

September 10th 2011

Overton vets travelled away to Windsor Vest Tournament and in true Overton Form headed straight for the Bar after a few pints Bondy was elected to go find the extra numbers we needed to try and meet our games. This was not a bad as it seemed in one way, as a few other teams were short of some players as well, and were quite happy to help us as long as we helped them. After a referees briefing where we found out the main rule was no kicking the ball out of hand outside your own twenty two.

The games started and I have to take my hat of to the Overton Gents who turned up for helping out all those teams.

Marlow vs. Esher.

Marlow played in the Overton kit due to a colour clash, Marlow were short of some forwards and a few backs so we all rolled on. The Overton forwards performed well, but we were out played in the back line, no matter how many times we tackled them they still had an overlap some where. (rumour going round was Esher had some internationals but we didn't recognize any of them as they passed at speed around Alan Cornell)

Overton V.s Esher.

This time Marlow helped us out and was much of the same with Esher using there back line to good effect, but the Overton Forwards stood steady and took the ball up the park ruck followed maul followed ruck and when the time came we actually managed to score the only Overton Try of the day, thanks to a little jinxing run by Chris Sheridan.

Overton V.s Marlow

With Esher unable to help us out (or unwilling) we found some players from Windsor and also Ealing came along to join as well, but Marlow's extra players had made there way through the traffic and arrived with fresh legs to give extra support to there back line.

And another stage of forwards tacking a ball up the park followed, only let down by poor refereeing as Marlow constantly killed the ball.

Marlow nicked the game with 2 tries.

Overton were now due for a break but it was not happen, we were due to play Ealing but they were running short of players and the day was hot and the bar was calling.

So we combined with Ealing to Play Reading Abbey in the Overton Colours. With the Overton Forwards and Backs all on the Pitch the game seemed to go for ever. Abbey took the lead and never lost it with some wonderful back line inter play, you didn't know who to tackle next.

This was followed by a trip to the Bar and contemplation on a most enjoyable day.

Funniest moment watching a referee tell Julian Kitchen that Overton were not push to much in the scrum.....

The Overton players

Paul Bond. Wing, fullback, back row.

Alan Cornell. Wing, centre (tackle monster)

Chris Sheridan. Wing and a big Hurrah for our only Try.

Karl Bray. Prop. All day hungry for the ball

Stuart Rhodes. Prop, back row. A master at taking the ball forward.

Jamie Davenport. Prop. Big hit country where he likes to live.

Graham Spinks. Second row, back row. The sledge hammer you need when running at brick walls all day.

Matt Deny. Second row the Legend lives on.

Gregg Wigmore. Back row, second row, he's the next thing that hits you after spinksey's nocked a hole and it hurts...

Julian Kitchen. Hooker. Prop. Played like he was 20 again was appearing every where.

Jim Goddard. Second row. But I only want ten minutes.....