

DUNBAR RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1925 - 1926

RUGBY.

Berwick (h) 3 pts. Dunbar 3 pts.

Quite a large number of people, some out of a spirit of curiosity, assembled on the Pier Field on Saturday when the newly-formed Berwick club made its debut against Dunbar and gave a very creditable exhibition. Though fairly equal, the game was not an interesting one to watch from the spectators' point of view, many of whom had never seen a Rugby match before and perhaps did not understand the game. There was very little open play, and most of the time was taken up with "scrums." Many spectators did not seem to know what the object of a scrum was, but evidently they took a keen interest in them, for cries of "Go on, sink him!" could be heard. The Dunbar team was not a particularly strong one and only one of their players, J. S. Allport, the captain, showed up brilliantly. He made several smart dashes down the field, and Berwick would have had many points against them had it not been for Dr J. C. Mackay, who was always Allport's master and never made a mistake in tackling. Webster was one of the outstanding players on the field and played a very plucky game. D. V. Kennedy, Gilchrist and Brush were also conspicuous for Berwick, though all the players of the new club played a hard game. A strong cross wind interfered with the play a good deal and the ball was often out of play. In the opening stages play was of an equal nature. Kennedy then made a smart dash for the line but failed to penetrate the defence, and a scrum followed. Berwick continued the attack and were first to score through Gilchrist, who scored a penalty goal. Dunbar retaliated, combining well together, and Allport equalised. Though Dunbar were very near the line on one or two occasions towards the end of the game, Berwick succeeded in holding them in check.

Teams:—Berwick: J. C. Mackay (full back); A. Mackay, E. W. Parkinson, W. Grieve, and L. F. Gleig (three-quarters); D. V. Kennedy and R. K. V. Webster (halves); J. Wait (captain), J. T. Gilchrist, A. Brush, A. C. A. Steven, N. Telford, P. Scott, N. Campbell, and Henderson (forwards). Dunbar: Craig; C. Burton, W. Burton, A. D. M. Teacher, and G. Ponton; J. S. Allport (captain) and M. J. Gibbs; G. Tate, J. D. Barlas, J. B. Lees, F. Russell, G. Kerridge, W. Ferguson, Evans, and A. L. C. White. Referee: Mr A. Hope.

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