

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD U17 v MOSELEY U17

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This was the last game played in the North Midlands Premier league for the season 2006/7 and the destination of the league title rested upon the result.

The Billesley Common pitch was less than perfect for an encounter featuring the best two sides at under 17 level in the County.

The beginning of the match saw the customary fast paced start made by the visitors from DK and only brave last gasp defence allied to some unlike handling errors by the visitors kept the score level.

After 20 minutes the first score came to the Home side after a dropped ball in midfield by DK allowed a quick counter attack with good support to score a try to the right of the posts. The conversion added two more points to give the home side a 7-0 advantage. There also followed a moment of ill discipline from the visitors which lead to them being reduced to 14 men for ten minutes. In this period the home side came more into the game as an attacking force and on the stroke of half time another score this time unconverted came.

At the half time break the score line of 12 -0 did not really reflect the closeness of the match.

Immediately on the restart a quality piece of support play allowed the home team to take full advantage of the extra man to score another try again converted to push the score out to 17 – 0.

It was at this point that DK rallied and back up to full numbers saw them camped out in the Moseley 22 for some 20 minutes. During this period several scoring opportunities came and went but the home line was finally breached out wide on the right to give the Dudley boys their first try.

At 17 – 5 the game was still a contest but to the credit of the home side the defence stayed strong and desperate play from DK gave two late try scoring chances to the home team. Both were taken and the final score, although lopped sided saw a deserved win and the league title go to Moseley 27 – 5.

Both teams now progress to the National Cup competition with the draw being eagerly awaited.

Good luck to both teams and here's hoping that they both go along way in the tournament carrying the name of the North Midlands with great credit.