



Woodbridge Warriors claim second victory against Hadleigh RFC

Eastern Counties 1 league Match - Saturday 16 February 2013

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Sixth placed Woodbridge put second-from-bottom Hadleigh on the back foot from the off with some training field moves to win a penalty and attacking line-out. The ball moved fast to Lewis Ballard and up to the 22 then inside for an amazing athletic catch from Allan Whittaker and quickly across to Jono Cooke who scored. Hadleigh worked hard to get some gain some ground, especially Josie Halls and Will Steed, but the Warriors kept up the pace and possession, Josh Bruce much in evidence, for Luke Garnham to score. Just as the home crowd were relaxing Hadleigh's Will Steed intercepted from the restart, ran 40m and scored.

Woodbridge came straight back taking the Hadleigh clearance and deploying the same clean passing and running inventive lines through Garnham, Whittaker and Bruce to Jamie Smith who straightened and scored. But Hadleigh exploited a good scrum in the Warriors half, Ed Pissarro getting the ball out wide to O'Halloran who scored through some poor tackles. The pace dropped in the second quarter both sides kicking for territory as the set pieces were fairly even but Warriors Cooke, Roscoe Williams and Jez Hannon rucked better providing Garnham with another score for the half to end 26-10.

Hadleigh's Halls and Kerr made some good carries but Woodbridge continued to dominate, winning scrums against the head and rucking well to give Bruce and Smith clean chances to kick to ground which they did well. They were rewarded with an attacking lineout from which Neil Scopes scored. Hadleigh stayed in the game, having a try disallowed and forcing Ballard to touch down in his own goal area but the Warriors forwards took possession and through Cooke, Hannon and Williams put Digweed over to score. Moments later Hadleigh elected for a scrum penalty in the Warriors 22 and flanker Zak Kerr scored through porous defence. The Warriors backs countered and, after some fumbling, find their earlier form for Hard working Jeff Buchanan to get a try and Jamie Smith to make his fifth conversion of the day.

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