

**Newport RUFC Under 16 Match report
Sunday 21st September 2008**

Shrewsbury U16 36 -7 Newport U16

The greater aggression and determination of the Shrewsbury team, meant that they were able to beat Newport comfortably, but by no means was this match one sided.

For long periods Newport stood toe to toe with their rivals, but a lack of cutting edge meant that they were never able to breakdown a well organised and combative defence.

Shrewsbury's first two tries both came from blindside breaks after rucks. Throughout the game, Shrewsbury were more dynamic in the ruck area and this enabled their backs to feed off quick ball. Such ball led to their third try as a missed tackle in the centre allowed an easy score under the posts.

Seventeen – nil down at half time could have seen a serious rout in the second half, but the Newport lads matched their hosts aggression and had they been more structured in their attacking, would have scored on at least two occasions. However, Shrewsbury managed to relieve the pressure and failure to tidy up loose ball gifted them two more tries.

Newport's line-out had the better of Shrewsbury's and good yardage was made on a number of occasions. Captain Matt Fleckney led well by example and he was ably supported by Sam Moysey, Will George, Rob Mayer and Huw Davenport in grafting the hard yards.

From pressure exerted near the Shrewsbury line, the home side failed to clear loose ball & Eddie Foulkes, playing at centre, pounced to score a well deserved Newport try. Jonno Wilson converted to raise Newport spirits.

Only a last minute breakaway try spoilt Newport's second half efforts and they can look forward to the visit to Telford next week with optimism.