



Overton v Chineham

Overton hosted Chineham at Laverstoke Park in the first meeting between the 2 sides in the newly formed Hampshire Division 2 League. Overton started off the dominant of the sides, getting the first score on the board when Jamie Davenport picked from a ruck in the opposition 5m and crashed over for the first try of the game. Conversion missed. It was not long before Overton were back in the Chineham 22m and applying pressure. A good serious of rucks and mauls saw Gavin Plows secure the ball and cross for a try. Chris Cotterell added the conversion. Overton maintained the dominance with their forwards and good line out work and remained camped in the Chineham 22m area. Allan Brighty was the 3rd Overton player to score after a short pop from Scrum Half, Francois Stoop, saw Allan Brighty crash over for a try. Conversion scored. Chineham then got wary of taking the into contact with the Overton forwards and were looking to spread the ball out wide. This resulted in a good move in the backline which saw the Chineham centre score. Conversion added. Overton then went on the attack again and a good move from a scrum in the midfield, saw the ball shipped wide to new winger, Sam Escott, who was able to dot down in the corner. Conversion missed. Lack of fitness from the Overton players was starting to show and the loss of Full Back, David Clark, to injury early in the 1st half saw the Overton defence stretched. Chineham utilised this and swung the ball out wide where they had numbers and were able to score. Conversion missed. Overton had the last say in the first half when Chris Cotterell scored a brilliant individual try. He received the ball from the scrum, saw there was no Chineham cover and chipped over the top, retrieving his kick and scoring. Conversion missed. Half time score, Overton 29 – 12 Chineham.

The 2nd half was an all Chineham affair with the lack of discipline from Overton combined with the lack of fitness and injuries received, diminished the Overton ranks. Chineham were able to run in 4 unanswered tries and Overton were unable to clear their lines or utilise their dominance with the forwards. A good local derby with Chineham emerging as the eventual winners 36-29.

Team: A. Varker; G. Plows; J. Davenport; D. Harms; C. Syrett; A. McLeod; R. Cornell; A. Brighty; F. Stoop; C. Cotterell; A. Cornell; D. Smith-Jones; S. Escott; A. Plows; D. Clark; M. Meggison; C. Salmon; M. Cole

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