

Minehead Rugby Football Club

Under 12's

Minehead Vs. North Petherton 6/11/16



Players

Ben Crosby, Alfie Fox, Luke Batts, Brodie Sheach, Obi Cridland, Aiden Gallagher, Scott Kivell, William Summersgill, Louis Fraser, Harvey Harris, Ben Weaver, Nico Dodds, William Lands, Callum Filer and Bailee Edwards



Minehead started their game strong, putting in some heavy tackles against Petherton setting the scene for what was set to be a high-energy game. Petherton had some rather large players but that didn't seem to faze Minehead's smaller, yet more structured side. Minehead scored the first try of the game, through some heavy tackles by Luke Batts, Louis Fraser and Alfie Fox for a turnover ball. Holding possession whilst on the attack, good rucking and mauling by all allowed for a nice exchange from the ground by Scott Kivell and pick up by Obi Cridland giving him a great opportunity down the right wing to score. Minehead seemed to struggle to hold their defence at first, but good discipline and effort by all created another chance close to the opposition's own try line. Louis Fraser put in the second try for Minehead after a great run by Brodie Sheach and Nico Dodds giving him the final run, he crashed through three defenders to score; boosting moral in the process. It wasn't long before Minehead scored their third, a direct result of a strong defensive line and teamwork. Ben Crosby along with Sheach and Aiden Gallagher set Cridland up again down the right wing, moving the ball brilliantly with some great offloading. Minehead didn't seem to put a foot wrong and everyone was landing some outstanding tackles that kept them in lead for much of the first half. Nearing the half time whistle Minehead managed to piece together another set piece, having forced the opposition into touch close to their own halfway line. A clean offload by Harvey Harris to Callum Filer saw him make a solid run to the try line, shaking off three defenders as he crashed through.

Half-Time score 20-0

There was no real change in Minehead's performance in the second half, although they appeared to play with more passion and determination to ensure they maintained a win. Minehead's tackling was again solid and consistent, giving the opposition no time or room to move. As a result, Minehead scored their fifth try of the game when Fox won the ball from a maul situation. Ripping the ball, he made a nice run and offloaded to Crosby who immediately took off. At speed he made good ground across the field and down the right wing to score. Working hard on the ground Minehead recycled the ball well; good rucking by William Summersgill and mauling by William Lands were noted. Tackling hard, and holding their positions well and a nice offload by Ben Weaver and another by Bailee Edwards gave Crosby another chance to score, running through a robust Petherton defence. Minehead scored their finishing blow towards the end of the game when Filer made another crash-through try, following a scrum restart close to the try line. Petherton did score a well-deserved try just before the whistle, but not without a fight and outstanding defensive play by all of the Minehead team.

Full-Time Score 35-5

Man of the Match: Ben Crosby

Players of Steel: Nico Dodds