



What a Team! Dr. Ronnie Esler and his son Hal were both in action for Academy tankards on Saturday. 39404.

Good victory for Academy at Monaghan

MONAGHAN 2nds v ACADEMY 2nds

ACADEMY travelled to face a strong Monaghan team in a league match last Saturday with the knowledge that the home teams firsts had no match.

Monaghan kicked off into the wind but were soon on the backfoot as the Academy backs put them under pressure.

The deadlock was broken when Monaghan strayed off-side inside their 22 — Sharkey converted the penalty.

The Academy forwards began to tighten their grip on the game with some attacking rugby thanks to some fine play by scrum-half Wilson Fawcett.

Academy increased their lead further when from a tap penalty move, Gilliland thundered over from 20 yards for a fine

score — Sharkey converted.

From the restart, Gilliland, faded from his earlier efforts, punted the ball deep into the Monaghan 22. The home side were penalised and from the set penalty Academy ran the ball, Fawcett feeding Turney who scored.

Just before half time Monaghan rallied and scored a try.

Half-time: Monaghan 5, Academy 17.

In the second half Academy took complete control, their backs running the ball with great confidence.

After a quick ruck the ball was spun out the line and Callaghan went in for a try. This was quickly followed by a solo run from Sharkey who touched down under the posts. He converted his own try.

Final score: Monaghan 5, Academy 29.

Family affair at Valley Park

ACADEMY 4ths played Y.M.C.A. at the Valley Park last Saturday in their first League match.

Tight head prop. Ronnie Esler achieved a life time ambition when his son Hal turned out at scrum half.

It was Academy who scored first after Walsh burst through the Y.M. defence only to be brought down on the line but Esler (junior) was there to touch down.

Academy had most of the play but bad passing allowed Y.M. to kick through and score close to the posts.

Half time — Academy 5, Y.M.C.A. 7.

In the second half Y.M. went further ahead with a penalty but after that Academy started to play well controlled rugby and after numerous strikes against the head by Lynn, Academy's No.8 Mercer picked up and charged through the Y.M. pack before touching down (10-10).

Almost immediately they went on the attack again and soon went into the lead with a penalty by scrum half Hal Esler.

Final score — Academy 13, Y.M.C.A. 10.