

Hawick Force v Selkirk 2nd XV

Selkirk 'A' travelled the 11 miles south to play their last league game against Border opponents on Saturday against Hawick Force with a squad of 16 players looking for their second victory of the season on the road. However, it wasn't to be, and the hosts were victors 56-14 in a flowing, entertaining game of rugby. With forwards Robert Cook at Stand off and Matthew Mackay on the wing, the game started badly for the Souters, conceding an unconverted try in the first minutes after not securing kick off ball. A further brace of tries by the strong back line of Hawick increased their lead to 19-0. But a couple of tries by Fly half Cook brought the Souters back into the game, both converted by Finlay Wheelans who was instrumental in both tries brought the half time score to 34 - 14, with Hawick touching down 3 more times before the break. A further 4 tries in the second half by the Teries with no answer from the Philiphaugh men ended the match 56-14. Plus points for Selkirk were the return of Finlay Wheelans after months out with a calf injury. Robert Cook performed heroically at 10 and Mohsin Aziz deserved his man of the match with some crunching tackles and bulldozing runs throughout the game.

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