

Strong start by Zurich's talented youngsters

Zurich II 62 – 0 Eschen/Baar.

Playing for the first time officially in NLC competition, Eschen/Baar, which is a cooperation between RC Eschen-Mauren (Liechtenstein) and Baar Panthers, took to the field for a quasi homegame for the Baar Panthers and their president Chris Wilkins. A special motivational speech was held before the game to stimulate strong play on the field by Captain Hobbes and coach Köhl. Game plan was simple, 3 phase play, 2 with the forwards and then to spin the ball out to the backs as exactly we did in training the last two months.

The first try for Zurich was scored after several minutes of play with a good back move starting with Fly half Misch spinning the ball all the way out to our new winger Flavian, playing his first ever rugby game and his pace too quick for the Lynx defence. This opened the scoring deluge, with several tries being scored by a combination of quick release and passing of the ball to players in support. Good strong work from the forwards throughout the game made a big difference over the inexperienced opposition.

Positive points of the game: good passing in the back line, using the loop move efficiently twice; quick popping within the forwards to keep the ball moving; Line out steals from Guy and Dave; strong maul phases, overall good defence.

Negative points of the game: DISCIPLINE! Too much chatter up front, not getting back ten immediately when the ref signalled a penalty. Not popping the ball enough in the forwards, not playing with support, too many men in the rucks.

Special awards: The two cases of beer were distributed evenly, no one got the big pot. André and Scott shared the pleasure of taking home the 10 packs for their hard tackles.

Club Points:

1 pt goes to Flavian, 2 tries and putting exactly what he learned in training into practice. Great work from the rookie who will surprise us I'm sure with his talent.

2 pts went to our new south african centre Sabs who dazzled the opposition on the field and the opposition coach with his sidesteps and great passing.

3 pts goes to Stomping Tom, he was really stomping around and putting his mark on the game with strong hard tackles and great bursts through the opposition with the rest of the pack behind him.