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Pontefract 57 Castleford 1XV 12

Castleford started the stronger and after a period of sustained pressure were unlucky not to score with Chris Reavley held up over the line. However Pontefract hit back and in their first excursion into the Castleford half came away with a penalty to go three up. Shortly afterwards some poor Castleford defence let Pontefract in for a converted try. Castleford responded with good pressure earning a penalty and then a further penalty kicked by Ian Mattison to reduce the deficit to 4 points.

A scintillating break by Martin Dye looked as if it would lead to the first Castleford try but his chip to the line was just fielded by Pontefract to deny Craig Fawcett a try.

Although the scrums were evenly contested the only heel against the head led to another Pontefract converted try. Castleford came back to earn another Mattison penalty to reduce the arrears to 17-9. Up to this stage the game had been evenly balanced but Pontefract picked up the pace leading to half time with 2 converted tries giving them a flattering 31-9 lead.

Castleford reduced the deficit with another Mattison penalty and again the game was evenly matched. However the Castleford forwards started to tire and the speedy Pontefract backs took advantage with 4 tries in the last 15 minutes to hand a heavy defeat on their neighbours.

For Castleford Chris Redfearn was outstanding along with Craig Fawcett and Martin Dye

Next Saturday Castleford entertain fellow strugglers Scarborough at Whitwood and look to gain their first double of the season.

26 November 2011

Leeds Medics and Dentists 25 Castleford 3rd XV 7.

Cas thirds lost their 4 match unbeaten run with a hard fought defeat to the Leeds University side who are unbeaten at home this season.

The game began with Cas very much on the back foot as the referee penalized Cas heavily but for all their territorial advantage Leeds could not break down some dogged defence led by forwards Matt Pickles, Aiden Wood and Simon Pye.

In the centres Neil Collins and Paul Phillpot terrorized their opposite numbers with bone crunching tackles which thwarted every attempt by Leeds to throw the ball out wide.

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Last Match Report

Cas were doing very little on attack but Leeds looked unable to break down their defence and after 25 minutes took a penalty in front of the posts to go 3-0 after their 3 previous penalties had been run and had left them empty handed.

Cas then had their best spell of the game and after breaks from stand-off Daz Coulson and flanker Jake Fisher, Leeds were penalized and instead of taking the 3 points on offer Cas ran the penalty and after strong surges from Pye and props Stu Grace and Matt Hawksworth, captain Mark Fisher picked up at the base of a ruck and shrugged off two tacklers to crash over for the game's opening try; Simon Greenhalgh converted and Cas led at the break 7-3.

The second half continued with the home side enjoying the better of the referee's penalty count and with 10 minutes gone the key decision of the match went the home side's way as their flanker ran into his own player but was allowed to continue and score at the side of the posts. The conversion was added and Leeds led 10-7. After Coulson was sin binned and whilst down to 14 men Cas conceded 3 more tries out wide all of which went unconverted.

On a brighter note Cas travelled with a squad of 25 players which included 7 who have come through the junior ranks and new player Lee Obridge showed signs that he will be an asset in the future.

Best for Cas were,

3 points	Aiden Wood
2 points	Matt Pickles
1 point	Neil Collins

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