

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009

### **Aireborough 3rds 38 – 5 Wharfedale 4ths**

Aireborough finally landed their first win of the season in a cracking game with Wharfedale's 4<sup>th</sup> string. Inspired by man-of-match Paul Exley, Aire shook off their usual restrained style of play and took the game to Wharfedale. Throughout the game the Aire forwards looked lively and made some ground with quick recycling of the ball from Kyle Knox and Ian Wilkinson. The Aire backs were on fire with Nathan Giles displaying some great mobility and turn of pace to rocket through the defence to score four tries in total. Steve Brewer and Nigel Craven rekindled their old lineout partnership and dominated in this area along with Ian Waite-Pullan who played at flanker for the first time. Wharfedale ended up relying on high kicks to try and gain ground but this aerial bombardment was easily coped with by Iain Craven who, on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, was faultless at full back and also kicked four conversions. Tony McCaul made some excellent runs from stand off despite a two week absence and a really serious shoulder injury. The remaining points were two tries scored by Bob Middleton and Andy Watts who, following a period of forward pressure, took the ball and ran round the outside of the defence to touch down in the corner for his first try for the club.