

Gordonians 26 – 0 West

It was a grey day all round with a long journey to Aberdeen and a game played just below the grey clouds in the pouring rain. The loss to Gordonians did not improve the colour of the day although this was no disgrace as Gordonians are a well drilled side and a few more fortunate bounces of the ball for West could have given a different scoreline.

Considering the weather the pitch at Robert Gordons Uni sports fields was in excellent condition and both sides tried to play running rugby at every opportunity.

The home side were quickly on the scoreboard after a penalty was put to touch in the West 22 and



although the drive to the line was well defended the ball was quickly moved wide and the ball was touched down. The conversion hit the posts but Gordonians had a quick lead at 5 – 0.

West had an opportunity to hit back from the kick off with West road runner Mike Sim chasing down the kick and gaining the penalty, however the penalty conversion attempt went wide. Shortly after Sim again chased down a kick into the home 22 and kicked ahead into the in-goal area but an awkward bounce of the ball denied him the try, a deliberate knock-on being adjudged.

The rest of the first half was fairly even with good defensive tackling and ball retention by both sides nullifying further scoring opportunities. So the first half ended with the score at 5 – 0 and all to play for.

West started the second half well but the home defence was solid. Unfortunately the Gordonian forwards were beginning to read the West throw in at the line out well and stole a number of West line-outs putting West on the back foot. Gordonians gained another score when their hooker stole the ball in a West maul and broke through to score under the posts – easily converted to take the score to 12 – 0.

Although the game was fairly even with good defence and relentless pressure by both sides it was the home side which finally breached the West defence when their hooker again broke through to score. With the conversion good this took the score to 19 – 0. With a few injuries West had to rejig their team positions but this seemed to have the effect of galvanising the team and a number of good attacking opportunities arose. On another day and against a less well drilled team this would have led to West points on the board but it was not to be and it was heavy pressure on the West line that saw the home side gain their final and bonus point score, converted to make the final score 26 – 0.



This was a good quality game of rugby in poor conditions. West were unlucky not to put points on the board but Gordonians fully deserved their win which takes them to the top of the league table and drops West to third. West play 2nd placed Newton Stewart at Burnbrae this Saturday (Kick of 3 pm) and another hard game is anticipated.