

## **Under 13's - Bucks Cup Quarter Final Sunday 25th November**

Marlow arrived, as usual, with a pack larger than our boys. Marlow commenced the game very forward orientated with a lot of the play taking place in and around the break down. However the 'Field' forwards did secure some good ball from around the rucks and created two early chances for the backs to run at Marlow, with some sharper handling and earlier passing we would have scored on both occasions.

Marlow continued to press through the forwards and eventually scored in the right corner, conversion missed. BRFC 0 Marlow 5.

Beaconsfield soon realised that our back division were much stronger than Marlow. Without exception everyone worked extremely hard in rucks and mauls to secure the ball. They did this well and in the 17 minute, playing some good phased rugby, they managed to release our backs who sent George S down the left wing only to be tackled around the throat just 1m short of the line. Penalty try awarded and converted (Carlisle). BRFC 7 Marlow 5

Marlow came back immediately and scored a converted try right on half time.

The whole team worked extremely hard and with great heart. They defended well and continued to play open rugby when in possession.

The lead changed hands three times in an exciting the fist half giving Marlow a half time lead of 12 - 7.

The second half saw Beaconsfield change tactic by playing a wider game. With some intelligent kicking and quicker hands we managed the stretch the game to take the ball away from the Marlow forwards. This worked in magnificent fashion as we opened up the Marlow defence twice to score under the posts (Howe and Toms), both were converted (Carlisle) giving Beaconsfield a 21 -10 lead.

The try scored by Toms was a coaches joy, solid set piece, two good phases and release the ball into a sharp back line, fantastic!!!!!!!

Marlow really turned on the power, playing a forwards orientated game hoping that their bigger pack would over power the Beaconsfield defence. Our boys held out for the last 10 minutes in our 22 which culminated in Marlow being awarded a penalty try (after a succession of 5m scrums) due a high tackle just short of the line.

Personally at this point I had lost all sense of time and forgot to check my watch, the referee blew the full time whistle as the conversion went under the bar or did I just imagine that bit!!!!!!!

Well done to all the boys in the squad who now have the challenge of a semi final against A+C in February.

Final Score - **BRFC 21 Marlow 17**

Try's: Swalwell (Penalty Try)

Howe

Toms

Cons: Carlisle (3)