

DUNBAR RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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First-half flurry downs the Irish

Dunbar 56 Skerries 14

DUNBAR entertained their Irish friends from Skerries in what was their 31st visit to Dunbar on Saturday.

Due to the Skerries 1st XV having to play an important league match, their playing numbers were reduced, so some experienced Dunbar players donned the Skerries jerseys.

Dunbar had several 1st XV players of their own missing and so took the opportunity to blood some new players.

Dunbar received the kick-off and immediately threw the ball wide to John Peebles, who broke through a couple of tackles to score with the clock yet to reach one minute played. Jamie Peters converted to give the Dunbar team an early 7-0 lead.

The pressure on the Skerries players was immense and they struggled to subdue an explosive display of running rugby. With two more tries on four and eight minutes scored by flanker Keith Courtney, a big score was on the cards, as Peters converted

both kicks to extend the home team's lead to 21-0.

With 12 minutes gone, winger James Kelly finished off a fine move. Peters again slotted the conversion to make it 28-0 to Dunbar. Vice-captain Andrew Wightman was next up to score, with captain Peters converting.

Dunbar brought on the bench with Blair Mills, Andrew Lunam, Ally Brown and Antoin Penrose for Kelly, Wightman, Liam Clutton and John Peebles.

The Dunbar unit was forced to defend hard as Skerries mounted several attacks through their stand-off, who was causing some problems with his strong running. Dunbar defended well and eventually broke away to score a fine try through Peters, who converted his own score.

Within five minutes young Stuart Crichton finished off after the forwards had set up good ball in the 22. Peters continued his 100 per cent kicking record to extend the home lead to 49-0.

With half-time approaching, No 8 Calum Champion scored what was

probably the best try of the match. Peters again converted to bring the half to a conclusion at 56-0

With the game won, the stronger Dunbar players swapped side for the second half. The second half saw a much better game as the visitors saw more of the ball and were rewarded on 45 minutes with a well-worked try. The conversion was added to reduce the deficit.

Dunbar should have extended their lead on a few occasions but were guilty of too many handling errors. Skerries had some good possession and were again rewarded on 60 minutes with a good forwards try close in. The conversion brought an end to the scoring as both teams were very well matched in all departments.

After the match, the dinner was well attended and Skerries' captain presented the shield to Dunbar captain Peters.

Dunbar still have five matches left to complete in East 1, the first of which tomorrow (Saturday) sees the East Lothian men in England to play bottom club Berwick.

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