

29/03/08 Yorkshire League Division 4 Garforth 26 vs Northallerton 17

This weekend Garforth entertained Northallerton down at the graveyard in terrible weather conditions. The kick off was delayed for 15 minutes due to a couple of the Northallerton boys' tractors getting stuck on the A1, much to the annoyance of the capacity crowd, and most of the Garforth lads, who saw the lack of punctuality as a deliberate attempt to rob them of 15 minutes drinking time in the pub.

This little insult seemed to fire the home side up into a frenzy as they exploded into the away team and scored 3 tries in the opening 20 minutes. Des 'the father of rhythm' Claxton, was the star of the show scoring 2 himself, and creating another for professional James Blunt lookalike, Lee Dawson who backed up well from the full back position. All 3 were coolly converted by fly half, Andy 'Gummy stretched my 10 shirt' Hayward. Thanks to a 'Nev sized' handful of penalties from the referee in the away team's favour, Northallerton were allowed a brief comeback with a penalty kick from the sumo at fly half, and a well worked maul from the strong Northallerton pack resulted in their first try of the game which was converted again by Tubs.

From the kick off the Garforth pack tore into the opposition with massive 'barn storming' runs from Brosnan, Nevison and Adam 'Tony Montana' Brown. The Northallerton lads couldn't handle the pace that the Garforth lads were moving forward and recycling the ball, and inevitably a try came, though Scarface Hayward missed the conversion. (useless twat)

HALF TIME: GARFORTH 26 - NORTHALLERTON 10

With the wind and rain now getting beyond a joke, the game in the 2nd half deteriorated into a mudbath with not much decent rugby being able to be played. Northallerton adapted to the conditions slightly better and had Garforth pinned down on their own line for a sustained period after the kick off. The tigerish defence of last year seemed to return as Garforth repelled attack after attack from the away team.

After 15 minutes the defence was still standing strong, and then the highlight of the half happened. As two of the Garforth defenders attempted to tackle the same man they accidentally clashed heads causing horrific injuries to both players, much to the delight of Chris 'even the devil thinks I'm a c**t' Nevison. This was the end of the game for Brown and Daly who were playing very well indeed. The following re-shuffle saw Rob 'permanent semi on' Collins, and Paul 'my cock is like and arrow straight out of Robin Hood Prince of Thieves' Hampshire enter the field.

With the team a bit shell shocked and trying to get use to the re-shuffle Northallerton managed to get over the line again, and with the ref missing the blatant knock-on, were awarded a try which fatty again converted.

Another Garforth player was forced to leave the field due to injury and Alex 'are you sure these prop's shirts aren't pro-fit?' Gommerson entered the field. With Garforth now having a completely new pack to get used to and Northallerton seeming to be on a bit of a roll the odds were stacked against them holding on to the win. However this was not the case and the entire team rallied round, put their bodies on the line in every aspect of the game and managed to keep the away team out for the remainder of the game. (F**kin well done lads).

Man of the match.... Captain Adi Horwell who was inspirational throughout! (chosen by members of this press) ha ha.



Adam Brown after the match