

Minehead Under 13 v Wiveliscombe

Minehead Under 13 were the only side to play at Wiveliscombe on Sunday. With the weather suited to running rugby it was the home side who started the brightest. They found their large left winger with room to accelerate and he broke several tackles to score in the corner. Having found a weapon to use with such devastating effect they were relentless in their efforts to release him again. But Minehead were excellent in defence with several of Mineheads newer players putting in some great tackles. With persistence comes its rewards and Wiveliscombe eventually created space for their winger who bounced off some determined tacklers to score. In previous weeks, the team would have shrunk away from the fight, but encouragingly they rose to the challenge with some determined breaks and offloads to keep the ball alive. Nathaniel Coates and Charlie Gunter leading the charge with Reece Hollingsworth, who managed to make a clean break before feeding Ben Summersgill who ran up the left wing. When he was tackled short he popped the ball up to Seb Chip who side stepped the chasing defenders and doted down in the corner, the half finished 10-5 to Wiveliscombe.

Minehead began the second half with more determination and immediately put their opponents under pressure. They were unlucky not to score on numerous occasions, the final pass going astray. Having been kept in their twenty-two Wiveliscombe were becoming more desperate and Minehead were eventually awarded a penalty five metres out. The team performed a well-rehearsed driving maul, and when this was stopped short Josh Govier ripped the ball free to force his way over. After such a good start to the half and dominating their opponents in defence, quickly closing them down and harassing them into making mistakes. A momentary lapse allowed Wiveliscombe to build an attack, unerringly the ball found their winger who crashed through Mineheads defenders to score.

Undeterred Minehead were quickly back on the attack. With the forwards providing quality ball it was passed along the backs where Lawrence Sandy came into the line at speed from full back. He had caught his opposite number out of position and he raced past him to score.

With some big tackles setting the tone and Minehead relentless in chasing down the ball carrier. The final try was just reward for their efforts. Wiveliscombe having set up a series of rucks and mauls to get into the Minehead half, the ball was turned over. It was quickly spun wide to Hollingsworth who showed to good turn of speed and strength to brush off some determined tacklers and score.

Minehead were worthy winners 20-15 in a hard fought match, they visibly grew as team. Minehead player of Steel - Seb Chip, Man of the Match went to "All the Forwards" for a great team performance.

Minehead

Oliver Bisset, Oliver Bretherton, Farley Bruce, Ethan Carr, Seb Chip, Nathaniel Coates, Josh Govier, Charlie Gunter, Reece Hollingsworth, Rio Howard, Jack Lewis, Lawrence Sandy, Jo Stevens, Ben Summersgill, Isaac Sweetland, Luke Westcott, Jacob Whittaker

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