5<sup>th</sup> try taking the score to 25 - 0, unfortunately the wet and windy conditions weren't helping the place kicking and no first half conversions were scored.

The second half got off to a great start for DK with a try in the corner from wing Tom Barlow and the game's first conversion was kicked by Luke Esser. Nick Adams thought he was away for his first try of the season but a penalty was awarded to Oswestry for crossing. Oswestry were turned over after the lineout and Matt Highfield scored his 1<sup>st</sup> try this season after a powerful run and the conversion was successfully kicked by scrum half Tim Cornforth. In the final minute of the game DK had a penalty in front of the posts, the tap was taken quickly and good hands from Luke and Matt Taylor gave Sheldon the opportunity to score his second try this season taking the final score to 44 – 0. Credit should be given to Oswestry who played well and in good spirit and never gave up throughout despite the onslaught from the DK boys.

A great all round team performance from DK with great support play, off loading and aggression from the forwards, and good hands and running lines from the backs.