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Aireborough 3rds 7-15 Knaresborough 2nds

Following a chaotic build up to the game which saw uncertainty in player selection and a dearth of referees, Aireborough just managed to raise a full team of 15 players with Stuart Howorth saving the day by volunteering to brandish the whistle. The atrocious conditions were always going to influence the outcome with the players indistinguishable from each other by the final whistle. Several players started out of position, the most notable being James Greenwood at scrum half who was put into the second row after a few minutes and replaced by Iain Craven who added some experience to the position. The forwards, now aided by Greenwood and with some solid front row play by Kyle Knox, Phil Kenyon and Nick Jackson, played well and set a solid platform for the backs but the conditions meant that there were always going to be handling errors and at least four tries were missed by Aire as a result. The only try was a characteristic solo effort by injury-defying man-of-match, Tony McCaul at stand off and this was converted also by McCaul.