



## **Woodbridge Warriors beat hungry Thurston side**

**Eastern Counties 1 league match - Saturday 12 January 2013**

**Woodbridge Warriors 17 v Thurston 13**

After their recent run of improving results, Woodbridge welcomed bottom-of-the-league Thurston hoping for victory. The visitors had a different idea and attacked from the start having the better of the set pieces and kept Woodbridge pinned in their half for most of the opening quarter. With the wind behind Thurston Ben Sinclair put in some long penetrating kicks and they looked dangerous in the Warrior's 22, turning the scrum they sustained the attack before mauling from a line out and prop Naylor scored, converted by Sinclair.

Thurston maintained pressure as fullback Scott kicked over on the left and forced Woodbridge offside allowing Sinclair to take another 3 points. The home team sharpened up with backs Jamie Smith, Tom Stokes, Taff Lloyd and Josh Kimber working well, forcing some penalties from their opponents. Lloyd was stopped short of the line and Josh Kimber missed a penalty before he intercepted, scored and converted. The Warriors worked their way back to the Thurston 22 only for Jamie Smith to misjudge a free ball and over-kick an up and under and then Thurston's Sinclair took another 3 points to break at 7-13

Thurston restarted hard against a better Woodbridge defence, Worley working hard on the left, only to knock on and, despite Woodbridge gaining two penalties, second row Silcocks had a great run but the Warriors resisted and tensions rose before Dallas was binned. Woodbridge forwards then exploited another penalty on the Thurston 22 for Ben Cope and the pack to recycle to Jono Cooke who punched over and scored for Kimber to convert. The wind messed with kicks all afternoon but both teams kept using them rather than run which gave Thurston the balance of play but the Warriors backs were getting better ball from open play and used this to score another penalty 3 points and keep a resurgent Thurston from bridging the four point gap to win 17-13.

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