

U10 Northwich v Bowden, 16-10-11



Game 1: Northwich kicked-off brightly getting the ball to Bradley Williams for a testing run at Bowden's defense, and the resultant maul saw Northwich start to exert good forward momentum; as Bowden regrouped the ball came out to Adam Reece who got over the touchline to score. After the restart it was more of the same for Northwich, with forward pressure in the middle of the park driving Bowden backwards before the ball came out to the backs for Adam Reece to score another well deserved try. Next it was Bowden's turn to press Northwich back into their own half, and some strong defensive tackling by Luke Thompson made the ball come loose for Josh Stubbs to collect and charge virtually the full length of the field before being tackled and forming a ruck, from which Aaron Gooch was able to collect and dive over the try line to make the score 3-0. After the restart it was Bowden's turn to profit from a loose ball when in a copy of Northwich's effort, a runner picked up a loose ball deep in their own half and sprinted the length of the field to score. In the second half Bowden were awarded a penalty for a high tackle, which was taken quickly and with Northwich not fully organized into their defensive positions Bowden managed to get the ball over the try line to make the score 3-2.

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Game 2: At an early lineout in Bowden's half Northwich managed to retain possession and press the maul forwards once again, only for the ball to come loose out the side of the maul into the arms of a Bowden player who seized the opportunity and set off down the length of the pitch to score. At the restart the play was predominantly going on in the middle of the park with some good tackling and rucking from each side, before a virtual carbon copy incident of the first try saw the ball come loose for Bowden to profit from a quick runner downfield to make the score 0-2. After half time Northwich pressed Bowden back deep into their own territory before carrying the ball out of play for a Bowden lineout, from which Luke Thompson managed to steal possession and power over the try line with three Bowden players in tow to make the score 1-2! As the clock ticked away Bowden upped the pressure with two consecutive scrums and forward mauls in the Northwich half, and with Northwich tiring they were able to convert this pressure into a score despite some good defensive tackling.

Full Time: Northwich 1 - 3 Bowden