

HARBOUR UNDER 85s V COUNTIES 15 September 2018

Harbour put together their best performance of the year to beat Counties, third on the ladder, 27 – 18 at Manurewa.

Counties opened the scoring in the 2nd minute with a simple blind side move for a try in the corner.

Harbour struck back with penalties to Cameron Dalzell in the 7th and 21st minutes before Counties replied with a penalty of their own in the 23rd minute. Another penalty apiece left the score at 11 – 9 to Counties at half time. Although down on the scoreboard there were promising signs as Harbour began to show the ball and territory control needed to take control of games.

The second half was dominated by Harbour in most facets. They scored a well taken try 4 minutes into the half when the ball was moved quickly to the short side for Cameron Dalzell to carve through and then run around to score under the posts. The conversion took the score to 16 – 11 in Harbour's favour. Fifteen minute later they were in again as sustained pressure inside the Counties 22 lead to a penalty. Harbour opted for the scrum and from the ensuing play the ball was moved quickly to the left for Jim Napier to cross in the corner untouched. 21 – 11.

Harbour continued to have the better of possession and territory and elected to take the kick from a penalty 48 metres out. Cameron kicked it with ease and Harbour were up 24 – 11 with 12 minutes to go.

A rare error from the restart gave Counties back possession and two quick penalties later they were in under the posts to make the score 24 – 18 with 10 minutes to go.

This was a different side from previous weeks and Harbour were able to close the game out by controlling the ball for long periods and shutting down any attempts from Counties to get back into their half. Another penalty to Cameron after 76 minutes made the game safe for Harbour.

Player of the day went to Cameron Dalzell for his 22 points and secure play at the back. Runners up were Josh Higgle and William McLean



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