

# Castleford RUFC



Last Match Report

18 February 2012

Burley 2XV 7 Castleford 3XV 45

Cas thirds won convincingly on their return to action after a two week absence due to poor weather against a team they struggled to beat in their home fixture earlier in the season.

They were out of the blocks quickly as Jake Fisher chased the kick off with gusto and forced a rushed kick from the Burley stand off. It was collected by centre Stefan Longfellow and he sent full back Mark Poppleton in under the posts for the first try of the game; Simon Greenhalgh converted and Cas led 7-0.

It got no better for Burley as from their kick off flanker Chris Synett break through some weak tackling and made good ground up field, the ball was recycled through the forwards and Synett was on hand to score at the side of the posts Greenhalgh converted and Cas led 14-0 with only 5 minutes gone.

Burley seemed to have got back in the game as their forwards won some possession and set up good field position around half way, but it was again Jake Fisher who harassed the scrum half into a hurried pass which was pounced upon by number eight Danny Adamson the ball was fed out through several pairs of hands and it was Synett who was again on hand to finish, again under the posts and Greenhalgh converted to make the score 21-0. Burley tried to shut up shop and get through to half time without conceding again before the break but good forward drives from props Matt Fisher and Howard Stevenson allowed livewire hooker Jody Griffiths to crash over for a try which Greenhalgh again converted to stretch the lead to 28-0. Cas were still not done yet and just before the whistle centre Longfellow scored in the corner. Greenhalgh missed the conversion but Cas led 33-0 at the break.

The second half saw Cas make several changes and it was one of these subs Josh Rolfe who made a break up field allowing centre Carl Pye to take the ball and go past two defenders to score a try on his debut. The conversion was missed but Cas were in complete control at 38-0.

Burley never threw in the towel and when Cas tried to clear their line with a kick from their twenty two metre line their full back picked up and beat three would be defenders to register their first score of the day and, with the conversion on target, the score was 38 - 7. The conditions became worse and the strong wind left both sides struggling to put together any sort of quality rugby until the last five minutes when replacement centre Neil Collins beat his opposite number and fed winger Farai Mugwagwa on half way. He easily skipped round the Burley winger and set off for the corner as the full back came across Mugwagwa stepped inside and then back out leaving him floundering to cross in the corner but still had the were with all to go round the back of the posts to leave an easy conversion for Greenhalgh to wrap things up at 45-7.

Best for Cas were

3 points Chris Synett

2 points Jake Fisher

1 point Farai Mugwagwa

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