

First league game lost

HAVING returned from a successful and enjoyable tour to Westport where they won 5-3 Academy 1st XV were looking forward to their first league match of the season in Section of the Qualifying League.

They travelled across the City to the Civil Service grounds at Stormont last Saturday with most of last years team still available.

the most notable absence was that of out half Ali Moles who has gone to Australia for one year, his place has been filled by Steven Sharkey.

Also missing due to

holidays were David Sturgess and Simon Kerr and due to a broken hand, last years young player of the year, Mark Cousins.

Both Teams got off to a slow start, it was Service who drew first blood when they kicked a penalty after Academy had been penalised for going over the top.

Ten minutes later Academy were level after Sharkey kicked a penalty to leave the half-time score 3-3.

In the second half it was Academy who did most of the attacking by spinning the ball along their backs and it was this that lead to Service scoring.

The service out half kicked the ball into the Academy 22 and immediately the visitors

tried to run the ball, however their last pass went astray and the Service winger kicked the ball over the try line and beat the Academy defence to the touch-down.

Academy fought back and narrowed the score with a well taken Sharkey drop goal.

Civil Service put the margin back to five points when they kicked a penalty for a loose ruck infringement.

The last ten minutes of the match saw Academy encamped in the Service 22 and although they were awarded penalties and scrums right on the Service line stout defending by the home side prevented Academy from scoring.

Result - Civil Service 11, Academy 6.

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