

Langley Ruggers Washed Out

It was an uphill battle for the LRC 2nd division team from the first whistle, Abbotsford RFC, undefeated and first in the league came out strong pushing Langley back and touching the ball down for their first converted try of the day at the 10 minute mark. And they kept that pressure up scoring two more times within seven minutes. But Langley was not to be denied and Jason Warnick was able to crash his way through the centers to score for Langley with less than 20 minutes remaining in the half, try converted by Gary Ewasiuk. Unfortunately Abbotsford was able to put a stop to Langley's momentum when they intercepted a pass and ran it in for one more try to end the half.



2nd Div Scrumhalf Steve Marce Moves the Ball out of the scrum.



2nd Div Lock Mike Bott is boosted to will the ball in the Langley Lineout.

Langley went into the second half with strong play and determined to close the 24-7 gap, Abbotsford scored first, but Langley was not discouraged coming back minutes later with Jason Warnick's second try generated from a Langley scrum on the 5 metre line. Langley continued to pressure the Abbotsford ruggers with Steve Marce setting up Matt Wood on the blindside, the winger was able to walk through the Abby defense unopposed. The try was converted by Ewasiuk. Unfortunately Langley hurt their own cause giving up another 6 points in penalty kicks and one more converted try from Abbotsford left Langley with precious little time to mount an offense. That did not stop them from trying, though, and managed to put up another 5 points with a try from Gary Ewasiuk. The final score on the day was 42-24 in favour of Abbotsford, but that score does not reflect the close feeling of the game and the strong play from Langley, who did well to keep the game within reach against an Abbotsford side that has posted 100+ point victories this season.

In first division play it looked like the Abbotsford side was coming out as strong as their second division team, scoring in the first 2 minutes of play on a 5 metre line out. The Abby try appeared to light a fire in the heart of the Langley ruggers, putting pressure on Abbotsford and keeping possession of the ball. Strong play resulted in a penalty successfully kicked for 3 points by Patrick Vaydo and a try by Kolby Brezden less than three minutes later, converted by Vaydo. Going into the second half with a 10-5 advantage victory looked to be within reach for the Langley side, but play collapsed in the pouring rain and Langley began to give up ground to Abbotsford with knocked on balls and missed tackles. Injuries caused Langley to make substitutions and reshuffle their back line and Abbotsford was able to put up 13 more points with a converted try and two successful penalty kicks. Applying great pressure on the Abbotsford defense in the last 10 minutes of play Langley was still held to no points in the second half, losing the match 18-10



L: 1st Div Taylor Connal carries the ball in the driving rain.



B: 1st Div Langley scrum pushes for the try line as scrumhalf Cody Rockson waits for the ball to come free.

This Saturday will be the final game of this half of the season before breaking for winter. Langley will face off against the Surrey Beavers at Sullivan Park starting at 1pm. The Langley Rugby Club will also be collecting donations for the Food Bank over the weekend; donations can be made at the game on Saturday or at the Langley Rugby Clubhouse on Sunday after 2pm during the Grey Cup.

LRC Near Perfect Start

Rugby has started again in Langley and since the season opened in September the Langley Rugby Club's Senior Men's 1st and 2nd Division teams have attained 7-1-0 records and second place in their divisions. This past weekend saw Langley in action against the Vancouver Scribes RFC, the Scribes having posted only one win between both of their teams, were possibly taken too lightly by the Langley sides that saw many changes due to absences and injuries. Scribes opened the scoring early in the second division match with 3 points on a penalty kick at the 22 meter line in front of the posts, this seemed to be the catalyst that woke up the Langley side as they came back soon after with a try from prop Corey Taillefer, stretching over the try line with a man hanging off of him. Langley kept picking up their pace adding two more tries before the half ended, both scored by fly-half Gary Ewasiuk, with the first made to look easy as he effortlessly stepped through the Scribes' defense.

Langley saw strong defensive play from Travis Rockson to keep the hard running Scribes from crossing the try line. The second half was a hard fought battle between the two sides as play became more organized and the pace quickened. Langley's Tim Costello made a hard run in for a try that was called back when it was knocked on in the end zone. Langley recovered quickly with great ball movement to Sean Messenger, in his first game back after 6 weeks abroad, setting up new player Ryan Angeltvedt, in the corner for the last score of the game. Gary Ewasiuk successfully kicked to convert two of the four tries for a Langley victory and a final score of 24-3.



