

Gordano 32 Minehead Barbarians 12

Injury hit Minehead were out weighed and outgunned by a powerful Gordano XV who on this showing will be challenging for a top 4 spot by the end of the season

Gordano dominated possession right from the start and went ahead after 5 minutes when they created an overlap down the right and although Mike Bohun came off the wing to put in a good hit on the centre the ball was released and the winger ran in unopposed . The kick failed but as did an easy penalty awarded against the Minehead front row for not binding . The Minehead defence held until 25 minutes into the game when Gordano won an attacking lineout and laid the ball back for their burly no10 to kick a huge drop goal.

Gordano's domination of possession was so great that no Minehead player got into their 22 until on the half hour Mat Groves gathered a loose ball on the left wing and slipped it to stand in scrum half Justin Harris who saw a gap and shot through to score under the posts from 30 metres out . Jake Pound added the points and suddenly Minehead were only a point behind but just before half time Gordano scored a vital blow when they won quick lineout ball to put their lively right winger in for his second try to go ahead 13-7.

The pattern continued after the break and a neat switch move gave the powerful Gordano inside centre an unopposed run in under the posts .The conversion sailed over and 20-7 the writing was on the wall.. Jonno Woolacott came on in the second row and Gordano began to suffer a bit more pain but another huge drop goal put them further ahead at 23-7

Ross Bradley came on to the left wing and was soon involved in a vital clearance near his line , he slipped the ball to full back Kyle Roberts who became the victim of an unintentionally dangerous tackle reminiscent of the one that saw the dismissal of the Welsh captain in the World cup , leaving him prone and motionless whilst an ambulance was called. Due to the delay, play was switched to the second team pitch which is virtually on the hard shoulder of the M5 , where the roar of the crowd was lost in the roar of the traffic, !

A poor clearance gave the Gordano outside centre space to add a further converted try but Minehead had the last word when quick thinking by scrum half Harris saw him rob the home number 8, picking from the back of the scrum 5 meters out ,to reduce the losing margin to 32 -12

Fortunately a scan revealed no serious injury to Kyle Lewis and he should soon be back in action