

GAME THREE

29TH JANUARY 2010 - TAMPA BARBARIANS VS PELICAN UNDER 19'S AT ST. PETERSBURG PELICANS 5 BARBARIANS 37

For the second week in a row, the Barbarians had a game under floodlights kicking off at 7pm in St Petersburg. Thankfully the rain had eased by the time the game started and apart from a blustery wind the weather was kind. For the first 15 minutes the Barbarians failed to find their form and had the Pelicans camped in our own half for the majority of this time. Then, after 17 minutes and some concerted effort keeping us in the Pelicans 22, Rusty Nordlund crossed the line for our first try which was unconverted. From here on the Barbarians were winning the territorial game and pressured the Pelican line. At minute 31 Alex Castor scored the second try which Charlie Hutchings converted to put the score at 12-0. Now the team seemed to settle and two minutes later Jordon Worlds made a break and a long run from the halfway and scored the third try which was also converted. In the dying seconds of the first half serious pressure from the Barbarian at Pelican lineout 5m's out, resulted in a deliberate knock on by a Pelican player and the referee awarded a penalty try. Charlie converted this from in front of the posts.

At half time the score stood at 26-0 to the Barbarians.

The second half started similar to the first and the Pelicans put up some resolute defense to keep the Barbarians from scoring however a penalty awarded against the Pelicans some 40m's from their line resulted in a kick and a score of 3 points. The Pelicans came back and scored a long run-in try which was unconverted. Another successful penalty kick from Charlie moved the score up to 32-5 and then 2 minutes from time, huge forward pressure on the line led to Ben Nakamura crossing their line in the corner for the last score of the game. The conversion was missed. Final score Barbarians 37, Pelicans 5. The three players nominated by the Pelicans for their good play were Charlie Hutchings, Ben Nakamura and Blake Burch (on his debut)

Man of the Match - Blake Burch

Hit Stick - Ross Cozzo

Try scorers - Rusty Nordlund , Alex Castor, Jordon Wolds, Ben Nakamura and a penalty try

Conversions - Charlie Hutchings x 3

Penalties - Charlie Hutchings x 2

GAME TWO

22ND JANUARY 2010 - TAMPA BARBARIANS VS SHARKS AT ODESSA SHARKS 12 BARBARIANS 10

In a highly anticipated game, the Tampa Barbarians traveled to Odessa for their game against the Tampa Sharks. This was the first time the Barbarians had played under lights and was further confused by the addition of fairly thick fog! Both teams had good defense which resulted in a low scoring game but one still loaded with excitement, anticipation and good rugby. The Sharks were shut out for the first 20 minutes of the game but eventually a good move off the back of a ruck saw their center make a good run and score the opening try. The conversion was missed.

The Barbarians reasserted themselves and not long after Charlie Hutchings took a penalty to add the first points for the Barbarians. With the Barbarian forwards hammering the Sharks line, the ball was eventually moved wide and Alfonso Guerreiro managed to run into the corner for his second try of the season. The conversion was successfully taken from the left hand touch line and two more points were added to the Barbarians score.

At half time the Barbarians led 10 points to 5.

The second half was a battle of attrition. 10 minutes to go and the Sharks scrum half scuttled over the line to score their second try bringing the score to 10-10. The conversion was made and the score stood at 12-10. with 2 minutes remaining on the clock Charlie had an opportunity to score a penalty kick. This was narrowly missed so the final score was 12-10 to the Sharks. The three players nominated by the Sharks for their good play were Charlie Hutchings, 'Rusty' Nordlund and Alfonso Guerreiro.

