



Sunday, 16th September Lancashire 40 North Wales 5

Lancashire 18 Group warmed up for the forthcoming divisional games with a six try performance against North Wales at Widnes rugby club.



Fielding a strong line up the home side took the lead when second row Luke Woolley (Holy Cross College & Sedgley Park) supported a break in the midfield to collect the ball 10 metres from the line and muscled his way over the whitewash for a try converted by Jordan Davies (Denstone College & Eccles).

On the quarter hour Mark Davies found full back Michael Dutton (Eccles) with a neat pass and Dutton's surging run drew the cover allowing right wing James Robinson (Tyldesley) to dive in at the right hand corner for the second try which Davies once again converted.

Eight minutes from the break scrum half Antony Harden (Cowley College & LSH) darted from the back of a ruck and passed out wide to the left where winger Luke Parker (Ormskirk School & Ormskirk) who had come in from his wing on an excellent running line gathered the final pass to score under the posts. A successful conversion by Davies saw Lancashire in to the break with a healthy 21-0 lead.

Lancashire made several changes after the break but the pattern remained the same with Lancashire making all the running. After good work by the forwards Harden once again opened up the North Wales line and, after some quick interchange of passes in midfield, centre Zack Sargent (St.Marys HS & Tyldesley) dived in for the try with a further two Lancashire players on the overlap outside.



North Wales used their only decent piece of possession well on the hour mark when the forwards drove for the line after a good lineout in the Lancashire twenty two which brought them an unconverted try.

Lancashire responded almost immediately when Dutton capped an outstanding display at full-back with a fine solo try from halfway and another Davies conversion extended the score to 33-5 in Lancashire's favour.

With the clock ticking down Davies jinked his way to the line for the final try of day which he duly converted to register a 40-5 victory for the red rose boys.

Five players made their 18 Group debuts and all proved they had something to offer and will now give the Lancashire selectors something to think about prior to the selection of the squad for the divisional games.

County President Dave Herriman praised both sides for an entertaining and flowing game of rugby and wished all the players the very best in their attempts at gaining selection for their respective countries over the next few months.

Scoring

Woolley	(Try) 6 th minute	- Davies (Con.)	7-0
Robinson	(Try) 15 th minute	- Davies (Con.)	14-0
Parker	(Try) 27 th minute	- Davies (Con.)	21-0
<u>Half Time</u>	<u>21-0</u>		
Sargent	(Try) 53 rd minute		26-0
North Wales	(Try) 60 th minute		26-5
Dutton	(Try) 62 nd minute	- Davies (Con.)	33-5
Davies	(Try & Con.) 68 th minute		40-5
<u>Full Time</u>	<u>40-5</u>		

Selected Squad:

1. Richard Fell (Capt.)	Lancaster RGS
2. Kieron Brookes	Kirkham GS
3. Josh Galloway	Lancaster RGS
4. Nick Chisnell	Bolton School & Eccles
5. Luke Woolley	Holy Cross College & Sedgley Park
6. Owen Jackson	Holy Cross College & Sedgley Park
7. Owain Stratton	Ormskirk School & Ormskirk
8. James Radcliff	Bolton School & Eccles
9. Antony Harden	Cowley School & Liverpool St. Helens
10. Jordan Davies	Denstone College & Eccles
11. Luke Parker	Ormskirk School & Ormskirk
12. Matthew Holding	Winstanley College & West Park
13. Zack Sargent	St.Marys & Tyldesley
14. James Robinson	Pendleton College & Tyldesley
15. Michael Dutton	Eccles College & Eccles
16. Tom Lennon	West Park
17. Oliver Cowey	Lancaster RGS
18. Jonathan Edwards	Kirkham GS & Tarleton
19. George Sharrock	West Park
20. Mark Wilcox	St.Edwards.
21. Tommy Banks	Kirkham GS
22. Antony Grimes	St.Edwards College
23. Alex Roebuck	Hutton GS & Tarleton