

Sports Report
NEWPORT RUGBY CLUB

Stafford Under 14 19 – 31 Newport Under 14

Newport under 14 rugby team turned in yet another fine team performance to beat local rivals Stafford in an excellent game of rugby.

Stafford had taken a nineteen point lead through three individual breakaway tries, but far from accepting defeat, the Newport lads showed great spirit and skill to overhaul the home side in fine style.

Yet again Newport's forwards led the way with an almost faultless display. Skipper Matt Fleckney & fellow lock Rob Mayer had outstanding games punching holes in the Stafford defence.

However, it would be wrong to single out any member of the Newport eight, as they worked tirelessly as a group and recycled good quick ball time and again. From one such drive late in the first half, the ball was moved swiftly along the backs and good handling by Matt King, Zach Stamp and Carter Campion-Westwood, put Velcho Alexandrov through to score Newport's first try.

The second half was all Newport's, as they ran in four more tries. All stemmed from dominant forward play, with Andrew Nurser and Sam Moysey setting up fellow back row forward Kieran Porter for the first of his two tries. Jonno Wilson converted both.

Newport's third try fell to scrum half Eddie Foulkes, who finished off good work from prop Kristian Boote and hooker Huw Davenport, to charge through and score.

The ever improving Chris Massey gave way to give Shane Smith a first taste on action in the Newport shirt and he and full back William Webster were able to run back ever more desperate kicks from the Stafford defence.

In the end though, it was Newport's dominance up front that drove Stafford back and Jonno Wilson topped off an excellent game, by scoring Newport's fifth try and his conversion gave him eleven points in the match.

Newport's form has improved since a lacklustre 20 – 17 win over Telford and they were unlucky to lose 14 – 24 to a very physical Camp Hill in the North Midlands Cup. On this form, the Newport boys can look forward to next week's trip to Wrexham with great confidence.