

Dinbych 7 points Colwyn Bay 17 points

Despite some good individual performances Dinbych did not play as well collectively as of late and had no excuses in conceding the season's double to Colwyn Bay. The visitors pack were secure on their ball in the set pieces whilst Dinbych had no answer to their driving mauls which always gained good ground both in attack and defence. A slick back division used the possession effectively with the Leach brothers a constant thorn in Dinbych's side. For Dinbych many promising breaks failed due to lack of support allowing the Bay to clear their lines. A vital factor was the difference in experience in the sides with the Bay's older heads always in command of situations whilst some of Dinbych's youngsters in specialist positions are still finding their way.

The Bay played with a strong diagonal wind in their favour in the first half and for the first quarter of the game confined Dinbych deep in their own half. Dinbych survived without conceding a score due to their good all-round defence and some solid scrummaging. It was twenty five minutes before they were able to venture into the Bay half but did so to great effect. A sweeping move from half way was only halted in the right hand corner and when the ball was recycled inside second row Wil Jones forced his way over for a try converted by Trystan Rowlands. After this the Bay continued to dominate territorially and after a powerful driving maul took play near to the home line on the right the ball was moved infield for centre Patrick Leach to evade the Dinbych defence with a deceptive diagonal run to score an unconverted try. The Bay eventually took the lead in injury time when they injected pace into a move from halfway down the left hand touchline for outside half Joss Leach to go over in the corner for a try which he converted himself with a well judged kick.

Trailing by twelve points to seven at the interval Dinbych still had the game in their grasp with the wind in their favour. Unfortunately this slackened and even worse they were disrupted as they lost skipper Iwan Roberts with a leg injury forcing them to move Dan Jones to hooker whilst Phil Morris replaced him at scrum half. Morris brought his usual bustling game into play with several sniping runs but like one outstanding run by Wil Jones these came to nothing due to lack of close support. Although Dinbych dominated territory they were unable to break down the Bay defence and the Bay were always dangerous when they attacked. They scored the only try of the half when they created an overlap on the left and with defenders holding off tackles prop Olly Platt ran in from the 22 to score in the corner. With only good last ditch tackles thwarting two potential try scoring moves by the Bay the final score was a fair reflection on the play but Dinbych can still feel optimistic for the remainder of the season as their youngsters have continued to gain experience in games in which they have competed well.