

Cup Matches

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SWALEC Bowl- Round 2

COBRA 65-Llandrindod Wells 0

It is difficult to know what to say about this match. It is a fact that Llandrindod travelled light of experienced players, yet again. It is also a fact that COBRA had home advantage. What is more difficult to understand is how Llandrindod's defence collapsed in the second half, conceding eight tries.

This sort of result was not apparent at the end of the first half, with COBRA leading by only seventeen points. Llandrindod took the game to their opponents from the start and spent the greater proportion of this half in their opponent's territory, attacking through the power, commitment and hard work of their forwards, and with scrum-half Dale Wilson, and centre George Jenkins escaping the clutches of their opposite number to make metres and to threaten the COBRA line.

Llandrindod could certainly have scored in this half but were held off by a dogged COBRA defence, and with a fairly routine penalty kick going astray, perhaps the writing was on the wall. By now the home side were starting to get the measure of their opponents, and as a forerunner of what was to happen in the second half, were stringing good passing movements together, three of which resulted in tries helped by defensive errors, failure to tackle and not clearing the ball away. Also, COBRA could have scored two further tries had not their backs tried to be too clever.

The second half should have been fairly predictable to spectators and players alike. A deluge of tries as the Llandrindod defence collapsed and though there were bright moments especially when Llandrindod's centre Jenkins showed his opponents what a dangerous runner he can be, there was little other consolation for Llandrindod, apart from the referee's final whistle.

Due to the Internationals, Llandrindod now have no League game until 20 November when they travel to Llanrumney.

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