2nd Div Matt Woods goes on a run with Scribes in hot pursuit



2nd Div Mike Berg receives the line out ball

In first division action Langley saw some changes in its roster with several players injured or away, but was still able to come away with the lead in the first half of play. Jon Bright opened the scoring touching the ball down for a try directly between the posts, successfully converted by Patrick Vaydo. The first half saw two more trys scored by Langley. Noel Maher, on left wing, put the ball down in the corner in a perfectly executed back play, the convert by Vaydo sliced barely wide of the posts. It was déjà vu for the Langley fans minutes later as Maher scored a nearly identical try, this time the convert by Vaydo was good. The Scribes fought hard and were able to push Langley back scoring one unconverted try before the half ended. The second half saw more back and forth play as the teams pressured each other for points until Langley broke away and again dominated the play. The Scribes were able to score one converted try, but it wasn't enough as Langley put up points with two successful penalty kicks by Vaydo and then a try by club president Stu Morrison along the left sidelines, which was converted by Vaydo. The final score was a 32-12 victory for Langley.



1st Div Flanker Thomas Hart and the Langley Scrum push back the Scribes to defend their try line

Both Langley teams were able to overcome play that was disorganized at times to claim hard fought victories, but this weekend they will need to be perfect from the start if they hope to beat the league leading undefeated Abbotsford RFC. Games kick off at Langley at 1pm on Saturday, November 21st.

5/02/09 - Langley vs. Kelowna - Semi playoffs





04/20/09 Langley Undefeated in Kelowna - by Katy Vaydo

This past Saturday Langley Rugby Club's 1st and 2nd Division men were on the road in Kelowna for the final game of the regular season. This trip was pivotal to secure playoff positions for both teams, but unfortunately they only got half of the results that they were looking for. The seconds started strong right from the first whistle with Mike Bott scoring a try within the first 2 minutes of play, which was converted by Andrew Vaydo. Langley kept the pressure on, repeatedly breaking through gaps in the Kelowna defense to score three more times in the first half. Trys were scored by Robbie Kanazawa, Ryan Brown and James Morrison with one more conversion coming from the foot of Andrew Vaydo. Kelowna managed to score once in the first half, but Langley came right back with a try of their own to halt any momentum Kelowna was starting to build.



L to R Jason Warnick, Nate Coleman and Wade Dickinson fight to dig out the ball as (L to R) Thomas Hart, Mike Bott, Brendan Kiloh and Brad Madu look on.



Mike Bott gets boosted higher than his opponent to win the ball.

With a score of 24 - 7 at half time Langley came out even stronger in the second half of play with Gary Ewasiuk scoring in the first minute; Andrew Vaydo was good for the conversion. James Morrison was denied his second try of the day when the ball was knocked loose in the end zone, but his determination was evident when he came back within moments to successfully touch down the ball for his second try, converted for 2 more points by Andrew Vaydo. Langley lost several players to injury in the first 15 minutes of the second half, but they had enough depth waiting on the sidelines that they were able to continue their strong play scoring two more trys. Chris Moore and Wade Dickinson rounded out the scoring for the day with one try each and another good kick from Andrew Vaydo. The final score was 48-7 for Langley, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to secure them a playoff position, as they also needed several teams seeded higher than them to lose their last regular game of the year. Langley's 2nd Division side has seen lots of growth this season and is no longer plagued by a shortage of players; they hope to build on their progress with even more success next year.

Langley's 1st Division Men came out flat in the start of the match and were knocked back repeatedly by Kelowna's size and speed. Kelowna immediately took advantage scoring a penalty kick and two tries before Langley came back to put points on the board with a try from Richard Pearce that was successfully converted by Patrick Vaydo. Kelowna scored once more to finish the first half with a 22 - 7 lead.



Jonathan Bright narrowly misses the ball as he is boosted by Robbie Hayes.



Scrum Half Cody Rockson looks on as the Langley scrum prepares to push.

Langley came out stronger in the 2nd half and scored twice, both tries from club president Stu Morrison before Kelowna was able to post more points on the board with another try. Langley seemed to find their determination to put up enough points to secure first place in their division and a bye into the semi-final round of playoff action with another try from Stu Morrison and extra points kicked by Patrick Vaydo. The last 20 minutes were dominated by Langley in Kelowna's end battering away at the defense in desperation to get one more try touched down. Langley finally found success in the last 10 minutes and collected 5 of 7 possible points when Patrick Vaydo broke through a gap to gain yards in Kelowna's end and in the resulting second phase of play the ball moved from Stu Morrison to Robbie Hayes and then out to winger Noel Maher who went in for the try, unfortunately Patrick Vaydo's kick for the extra points went just wide of the posts leaving the score tied at 29 - 29.

The tie was enough to ensure Langley first place in their division and a bye into the semi-final round of the playoffs which will be played at Langley's Crush Crescent field on May 2nd. If Langley is able to advance from the semi-final they will play in the BC Finals on May 9th, with their successful season adding to the club's 40th anniversary celebrations this spring. The Langley Rugby Club will celebrate their 40th anniversary with an awards banquet and dance at West Langley Hall on May 9th. More information is available at www.langleyrugby.com or contact events@langleyrugby.com or 604-832-9415 to reserve tickets as they expect to sell out soon.

2/28/09 - LRC Div 1 vs. Abbotsford

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