Clifton U15 Cup Winning Match Report

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Thanks to Jon Masters for providing the following match report of the Under 15s recent cup victory over Cleve: GLOUCESTERSHIRE U15 PLATE FINAL CLIFTON 26 CLEVE 5 Clifton won an entertaining final played in good spirit under lights in front of a large crowd that would have been the envy of the 1st XV (where was Anderton?!). The first quarter was very competitive, with play flowing from end to end. Clifton were first to make the vital breakthrough when, after a succession of forward drives in the Cleve 22, scrum half Billy Reynolds forced his way over from close range, with Dan Scroggs adding an excellent conversion from the 15m line. Clifton kept up the pressure and, following an excellent planned move from a 2 man line out, centre George Kallias made a strong break before stumbling just short of the line, and after 3 further rucks, flanker Tom Mendham touched down in the corner. Half Time: Clifton 12 Cleve 0 Cleve struck back early in the second half when a chip into the corner bounced awkwardly, and Cleve's winger was first to the touch down for a well deserved score. Cleve continued to put Clifton very much on the back foot, and the match at that stage was very much in the balance. Clifton's defence held firm however, and Reynolds and fly half Tim Coughlan were able to relieve the pressure with some good clearing kicks. The match suddenly turned back in Clifton's favour when captain Reynolds made a strong break from a scrum on half way and put full back Chris Nash away for a score under the posts. 5 minutes later, Reynolds capped off a fine individual performance with a solo try from 50 metres. Scroggs converted both tries. Full Time: Clifton 26 Cleve 5 The final score flattered Clifton and Cleve are to be congratulated for their own strong performance, with centre Jack Tovey and No 8 Karl Hurkett a constant threat. Whilst there were some fine individual performances, particularly from man of the match Billy Reynolds, Clifton's entire squad are to be congratulated on a fine all round team performance and a well deserved victory. We wish both teams well for the Bristol Combination 7's Tournament at Keynsham on Sunday, and for another successful season next year. Representative Honours Congratulations to Billy Reynolds and Jack Hendy for their selection to the Gloucestershire squad for the National Tens Tournament this week-end, and also to Max Semple for his selection to the Scottish Exiles squad. This caps off another successful season for the squad, 9 of who have represented Bristol Schools this season. 0