

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Old Othliensians 3rds 40 – 10 Aireborough 3rds**

Following a full week of selection turmoil and player unavailability, Aireborough captain Andrew Wood eventually managed to drag a decent team together. Tony McCaul took the on-field captaincy and responded with a man-of-match performance which included the scoring of all of Aire's points. The Aire pack performed well in the set pieces but the superior mobility of Othliensians' pack regularly exposed Aire out wide despite solid defence in the centres from Will Tomlinson and Steve Hargreaves and relentless tackling from Adrian Wedgewood, Peter Wilkins and Granville Sellars in the back row. Scrum-half Iain Craven played well up until the point where he left the pitch just before half time after rolling round on the floor in agony with a knee injury. Craven later returned to the game following an injury to his replacement, Andy Walker. The only Aire try was following a long throw in a lineout which was caught by Stuart Howorth who powered several yards towards the line with the ball ending up in the hands of McCaul for the flop-over try.