Match Report

Limavady v Ballymena

Saturday, 10th August 2019

With the new season about to get under way at the end of this month, Limavady and Ballymena played each other in a pre-season friendly. The format of the fixture was four 20 minute sessions to enable both Coaches to have a look at all the players available.

Session 1 belonged to Ballymena as they ran in two tries. Limavady were competing at all levels however could just not get on the score board.

If the first twenty minutes favoured the away side, Session 2 was to be quite the opposite. Limavady came on strong and in this period scored three excellent tries through Luke Faulkner, Adam Miller and Matthew Haslett and with Luke converting two of these he was able to push his side ahead by 19 points to 10.

Session 3 was two very good sides cancelling each other out. Defences were on top thus resulting in no further points being added to the score line.

With Ballymena bringing along a 30 man squad this meant that they could give their players a breather by utilising the rotation system. Limavady with a much smaller squad did not have this luxury. With fifteen minutes to go Limavady still held the lead however tired bodies enabled Ballymena to score three converted tries to leave the final score in a somewhat flattering margin in Ballymena’s favour.

Limavady’s Coaching staff should be really proud of the effort put in by their players against opposition four Divisions above them. While there is still work to be done the ground work is in place to ensure they have another strong tilt at achieving promotion that so cruelly escaped them last year.