

Selkirk 2nd XV v Musselburgh 2nd XV

Once again Selkirk 'A' found themselves robbed of some of their regular players due to injuries which resulted in them finishing second best to rivals Musselburgh 2nds 15-27 on the back pitch at Philiphaugh. It was however the home team who took the lead after 20 minutes. A series of carries by the pack resulted in hooker Fraser Easson claiming the try, with Sam Cockburn pushing the conversion wide.



The game was full of running with both teams willing to throw the ball wide, but it was Musselburgh who were able to break the tackles, scoring twice before half time to complete the scoring, 5-12 at the interval. A yellow card to returning forward Donald Nichol saw the lock sent to the bin for 10 minutes just before the break also. And it was the visitors who came out the blocks quicker after the interval touching down out wide once more. But not to be outdone the Souters rallied and began to build phase after phase, resulting in winger Archie Penman out sprinting his opposite wing to score a blistering try on the hour mark to take the score to 10-22.



Again a soft defence leaked another try for 'Burgh increasing their lead to 10-27. But the final try of the match was scored by the Philiphaugh men after being held up short on several occasions. The referee soon awarded the try when Easson scored his second try of the game from a pile of bodies to leave the final score of 15-27. A final push for that losing bonus point escaped Selkirk, and the familiar ending once more was played out with Coach Neil Darling left to reflect on another loss. "Disappointing not to take away anything from the game from all our efforts. We need to cut out the small errors that litter our game." Once more the Selkirk pack worked hard throughout, with Declan Broatch continuing to be the driving force on every occasion, with captain Liam Cassidy giving his all.



The return to rugby by Matthew Stanners after a dislocated elbow was a welcome sight, along with Sam Cockburn, starting his first game this season after playing football since July. In the backs Archie Penman showed glimpses of his old self while forward Robert Cook

looked comfortable enough at the centre throughout. But it was young Sam Clark who earned the Man of the Match award for the second week in a row after an eye catching game which saw him charging round the pitch on several occasions with ball in hand.