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Millwall victorious in first match of anniversary year

Millwall Rugby Club got their tenth anniversary year off to a flying start with a league victory over Old Brentwoods 22-12 at Victoria Park on Saturday.

In what was described as Millwall's best performance all season, Millwall were dominant in this must-win game to keep them out of the Essex Two relegation zone.

Leon Alexis got Millwall on the scoreboard first after scrum half Rhodri Gabe made a break up the middle of the field. On the stroke of half time, Gabe grabbed a try of his own after another mid-field run.

Lock Brendan Wheeler sealed Millwall's victory when he pinched a line-out against the throw and crashed over in the corner. Hooker Paul Burns showed his kicking ability when he hit two conversions and one penalty against gale force winds.

Millwall official Karl Harris made praise to his side in an emphatic victory.

"There was not a single weak link around the park. Out forwards competed at every contest and our back showed the speed and composure they have maintained all season."

Meanwhile, the Llamas run in the Essex Second Team cup ended with a 27-7 loss to Upminster 2's. After fighting their way into the semi-final, the Llamas were unable to compete with the physical pack of Upminster, who are three divisions higher than Millwall in regular competition.

The Llamas only try came from winger Adam McCann, who was awarded a penalty try late in the second half. James Fitzgerald converted the try.

Millwall's Third team lost out to Thurrock IV's 17-10 in a friendly. While all of Thurrock's tries came through their giant forward pack, Millwall's attack went out wide resulting in tries for Wingers Matt Corben and Kev Doherty. Both went unconverted.

Millwall take a break from league action next week and will draw their fixture from the Essex fixture exchange. The Llamas take on Old Bealonians away in a friendly, while Millwall Thirds are at home to Pegasus Two's in a Merit Table match.

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