

## U10 Northwich v Sale Scorpions, 02-10-11



**Game 1:** The first game of the season marked a big test for Northwich fielding a number of new players against a well organized and considerably larger Sale squad in this age group. The game proved to be a very closely matched encounter, with two sides determined not to lose on their first outing. In both halves the match was dominated by some great tackling and strong defensive play, with particularly the front row of Luke Thompson, Charlie Johnston and Will Harry making some strong first half hits that laid down a marker of intent for the rest of the game. A good opportunity for Josh Stubbs to run in a try and win the game late in the second half for Northwich was unfortunately spoilt by a knock on just before the try line.

**Full Time: Sale Scorpions 0 - 0 Northwich**

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**Game 2:** Northwich faced a sterner test in Game 2 with a totally fresh Sale squad who started brightly with a quick try in the near corner whilst Northwich were still getting their bearings. After the restart it was Northwich's turn to pressurize Sale with some good running through midfield from Aaron Gooch and Bradley Williams, supported well from the wings, although twice being denied by some last ditch Sale defense. To commence the second half Sale again started quickly and caught Northwich napping with another score run in straight from the whistle, and this was followed by a third Sale score shortly after when some loose lineout ball gave Sale possession which they managed to convert into a score. The last part of the second half again saw Northwich regain their defensive composure and they spent the last five minutes comfortably absorbing some consistent pressure from the Sale team, a good test of their defensive lines especially as Northwich were undoubtedly tiring by the close of Game 2.

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