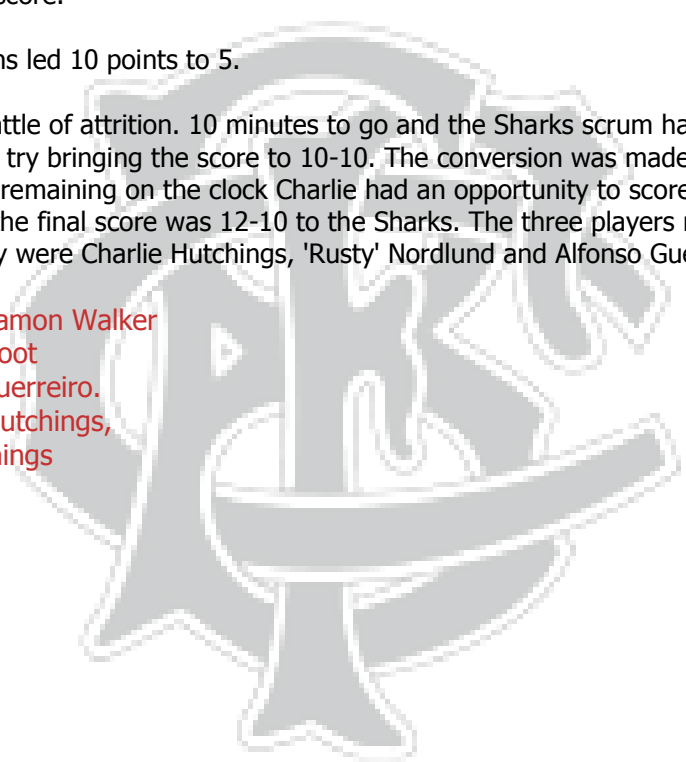
Man of the Match - Damon Walker

Hit Stick - Nieko Lightfoot

Try scorers -Alfonso Guerreiro.

Conversion - Charlie Hutchings,

Penalty - Charlie Hutchings



GAME ONE

16TH JANUARY 2010 - TAMPA BARBARIANS VS NORTHEAST NOMADS AT FT. LAUDERDALE NORTHEAST NOMADS 0 BARBARIANS 51

28 players and 6 of the club committee traveled down along with 3 sets of parents who had made the journey especially. The team were ready for this first encounter and the opportunity to put what they'd been practicing to the test.

With a very strong wind in our faces the barbarians kicked off. There were the inevitable first game nerves but after approximately 4 minutes a concerted effort from backs and forwards resulted in our first try of the game by Rusty Nordlund. The conversion was missed. Our second try came approximately 10 minutes later by another forward, Nieko Lightfoot, following a ruck 5 meters from their line. Again the windy conditions meant this conversion attempt was also missed. 5 minutes later, Steve Layland crossed the line to score the third try and Charlie Hutchings kicked his first points of the afternoon. Just before the half ended, Charlie took a quick penalty and scored the first try for the backs but was unfortunate not to be able to make the conversion.

At half time the score stood at 22-0 to the Barbarians.

The second half meant that the strong wind was now at our backs and it wasn't long before Alfonso Guerreiro made a good run down the left wing to score the first try in the second half. Good handling and a strengthened scum in the second half meant that the Barbarians got more of the ball and a good turnover resulted in Jordon Worlds running 40 meters down the field to score his first try of the season. This time, with the wind behind him, Charlie managed to kick the conversion and add the two extra points. Further rucking and good forward movement by the team meant Rusty crossed the line for the second time this afternoon which remained unconverted. The last two tries were scored by players on their debut appearance. Neither Ross Cozzo nor Chad Spencer had ever played rugby before this season but both took advantage of good ball handling to score their first tries. Chad, playing wing as opposed to his normal flanker position, took a well worked ball from the backs and managed a 30 meter run to score in the corner. Ross's try was converted but Chad's proved just too far in the conditions. The players can all be proud of their first game this season and deserved the result. Final score was Tampa Barbarians 51 -Nomads 0.

Man of the Match - Charlie Hutchings,

Hit Stick - Eric Nickle

Try scorers - Rusty Nordlund x 2, Nieko Lightfoot, Steve Layland, Charlie Hutchings, Alfonso Guerreiro,

Jordon Worlds, Ross Cozzo, Chad Spencer.

Conversions - Charlie Hutchings x 3