

Dromore edge out thriller.

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We had four seasons in one day as Grosvenor took on Dromore at Barban Hill. Recent results meant that the Junior Cup holders retained an outside chance of challenging for league honours while Grosvenor were trying to secure a 4th place finish. The strong wind was blowing crossfield in the first half and home side attacked in waves but the Grosvenor defence was resolute and they kept their line intact. It was a full twenty minutes before Grosvenor got their hands on the ball and when they did they pinned Dromore back with some great charges by Conor McKee, Stuart Smyth and Dbo Bowden in the forwards with Allen McCluggage sniping at the fringes. However Dromore managed to break the deadlock with an unconverted try after 30 mins to take a 5-0 lead. Just before the break Grosvenor centre Ben Coard pounced on a loose ball and grubber kicked from twenty metres out to score a great opportunist try in the corner, which was superbly converted by Skelton. 7-5 HT

The second half continued in the same fashion with both sides nullifying the attacking efforts of their opposition with some unbelievable tackling. After twenty five minutes Dromore were awarded a scrum ten metres out and their impressive No.8 picked up from the base and powered his way over for a try, his route to the line being created by a canny obstruction on Grosvenor flanker Ben Davies which went unpunished. 12-7. Grosvenor bossed the last 15 minutes and despite tremendous pressure they just could not score, their best effort being being held up over the line. Again full credit to Dromore who defended resolutely to the final whistle. A fair result on the day and Grosvenor must be content with the losing bonus point plus the fact that they pushed a top side like Dromore the whole way in very difficult conditions.

MOM Conor McKee was superb in attack and defence and gets the nod this week.