

## CARLISLE RFC

Team: Colts  
Date: 03 October 2009  
Kick off time: 14:55  
Match: Wigton Colts v Carlisle Colts  
Venue: Wigton  
Won / drawn / lost: Won  
Result: 17 v 24  
Half time score: 12 v 0

Carlisle scores by:

Scorer	Tries	Cons	Drops	Pens
Kyle Fisher	1	2		
Callum Hermeston	1			
Tom Dixon	1			
Ryan Howe	1			

Saturday 03 October 2009

Wigton Colts 17, Carlisle Colts 24

Carlisle and Wigton have contested the last two County U18 cup finals, Carlisle winning two years ago but Wigton got the cup last season winning 20-12.

From the outset this match was about the conditions that prevailed throughout the game leading to two very distinct halves for both teams. There can be no surprise at the halftime result, Wigton with the wind behind had Carlisle pinned down in their twenty two for much of the time and the three occasions Carlisle found themselves deep in the Wigton twenty two resulted in turn over ball and a swift kick deep back into Carlisle territory. Wigton scored within the first five minutes close to the posts but failed to convert, another score around the twenty – minute mark was converted. During this period a number of penalties were conceded by both teams, eventually this resulted in a Wigton player being sent off for persistently killing the ball.

Having soaked up the pressure and now with the wind behind them the second half began with Carlisle almost conceding another score, this was quickly turned around with the ball getting out wide to Kyle Fisher who ran most of the pitch to put Carlisle on the score board, he then went on to convert his try. Carlisle forwards were to cross the line three more times: firstly Callum Hermeston followed by Tom Dixon and then Ryan Howe. With 15 minutes left to play Carlisle lost full back Ellis Little who was binned for laying on the ball, this gave Wigton a penalty 5 metres out, Carlisle defended well against this but Wigton would cross the line adding another five points to their tally.

It was the difficult conditions that styled the game, with both sides making handling errors at times; Carlisle defended strongly all match but it was up to the forwards to take the game to Wigton and the Carlisle pack all had a notable game. The first half in particular showed the heart of the Carlisle team was beating strongly, both sides worked hard with Carlisle ending on top.

Many thanks to the Wigton team and staff for their hospitality and comments after the game, next week the Colts travel to Consett.

Report sent in by S. Harkins