

SWALEC Bowl Competition- Round 1

Llandrindod Wells 8- Dolgellau 32

The gap in the relative Leagues in which these two clubs play meant that the result was never really in doubt. Llandrindod though did themselves no favours by starting slowly and allowing Dolgellau to dictate the pace of the game for at least the first 30 minutes. The home side did come to life in the second half, evidenced by allowing Dolgellau to score only one try, and by keeping the pressure on the visitor's half.

From the kick-off Dolgellau's fast set of backs made their intentions clear, though up front the teams were a shade more evenly matched. They were the first to score with two quick penalties from Tom Roberts and with Llandrindod conceding more and more territory by giving away penalties, Dolgellau scored the first of their 4 tries, with a touch down by Ian Morris, conversion by Roberts.

By now, Llandrindod were starting to awaken, and a penalty from Matt Williams put them on the scorecard. To no avail though, and despite Llandrindod putting together some good moves, Dolgellau touched down twice more in this half, with tries from Owain Thomas and Dylan Llewelyn, the first one converted by Roberts. This gave them a 22 point lead at half-time and Llandrindod needed to up the ante in the second half if they were to make the scoreline at all respectable.

This they did to good effect, with flanker Geraint Evans and scrum-half Dale Wilson, who both had been making thorough nuisances of themselves to Dolgellau in the first half, leading the attack, and making large metres towards the Dolgellau line. Aided by the running of centre Dan Ruell, and stand-off Matt Williams, with Jamie Watkins doing good clearing up work, and great tackling, they held Dolgellau for long periods.

A Dolgellau try from Dewi Thomas, conversion by Roberts, really sealed the game but with Llandrindod giving 110%, there was always the chance of a score despite, again, giving away too many penalties. Eventually, right at the tail-end of the game, Llandrindod's centre Joe Bradley touched down after the pressure became too much for the visitors.

Llandrindod have no League match this weekend as their away fixture at Ynysowen has been postponed at Ynysowen's request. Their next match therefore is a week Saturday, 22 October with a home fixture against League newcomers Cefn Fforest.