

PLUMPTON TRIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

Plumpton Rugby Club's traveled to Uckfield to play their 2^{nds} in a hastily re-arranged friendly. The game gave Plumpton a chance to play their fringe players as well as those vying for a 1st team place in next week's league game.

With an average age on only 24, Plumpton looked to enjoy the friendly through playing attractive rugby and they started the brightest as flying winger Tom Chase ran a full 70 yards to touch down his kick and chase under the posts.

However, the game started to look more like a league fixture, as both sides looked to play possessional rugby and lazy mistakes crept into the game.

As tries from both sides meant no side was any more from a score in taking the lead. Frantic tackling became the spectacle, as both sides looked to individuals to keep themselves in the game.

Plumpton did take the opportunity to play their entire squad, by making a number of substitutions either side of half time. This did create difficulties associated with new combinations and positions, however Uckfield also took the same opportunity and appeared to be more settled.

Uckfield held a 24-12 lead into the final quarter of the game, however Rhys Beale close the gap with a sublime individual try, converted by his Brother Lewis. It was all in vein however as Uckfield sealed the win with a penalty.

End score 27-19 to Uckfield. Club Captain Lewis Beale commented "The end result is irrelevant, with our starting 15 we could have won the game easily. It was about seeing how the fringe players played under the pressure of a close game. I learnt a lot about certain players today, but more importantly I think certain individuals learnt a lot about what they need to improve on.

Plumpton's man of the match, abrasive Flanker Aaron Dadswell. Plumpton host Heathfield 2's this weekend at the racecourse, kick-off 2.30pm.