

ASA U16 Youth Boys Finals 2010 Report By Ron Winn



Lancaster versus Dunfermline is the ASA Youth Boys Water Polo Final 2010

The game started well for Dunfermline as they scored on their first attack after Lancaster exclusion. Lancaster responded with Sam Smith scoring. Dunfermline hit back with their 2nd goal, Lancaster replied with their 2nd goal from Noel Howson. Both sides pressing forward at every opportunity, Lancaster force a Dunfermline exclusion and score through Sam. Dunfermline bounce back and awarded a penalty, they score to finish the quarter level at 3 goals apiece

Dunfermline out of the blocks the quickest and take an early lead, Lancaster react positively as Mathew Calvert scores. Lancaster under pressure suffers exclusion and Dunfermline retakes the lead. Dunfermline under pressure as Lancaster fights back. Lancaster gain 2 quick Dunfermline exclusions, but fail to convert their chance. Lancaster continues to pressure the Dunfermline defence and is awarded a penalty. Lancaster fail to score the penalty, are they going to rue these early advantages? Lancaster continues their assault on the Dunfermline goal and is rewarded with a fine goal from Ben Walker. Dunfermline having taken battering fights back and are clinical in their finishing with a goal to retain the lead. They are unable to establish control as Lancaster equalise through Mathew Calvert. Dunfermline returns to attack and force Lancaster exclusion, they retake the lead and in the last seconds of the quarter they increase their lead to 2 goals. The quarter finishes Dunfermline 8 Lancaster 6.

Lancaster starts the 3rd quarter with the team talk ringing in their ears. First Sam Smith scores and then Captain Elliot Trafford score to level the score. Lancaster now needs a period of control, as they continue to press forward they are awarded Dunfermline exclusion but are unable to score. Dunfermline calls a time out on their possession and score. Lancaster press forward and score to level the scores through Mathew Calvert as he scores his 3rd of the game. As Lancaster seems to be getting back into the game they concede an unfortunate penalty, Dunfermline score and nose back into lead. With 4 seconds to go of the quarter Dunfermline score again to extend their lead to 2 goals. Score at end of quarter Dunfermline 11 Lancaster 9

The last quarter promises to be a tense and exciting affair. Lancaster starts positively as they are awarded a penalty on their 1st attack. Sam Smith scores to reduce the deficit. Dunfermline determined not to let Lancaster get a toe hold in the game force Lancaster exclusion; they score to retain their 2 goal advantage. Lancaster surge forward and the prolific Sam Smith score his 5th of the game quickly followed by Mathew Calvert scoring to level the scores with 4 minutes of the game remaining. Dunfermline pressing even harder forces Lancaster to concede a penalty. In one action Lancaster suffer a double blow as they lose one of their influential players and a goal. Lancaster drive forward and force Dunfermline exclusion, Lancaster calls a timeout but fail to score from the man advantage. Still only one goal in 25 separates the 2 teams. Lancaster calls a 2nd timeout but fail to score from the set play. With less than 1 minute of the game to go Dunfermline call a timeout and score from the set play to leave the Final score Dunfermline 14 Lancaster 12

The Lancaster team worked extremely hard and were unfortunate to lose in such dramatic circumstances as the game was not settled until the last minute of the game. Lancaster were level in 3 of the 4 quarters of the game Praise must go to every one, good goalkeeping by Mathias, stalwart defending by Elliot, Ben and Scott, forceful attacking play by Mathew, Sam and Noël, excellent support play from James, Luke, and Tom. Kamil ready all the

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time to get in and play his part in the goal. The players have worked extremely hard all year for this tournament and deserve great credit for all their endeavours.

The Lancaster team Matthias Reichel, Ben Walker(1), Noel Howson(1), James Alker, Elliott Trafford(1), Scott Sharpe, Luke Saul, Tom Grieve , Mathew Calvert(4), Sam Smith(5) Kamil Plucinski