



**RAG U16's Championship – Gogledd Cymru vs Cardiff Blues North**  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2009 – Llandovery RFC.

The Gogledd Cymru team squad that travelled to Llandovery for the opening Championship match of the 2009/10 season were met with a cold damp and far from comfortable set of playing conditions. Nevertheless, as the match got underway, it was Gogledd who made all the early running as the Scarlets were seemingly caught totally unprepared for the physical game our forwards had brought.

For 10 minutes, the Scarlets seemed unable to counter the virtually ever-present Gogledd pack but as they settled, the Scarlets backs came more into the fray and began to assert some authority. A well worked move from the Scarlets handed them an all-too-easy 11<sup>th</sup> minute Try from Gareth Owen, which Jordan Williams converted to take a 7-0 lead.

From the restart, again it was Gogledd who were working hard and making ground but again the Scarlets defended their lines just about adequately and slowly ground their way back into contention once again. A few careless errors from Gogledd handed a kickable penalty on 18 minutes to the Scarlets, and Jordan Williams obliged to take the score to 10-0.

For the remainder of the half, it was all Scarlets, as now Gogledd began to struggle and Jordan Williams began to dictate play from the Fly Half position, eventually running over for a Try of his own after 28 minutes, which he also converted to make the lead 17 points. Gogledd appeared to have no answer to the Scarlets back play, as forwards and backs failed to gel and a 33<sup>rd</sup> minute penalty kick, again from the boot of Jordan Williams, made it 20-0 at half time.

A slightly better fought second half ensued, with Gogledd chasing a tough target, but determined to get some points on the board. Despite their best efforts over a hard quarter-hour, the points did not come and on 53 minutes, Bradley Davies forced over for another Scarlets Try and Jordan Williams added to his own tally with another conversion to make it 27-0.

Again Gogledd rallied to get something out of the game and again the Scarlets turned them over, culminating in a 66<sup>th</sup> minute Try from Dylan Morgan and another conversion for Jordan Williams to make it 34-0.

Gogledd had very little fight left in them for the closing minutes but Scarlets did not add to the score and time played out on the 34-0 score line.

Elliott Crowe (Llandudno), Rhodri Evans (Caernarfon) and Joe Simpson (Bangor), were noticeable for Gogledd Cymru on the day but this was not the best display from the boys after a very promising start, and is certainly one they will be aiming to put firmly behind them.

Next up, Gogledd Cymru will host Cardiff Blues North at Parc Eirias, Colwyn Bay on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

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