

QUICK THINKING DOES IT FOR THE PLUMS

Short

Plumpton Rugby Club hosted Hove Beefeaters for their latest league game. Neither team managed to create anything with the ball in the first half, it was Hove who took the lead with a penalty in the first 10 minutes of the game. It was not until the end of the half when Plumpton won a penalty and a chance for 3 points was taken with a long-range effort just creeping over the posts. The second half began and saw Hove see the majority of the ball but the Plumpton defence was too strong and didn't let up. The game changed shape when Plumpton lost 2 key pack players to the bin, Plumpton held strong again for the next 10 minutes. Two changes were made which helped the Plums gain momentum and see them camped in the Hove half. A penalty was awarded and taken quickly by Rhys Beale, who saw a huge hole in the Hove defence and ran in for what seemed an easy score. The conversion was missed and Plumpton led 8-3, this proved to be enough for the Plums and they held on for the victory. The first of the league campaign, next week Plumpton are at home to East Grinstead II, Kick-off 3pm.

Full

Plumpton Rugby Club played Hove Beefeaters in their latest league game at the Racecourse; it was a sunny day with a slight breeze great for an afternoon of rugby. The game was slow to get going with both teams not at the races, it was Hove who managed to win an early penalty in the Plumpton half and decided to go for the posts. The effort fell short and let Plumpton off to restart and get down into the Hove half for the first time, much of the first half play was in the midfield. Play was stop start and neither team was allowed to gain any momentum, but Hove managed to win another penalty on the Plumpton 22 metre line and this time it was converted for 3. The next 10 minutes saw the Plumpton scrum looking strong, pushing Hove back and showing real intention to get back into the game. The Plumpton pressure showed when they won a penalty late on in the first half inside Hove territory. Rhys Beale converted the long-range effort seeing the ball just creep over the posts; score was tied 3-3 at half time.

Plumpton looked to start the second half with much more intensity and effort, which was much needed. However, Hove had the majority of the ball in the first 10 minutes but struggled to get through a strong Plumpton defence. The game took a turn when Plumpton and Hove lost a player each to the sin bin, not long after Plumpton lost another player to the bin and were down to 13 men. Plumpton held the score level and looked strong despite being down to 13, things were changed around with 2 changes with 20 minutes gone. These changes seemed to work as Plumpton gathered momentum and found themselves camped in Hove territory, with 10 minutes to play Plumpton were awarded a penalty just outside the Hove 22 metre line. It was taken quickly, and caught Hove napping. Rhys Beale's quick thinking saw him take advantage of a huge gap in the Hove defence, he rounded two players who were caught on the back foot and scored the games only try. The conversion was missed and left Plumpton with work still to do, to secure the victory with the score 8-3.

The Last 8 minutes saw Plumpton remain in the Hove half, two penalties were awarded to Plumpton to seal the win but neither opportunity was taken. The game ran out of time for Hove and Plumpton held on for their first win of the league

campaign, final score 8-3 to Plumpton. Next Saturday Plumpton are at home to East Grinstead II, Kick-off 3pm.