

DUNBAR RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1924 - 1925

HADDINGTON RFC v DUNBAR RFC – The game which had been looked forward to with great eagerness, resulted in a win for Haddington by the narrow margin of 5 points to nil. Unfortunately, rain fell infrequently throughout the afternoon, and thus, no doubt kept many spectators away from the match. The game, as was to be expected from the nature of the ground, lay mainly with the forwards, and the play was composed of loose scrums between the opposition packs. Curiously enough, all the embryo scopes came from the backs who often made ground by picking up a loose ball. Haddington with the wind at their backs, attacked throughout the first half, but although they had the advantage territorially they seemed unable to open the scoring. Tait was brought down less than a yard from the line and a few minutes later had hard luck with a drop at goal. The hooker for the home team was getting the ball back nine times out of ten, but the movements seldom went far along the three quarters, the latter wisely elected to kick. R Gordon tried to drop while directly in front of the posts but the kick failed. R Peden just failed to score from a free kick. Dunbar then took up the attack and with a series of well-judged touch kicks, found a place in the Haddington "25". From the line out, the Dunbar backs got possession but owing to the wet state of the ball, fumbled. Tait immediately cut through with brilliant judgement and running at a great pace, rounded the full back to ground near to the posts. Peden converted. A good individual attack by a Dunbar back nearly saw the visitors get over but Best cut across and saved a certain score. Apart from this and another good attempt by Tait, the rest of the game was fought out among the forwards. Although it was not a match where the back divisions had many scoring opportunities, yet they played a great game in defence. All the Haddington backs were good and Henderson on the opposing side, was prominent. But it is to the forwards where special praise should be given. The packs were evenly matched and played at a great pace throughout the game. The Haddington forwards played their best game of the year, a steady hard working eight. In such a , it is perhaps invidious to pick and choose but W Gordon, in particular, caught the eye. He was always in the front, and the home side's narrow victory was mainly due to his fine leadership and example.

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