

Minehead Under 13 V Wellington

The Under 13's were fortunate in that they were the only Minehead side playing away, as all games at Minehead were cancelled following storm Angus. In the initial exchanges Minehead proved the more physical in the tackle and determined at the break down driving their opposition off the ball.

Having secured turn over ball Farley Bruce rode several tackles and fed Lawrence Sandy who side stepped inside the last defender to opening the scoring. Isaac Sweetland then held up the ball carrier in the tackle, with other players joining to drive the maul back. He ripped the ball clear and passed to Ben Summersgill who fended off a tackler to score.

Minehead showed some impressive quick rucking to prevent Wellington slowing down possession. The ball was passed from one wing to the other where Joe Stevens showed strength and skill to score despite the attention of two defenders.

With Minehead on top at the break down, Farley Bruce capitalised with two quick tries. The first a break from a driving maul and the second following some exemplary offloading in the tackle allowed him to break into space.

With the last play of the half called by the referee, the team were architects of their own demise. A speculative long pass was intercepted and the Wellington player cantered over the Minehead line. The half finishing 5-25 to Minehead.

Having gifted Wellington, the last points of the half the under 13's began the second half in a decisive manner. Josh Govier used his strength to rip the ball out of a maul, he drove several metres before passing to Summersgill who weaved past defenders to score.

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Minehead's next try came from the training field. Given a free pass 15metres from the try line Nathaniel Coates took the ball in and set up and driving maul. The ball was passed to the back where Govier took control and nearing the line he broke free to dive over.

With the last score being a team try the next was an individual; Sandy caught a clearing kick and returned it with interest running past the chasing defenders and then fending tackles to score. Govier and Summersgill repeated the feat from the first five minutes of the half, when Govier secured the ball and drove the hard yards. Releasing his arms and passing to Summersgill in support who outpaced the cover defence.

Jack Lintern scored a good team try following some superb offloading and interplay. He ignored the overlap to crash over the line. It was Summersgill who capped a fine team performance. He chased and collected an attacking kick over the Wellington defensive line to dot down unopposed.

Minehead relaxed in the final minutes and Wellington proved their mental strength coming close to scoring on several occasions, only to be denied by some ferocious tackling. Full time score 5-55 to Minehead. Player of the Day - Jack Lewis and Player of Steel - Farley Bruce.

Minehead: Oliver Bisset, Oliver Bretherton, Ethan Carr, Seb Chip, Nathaniel Coates, Farley Bruce, Josh Govier, Charlie Gunter, Jack Lewis, Jack Lintern, Jude Murray, Lawrence Sandy, Joe Stevens, Ben Summersgill, Isaac Sweetland, Luke Westcott, Jacob Whittaker.