

Glenrothes 77 - 14 Waid

Match report by John Goodall

With the Autumn International Series interrupting the season, Glenrothes were keen to play a friendly against Waid Academy on Friday night prior to the resumption of league fixtures on Saturday (3-12-22).

The game got off to the best possible start for the Glens. Shaun Gray kicked off deep into Waid's territory, they returned the ball and Gray took off to the right then cut back through the whole of the visiting team before racing to the posts for an early lead. He converted his own try and would go on to convert all of the subsequent tries.

After a short period of to and fro, Cooper Mckinlay grabbed the second try of the night chasing a Gray kick and beating Ross Anderson to the touch down. The third try wasn't long in coming as the Glens pressed their visitors' line, captain Rhys Bryce was stopped short but Sandy Thomson was awake for the lay back and dived over for the score. Gray grabbed his second try when out of nothing, he again danced his way through the defence to score near the posts.

Waid were clearly second best at this point but did not allow their heads to fall and were rewarded for their endeavours with a try when a combination of poor tackling by the Reds and good hands by Waid created an overlap at the right of the pitch which they took full advantage of. This try was also converted.

Glenrothes were quickly back on the attack and following a penalty deep in Waid territory, the forwards forced themselves over the line with Sandy Thomson claiming his second try. On the stroke of half time, Aaron Campbell was rewarded for his all round performance with a try when he burst through the defence with hardly a hand being laid on him. This made the score 42-7 at the break.

The second half started as the first had finished, Jolly Jack Tar made a great break and when stopped off loaded to the supporting Mckinlay who dived over for his second try.

The Glens again lost concentration to allow Waid's scrum half to glide his way over the goal line from a scrum in front of the posts which his half back partner converted.

The remainder of the game was however all Glenrothes. Anderson grabbed a brace with typical runs up the left wing. With another solo effort Gray completed a hat trick of tries as did young Cooper Mckinlay who finished off the move of the match with every Glenrothes back player being involved in a passing display the brightened up the gloomy evening. The final score was 77-14.

When the league resumes, Glenrothes may face stronger opposition but if they play as they did on Friday they will win more games than they lose. Coach Ron Harris must have been pleased with his players' performance but will have identified areas that need work on at training through the week. Saturday's game against Falkirk's second string kicks off at 2pm at Carleton Park.