



**GWERNYFED**  
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

# Match Report

## Pontyclun v Gwernyfed

**PONTYCLUN 19 GWERNYFED 0**

### POINTLESS IN THE VALE

Gwernyfed travelled down to Pontyclun through torrential rain but in arriving were greeted by a lovely sunny day, the shirts-sleeved crowd enjoying the warmth if not what evolved into a fairly dour afternoon's rugby.

The first twenty minutes passed with Gwernyfed having slightly the better of play with their pack dominating the scrum and Rob Jones and Gareth Dodd releasing the backs only to be met by solid defence from the home three quarters.

Gradually Pontyclun showed their superiority behind the scrum and made inroads through midfield. The deadlock was finally broken when a series of moves culminated in lively scrum half Mathew Theaker getting the final touch, centre McTaggart adding the two points.

One of the hosts' most potent weapons was left wing Rob Gwyther who exhibited the Jonah Lomu style physique and approach. After several good runs his power overwhelmed the young green, white and black defenders and only an illegal intervention by skipper Sam Stephens thwarted a try. The stay of execution was short as first class referee Jamie Morgan signalled a penalty try and despatched Stephens to the bin for good measure.

As half-time approached a fourteen point margin looked to be ample reward for the home side but this was extended when a sweeping move by the Vale backs ended with McTaggart touching down to make Gwernyfed's task in the second half all the more daunting.

In fact throughout the second period it was the Talgarth men who pressed for a score with the home side never looking like getting the bonus try. Great driving by Johnny Bowen, Dave Roberts and Lee Hammond came perilously close to breaking the visitors' duck but the home defence was resolute. Even Gwernyfed's rolling maul was repelled when Stephens, Lewis Bowen and Steve Harley all looked likely to score.

As the final whistle beckoned the game rather died with neither side making much impact and no one was terribly upset when the end was signalled. Gwernyfed entertain seaiders Penarth next week and are unlikely to come up against quite such a well organised side as Pontyclun as they look to climb up the table with a second home win.

