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A's BATTLE IN NARROW LOSS

On a chilly evening under the mountain men took on the visiting Taupiri team, Taupiri made the better start dominating the early territory and threatened the Pirongia line on several occasions. Some resolute defense held out the Taupiri and they couldn't convert their field position into points.

The Pirongia team slowly worked their way up field and their attack started to threaten the Taupiri defenses. They were awarded a penalty 25 meters out and about 15 in from the touch line. First-five Sam Denize took the opportunity to convert it into points and give the home team a 3-0 lead after 25 minutes.

Taupiri took the ball from the kick-off and again applied pressure. This time Pirongia couldn't hold them out and they scored adjacent to the posts and with the conversion took a lead of 7-3 into the half time break.

The visitors dominated the first ³/₄'s of the second stanza with the home team struggling to apply pressure when given opportunities. Tries in the 60th and 63rd minutes. both converted took the Taupiri team out to a 21-3 lead.

Energy from the bench allowed the home team to look more dangerous in the last 10 minutes. Finally, in the 75th minute the mountain men were able to crack the Taupiri line scoring after several surges close to the try line by a fresh forward.

Then, one or the more popular tries of the season was scored by young winger Billy Ouston, finishing off a slick backline move to score in the corner.

Unfortunately, Denize couldn't convert either try from wide out allowing Taupiri to finish 21-13 ahead.



Billy Ouston twisting & turning to score in the corner

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On a night where the local forwards worked tirelessly all game and probably shared the spoils with the Taupiri forwards, the home teams outside backs were threatening whenever they got the ball in their hands.

Winger Cody Friedrich Taylor beat defenders all night bringing the back from defensive positions. Fellow wing Ousten was also lively and eager to take on the Taupiri defenders whenever asked. Centre /2nd five -eight Epa Nadru had his best game of the season constantly seeking gaps for either himself or support runners to breach the Taupiri defenses.



Lucas Dampney soaring above the Taupiri lineout





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B's GO DOWN M A TIGHT TUSSLE

Pirongia fought hard against a large Taupiri team, ultimately going down 22-10 in a score that flattered the opposition.

The game, played under lights, started off very evenly, with play oscillating between the two twenty-twos. Both teams had their opportunities to score, but due to good defence, neither team could breach the line. It took until the 15th minute for the opening score, when Taupiri used their large forwards to rumble over from a lineout close to the Pirongia line. Pirongia then had a good spell on attack and were unlucky not to even the score when Beau Jenkins went over, but unfortunately, the try was disallowed due to the referee calling an offside offence (photo evidence shows this was not the case). Pirongia continued to pressure the Taupiri line, but when Taupiri broke free, they were able to add a converted try and go into the half with a 12 to nil lead.

Taupiri came out firing at the start of the second half and put together a number of phases, resulting in a converted try in the second minute of the half to increase their lead to 19 to nil. Pirongia could have just rolled over, but instead, they had the better of the rest of the half. In the 56th minute, Angus Pratt was able to go over near the corner after some impressive work from both the forwards and the backs. Under pressure, Taupiri had an opportunity to increase their lead when they were awarded a penalty, which they converted. Pirongia came back on the attack and once again, Tim Bird was able to score and close the gap to 22 to 10. With 10 minutes to go, Pirongia had the better of the last few minutes but were unable to close the gap further.

Player of the day went to Beau Jenkins, who ran well with the ball, taking it to the Taupiri pack and was strong on defence all game.



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