

Minehead Under 12's Vs Burnham On Sea Under 12's

Minehead started their game strong, putting in some early tackles against Burnham. Burnham had some rather large players but that didn't seem to faze Minehead's smaller, leaner team. Burnham scored the first try of the game, but not without some heavy tackles by Luke Batts, Louis Fraser and Alfie Fox. Minehead seemed to struggle to hold their defence and although their rucking and mauling was solid Burnham quickly scored again on the restart breaking through a broken Minehead defence.

Minehead fielded some new players for the start of the year and all made an instant impression; some great tackling by William Lands and Josh Atkins was witnessed and Bailee Edwards made some pressing runs in the first half. With Burnham two tries in front, Minehead soon scored after forcing their opponents to make mistakes and knock the ball forward after impressive defensive play by Scott Kivell, Brodie Sheach and Alfie Fox. On the scrum re-start, a nice hook by Fox and exchange by William Summersgill gave Ben Crosby a great opportunity down the left wing to score. Minehead's mauling was good, however, Burnham seemed to have the upper hand with some of their bigger players influencing the game. Nice tackling by Obi Cridland, Crosby and Sheach made for great rugby. Positive attacks by Harvey Harris and Scott Kivell were all quickly halted by Burnham's defence. Brodie Sheach and Louis Fraser piled on the pressure until the half-time whistle, defending well landing some technically brilliant tackle. Burnham managed to scrape in another try, though giving them the edge going into the second half. Half-Time score 5-20

There was a steeped changed in Minehead's performance in the second half and Minehead played with more passion and determination. Some alterations to players' positions and a team talk worked wonders to how Minehead were playing. Minehead's tackling was solid and consistent in the second half, giving the opposition no time or room to move. As a result, Minehead scored their second try of the game when Fox won the ball from a maul situation. Ripping the ball, he made good ground and off-loaded to Cridland, at speed he made a solid run down the right wing to score. Working hard on the ground, rucking and mauling Minehead managed to score again. Tackling hard, and holding their positions well, a nice off-load by Ben Weaver and another by Bailee Edwards gave Crosby a final challenging run through a robust Burnham defence to score with three players hanging off his back. Two more tries were scored by Burnham in the second half, but Minehead really didn't make it easy for them! More heavy tackles by Louis Fraser, Kivell, Fox and Cridland ensured it was a battle until the end. Minehead scored the final try of the game when they gained possession during a maul, some solids runs and good groundwork allowed William Summersgill to land the final blow. Full-Time Score 20-30 Man of the match Louis Fraser, and Player Of Steel was awarded to Alfie Fox.