

## PLUMPTON BLOOD NEW PLAYERS

### Abridged

Plumpton Rugby Club's took the opportunity of a break in the league fixtures to play a number of new players to the club this season in a Friendly against Lewes 2's, who play a league above Plumpton.

Plumpton were still able to compete in every aspect of the game, despite the new look side. Final result 31:7 to Lewes.

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### Full

Plumpton Rugby Club were warmly welcomed to local senior club Lewes on Saturday, playing Lewes 2's who compete in a higher league.

Plumpton took the opportunity to rest many players, looking to give all squad players a run out, as many of the young stars look to raise their hands for a league starting position in the following weeks.

It was Plumpton who started the brightest, an obvious basic game plan of punching holes up the middle of the park. However, it was clear from 20 minutes in that Lewes were used to playing a higher standard, being well drilled and consistent without developing any clear chances.

The young Plumpton pack continued to front up to the more experienced Lewes pack, however the experience Lewes players were able to start dictating play and stretch the Plumpton defensive line.

Two tries in the first half for Lewes, both scored through stretching the Plumpton backline and an individual mistake put Lewes in the driving seat.

The second half saw much of the same, despite being regularly stretched in defence, Plumpton were able to rely on solid tackling, however with 20 minutes to go two key member of the Plumpton pack were yellow carded. This led to a couple of overlap tries for Lewes which effectively sealed the game.

The supporters witnessed a physical and frontal battle for most of the second half, as both sets of forwards looked for supremacy in their own game up front. Young Plumpton forwards Matt Martin, Ben Walker, Michael Brook and Tom Anderson in particular making impressive yards, with no backward step throughout the game.

However it was Plumpton's flying winger Colin Ford who was awarded man of the match. His try in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half showed the threat he posed out wide. Taking the ball inside his own half, he outpaced his opposite man, before offloading inside to

his slower centre partner, before looping and regaining possession as his centre was caught just short of the line to crash over. An impressive try to complement a series of bone shuddering tackles throughout the game. . Final score 31-7 to Lewes.

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