

OGRFC vs The Economicals

OGRFC took on Economicals RFC on the back of three consecutive victories in the opening weeks of Surrey 2 on the pristine 1st XV pitch at St Georges College. As with most opponents this year, the lads went into the game not really knowing what to expect.

As is usually the case for the lads, the start of the match mirrors the intensity of the warm up. A laboured start is probably an understatement and very generous. Neither side were really able to get going, with the talented Economicals fly half doing well to pin OGs back in their own half with a rocket of a right foot. With a half time score of 0-0, it will not come as a huge surprise that there was not a great deal to report on.

The half time team talk seemed to have a good impact, with OGRFC taking the game to Economicals to claim a bonus point victory. The first try of the afternoon came within the first five minutes of the second half, with full back / hooker extraordinaire Francesco Grosso once again getting on the score sheet. A good platform was setup from the pack after a good period of phase play, which saw the ball end up going blind to Grosso who stood his man up easily and put on a burst of pace to get through his gap and race over the line to score the first points of the day. 7-0 OGs. The try seemed to relax OGRFC, and acted as the catalyst for the boys to start playing some better rugby.

The first try was followed soon after by one from Josh Dominy, who enjoyed a terrific game in the centres. Huw Davis put on some nice footwork from full back to create a hole in the defence which he was able to burst through, leaving himself 60 metres of unmarked pitch. Unfortunately due to excessive beer consumption at Loughborough, Huw was unable to go the distance; being caught up with 20 meters to go. The youthful Josh was able to keep up and go on to collect the ball ahead of the defenders to dot down. Hanson again adding the extras, followed by a penalty minutes later to extend the lead to 17-0.

The third try of the game came from Jack Chard. Some good work from the backs followed by a deft grubber from Chris Hanson allowed Chard to collect the ball to dot down the easiest try he will ever score. Chris, who was having a good day with the boot, again slotted the conversion. 24-0.

All attention then turned to securing the bonus point try, which came from the bull dozing winger Adam Infante. After some good word out wide, OGRFC found themselves in a 2 vs 1 situation out on the right wing, some good hands put Adam through to touch down over the line. 31-0.

The final score of the day came from Aidan Lowes. Dominy showed great vision to identify space in behind the defence with a lovely chip through, which he then chased only to take an air shot on the bobbling ball whilst being tackled by the defender. Amongst the chaos the ball managed to find its way to Aidan on the wing to waltz in for the final score of the day to make the final score 34 nil.

A good second half performance from OGRFC more than made up for the disappointing first half. Strong performances came from Chris Perrin, Joe Deal, Huw Davis and Ali Stanley, to name just a few. Man of the match went to Josh Dominy, really impressing on his league debut for OGRFC. The lads will now enjoy a well deserved week off ahead of a challenging remainder of 2015.

