

U10 Northwich v Liverpool Collegiate, 09-10-11



Game 1: Northwich were slow to gain their composure from the start of the first half and Liverpool equally quick to take advantage, as they applied some consistent forward pressure towards the Northwich try line which resulted in an early score for them. After the restart Northwich settled and their confidence was boosted by a couple of charging runs at the Liverpool defense by Aaron Gooch and Will Harry resulting in a ruck, from which Aaron Gooch managed to again get possession of the ball to score a well deserved try. In the second half consistent Northwich pressure saw the first 5 minutes played entirely in Liverpool's half. All looked well until a knock forwards gave Liverpool a scrum on the half-way line, from which they managed to get the ball wide and score a try. Towards the end of the second half Liverpool were again put under pressure by the Northwich forwards, and some loose scrummaging on their behalf saw the ball unexpectedly pop out the back of the scrum which a quick thinking Nathan Byrne pounced on and used the opportunity to score a try and equal the scoresheet.

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Game 2: An early lineout saw Liverpool win turnover ball which they used to press home an advantage with a concerted push over the try line to score. Northwich restarted well with Aaron Gooch testing their defensive tackling and nearly scoring, but unfortunately the ball came loose in the tackle and was knocked forwards. In the resultant scrum Northwich gained turnover ball and Adam Reece charged towards the line but was thwarted when the ball was held up over the try line for a 5 metre scrum. Northwich scrummaged well and drove Liverpool back toward their try line from where Aaron Gooch was able to pick the ball up and score again. Following the restart Adam Reece was again quick to pounce on a ball passed out wide from a Northwich scrum to score in a tremendous solo effort. Liverpool however equaled the score shortly after following a close encounter of forward tackling, but not to be outdone Aaron Gooch managed to get over the try line once more before half time to end the half 3-2. The second half was a more closely matched encounter which saw some tense defending from both sides, with the only score going to Josh Stubbs after breaking free from the middle of the pack.

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