

MATCH REPORT – BOXING DAY AT THE RECREATION GROUND

TORQUAY ATHLETIC PRESIDENT'S XV 26 V OLD GRAMMARIANS 22

A large Boxing Day crowd was well entertained with an open and close encounter between a President's XV and Torquay Old Grammarians.

Seven tries plus an early penalty try were shared. However the difference between the teams on show was the influence of home skipper James Wood at fly half with a personal tally of 16 points, including two solo tries from deep, the second ultimately proving to be the winning score.

For the Grammarians flanker Stephen Ward and lock Ben Lewis took the fight to the home side up front with No. 10 Jack Cooper pulling the strings behind the pack.

Referee Conrad Sutcliffe gave the Tics an early lead by awarding a penalty try after a series of infringements by the Old Boys close to their line. Wood converted for 7 – 0 but Jake Knapman then replied with a try before Tics left wing Aaron Graham was put away to sprint in from 40 metres for Tics to establish a 14 – 5 advantage.

Grammarians then took a lead of 15 - 14 with tries in quick succession from forwards Ward and Lewis before Wood decided to showcase his talent with a brace of tries in between which Stephen Ward added his second for the Old Boys. Final score 26 – 22.

Tics Seniors resume training at the Rec. this Thursday evening, 29th December.

The next home game at the Rec is a Devon Merit Table 2 match between the Quins and Brixham Albion with an 11.30 am kick off time on Monday 2nd January. This to allow supporters and players to watch that game and then have time to travel to Astley Park where the two Clubs will play with enlarged squads, having decided to rearrange the originally scheduled Second team Merit Table 1 match to another date.

Kick off time at Astley Park will be 2.30 pm. Please come and support the Team against our old rivals.