

**MATCH REPORT – SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011-11-13**  
**DEVONPORT SERVICES 28 V TORQUAY ATHLETIC 7**

Torquay Athletic's worst performance of the season led to the team being soundly beaten by a mid table Devonport Services outfit which had previously won only 3 out of 9 matches. From 1 – 15 the home side were superior for large periods of the game with their back row generally dominating the breakdown areas and half backs prompting intelligently.

After 7 minutes the visitors tried to run back a kick ahead but lost possession on half way from where left wing Ben Wadham switched to the right and was allowed to run 45 metres to touch down beneath the posts, a try converted by Matt Anstis for a 7 – 0 lead.

On 19 minutes Tics were pinged at a ruck and then marched back 10 metres for back chat from where Services kicked for position and after several attacking phases brought them closer to the line hooker Phil Wilson cut through to score. Anstis added the extras for 14 – 0.

Following a long searching break through the middle by skipper James Wood prop Russ Morris was tap tackled a few metres short. From this position and for the first time in the match Tics exerted concerted territorial pressure until flanker Alex Smith burrowed over for Wood to convert – 14 – 7.

However Tics dropped the following kick off and immediately went offside resulting in Anstis reinstating the 14 point margin by kicking the penalty. Half time 17 – 7. By this time Torquay had lost forwards Jon Arnold and Simon Mabin to injury.