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Millwall sunk by last second try

Millwall hearts were broken in the dying seconds of their league match against Dagenham at Victoria Park on Saturday. Dagenham touched down in the last minute, for the 14-7 winning score, after the Isle of Dogs club had fought back to draw level at 7-all.

It was a cruel blow for Millwall who were keen to bounce back after their defeat at the hands of Bancroft last Saturday. But Millwall can take enormous credit for a fine defensive performance that held an enormous Dagenham outfit at bay for nearly 70 minutes of the match.

After letting in an early Dagenham try, Millwall hit back through debutante Jermain Barnes down the left wing. The try was converted by Dom Sutherland to even the scores at seven all.

Dagenham were in control of the game from then on, securing a weight of the possession, winning the rucks and also the penalty count. They over powered the weakened Millwall scrum and got the advantage in the lineout.

Clearly, the Essex Two new boys were up against it, but time and again they stood up to the endless Dagenham pressure. Millwall's tackling was breathtaking, but in the end Dagenham, with time running out, mounted successive phases to create room on the outside for a wonderful winning try.

The final converted try was the very last action of the game.

Millwall will now look to redeem themselves with strong performance away against Loughton, while the thirds travel to Writtle to take on the Wanderers' Twos.

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