



## Overton v Locksheath Pumas

Following on from their win last weekend away at Kingsclere, Overton were well up for their encounter against Locksheath Pumas at Laverstoke Park. Overton started well and applied early pressure to the Locksheath Pumas line. A good solid driving maul from the Overton forwards set the platform for the backs to score. A good pass out to Chris Cotterell who looped with back row turned centre Nigel Hall before drawing the defence and passing out to Francois Stoop who was able to step inside his opponent and cross untouched for the first try of the game. Alex Plows added the conversion. Some good tactical kicking saw Overton back in the Pumas 22m area and on the attack again. One of the few good lineouts gave Overton the opportunity to set up the rolling maul and Gavin Plows was able to roll off the back and crash over for his try. Alex Plows converted. With the game now moving between the 2 halves and both sides defending well, it was inevitable that the breakdown was a hotly contested area. An infringement by the Pumas gave Alex Plows the chance to add a penalty. Locksheath Pumas had the last say of the half when some missed passes from Overton gave them a chance to score a try against the run of play. Some good work out wide then saw the Pumas move the ball back inside where their flanker was able to cross. Conversion added. Half time score 17-7.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half started without any team really gaining the upperhand. Alex Plows was able to further the Overton lead with another penalty before Locksheath Pumas went on the attack. Their first try of the half came from a good wide backline move which saw their outside centre cross for a try, conversion added. A further penalty from Alex Plows kept the Overton scoreboard ticking over before Locksheath Pumas added their 2<sup>nd</sup> of the half. Some missed tackles in the midfield from Overton gave the Pumas the opportunity to send the ball out wide and allow their winger to cross for a try. Conversion missed. Overton went back on the attack and some good tactical kicking from Chris Cotterell saw the Pumas fullback fumble the ball and Tristan Harper was able to collect and score. Conversion missed. From the kick off to the blindside, Dave Smith-Jones was able to collect the ball and advance up the field. Some good interplay and a series of rolling mauls and rucks, saw the ball come out on the blindside. Francois Stoop received a subtle pass off Carl Syrett, was able to step back in field towards his support before Chris Cotterell was able to cross for the last try of the game. Conversion missed. Final Score Overton 33 – 19 Locksheath Pumas.

Team: A. Varker, G. Plows, C. Salmon, C. Syrett, D. Harms, R. Cornell, A. McLeod, A. Bond, S. Rainbow, C. Cotterell, D. Smith-Jones, N. Hall, F. Stoop, D. Maxwell, A. Plows, T. Harper

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