

Selborne edge Qonce rivals in epic battle in East London

Selborne fullback Bungqina Nuku slotted five penalties to kick his team to a gritty 15-13 win over Dale College in their King Price Derby Series schools rugby match on the A field at Selborne in East London on Saturday.

It was another agonising loss for the team from Qonce, who threw everything at the home side in the second half after trailing 9-0 at the break.

The Dalians scored the only try of the match when replacement Qhawe Mtati danced his way past a couple of defenders to cross the whitewash in the 68th minute.

Flyhalf Sonwabise Dyani slotted their conversion to bring the visitors to within two

points of their opponents' tally, but it was Selborne who ended the match in the stronger position, pouring on the pressure from the final kick-off to camp in Dale's 22.

They were awarded a number of penalties, but Dale were massive in defence and they kept their East London rivals at bay through a number of driving mauls for the line.

Eventually Selborne took care of matters from yet another penalty to tap the ball and kick in to touch to secure the win.

It was a courageous effort by Dale who battled to match their opponents in the first half and were punished by the accurate boot of Nuku each time

they infringed in their half.

An example of Selborne's domination came in the fact that on three occasions in the first 10 minutes they were held up over the Dale line as they pressed for the opening try.

Dale scrambled in defence with remarkable energy and it meant that Selborne decided to build scoreboard pressure through the educated boot of Nuku.

Admittedly he had the wind behind him, but his accuracy was commendable given the tension of the occasion.

Nuku goaled his fourth penalty three minutes into the second half before Dale got on the board with successive penalties by Dyani closing

the gap to 12-6.

The Selborne fullback then made it 15-6 before Dale's late surge brought them back into the game, but ultimately it was all in vain.

Ooskus Gymnasium dominated their match from the start against Komani outfit Hangklip, scoring two early tries and building up a 24-10 lead at halftime.

They were in control throughout the match up front and this allowed them to score two more tries in the second half for a 34-10 victory.

Scorers:

Selborne 15 (9): Penalties: Bungqina Nuku (5).

Dale 13 (0): Try: Qhawe Mtati. Penalties: Sonwabise Dyani (2). Conversion: Dyani. — SuperSportschools.com

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