

U10 Northwich v Whitchurch, 23-10-11



Game 1: Northwich started with a shortage of players although Whitchurch were sporting enough to lend us two (Charlie & Fergal - well played!). After the kick-off the play began messy from both teams with knock-on's leading to a couple of early scrums for each side. It quickly became apparent however that the Whitchurch scrum was a formidable weapon as they seemed able to push Northwich back over the ball in a consistent manner to put the blacks under pressure. Whitchurch continued the forward momentum and drove a maul over the line although the ball was held up for a 5m scrum. However their scrum gave them the advantage again and they drove the scrum over the try line to score 1-0. Shortly after the restart there was another score for the home team when a forward run from the middle of the park was held up over the try line for another 5m scrum, which they converted into a score 2-0; followed by a further score from a good run out the back of a maul to end the first half 3-0. The second half saw some better tackling from Northwich, although Whitchurch pressed home the advantage of their scrum again to score 3 more tries.

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Game 2: The second match started in the same vane when the red team pushed over a Northwich scrum to release the ball to their backs and score as a runner broke free of the tacking defenders. However, after the restart Northwich started gaining composure and pressed forwards with a good maul that gained some 20m of territory, the ball was released to Nathan Byrne who managed to get over the try line but the ball was judged to have gone forwards and the referee awarded a 5m scrum; Northwich continued to apply some consistent pressure playing deep in the Whitchurch half, and were unlucky not to convert that effort into a score. In the second half it took an even bigger effort from a tiring Northwich team especially as a string of substitutions were needed as the injury list started to grow. However, although losing out in the scrum Northwich seemed able to keep control in the maul, and used this to good effect to release Nathan Byrne again for a charging run forwards to score, shortly followed by a similar effort from Adam Reece; to end the game with a remarkable turnaround victory 1-2.

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