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Millwall improve while Llamas & Thirds continue winning streak

Millwall's 1st team put in an improved performance at Victoria Park on Saturday when they lined up against unbeaten Canvey Island, however they lost the match 13-6.

Millwall faced a big challenge against the Essex Two league leaders but fought to the death as they looked to end their losing run.

Halfbacks Rhodri Gabe and Dom Sutherland directed the team around the park with precision while Justin Roberts were the stand outs for Millwall, who defended valiantly against the Canvey Island onslaught, holding them out on numerous occasions.

Fullback Nick Tiffin landed two goals from two attempts for the home team as both teams traded penalty goals. Only a controversial try from Canvey, following a mad scramble for the ball in the in-goal area, separated the Island teams at the end of the match.

Millwall official Karl Harris suggested the team had turned the corner on their losing run.

"I thought today's effort was fantastic. You could see the improvement in all of the players and we definitely played more as team than in recent weeks."

"One of the Canvey players actually commented that today was their toughest game of the season so I think we can take a big positive out of that."

Meanwhile the Llamas continued their unbeaten run in the Merit Table, grinding out an 11-0 victory against Burnham Two's.

Winger and Man of the match Jamie McKillop was influential in his side's victory, coming up with some brilliant last minute cover tackles and showing confidence under the high ball.

New comer James Brittle scored a try on debut for the Llamas, which was converted by Chris Dickinson, who also kicked two penalty goals.

Millwall's Third team won their fifth game in a row when they defeated Canvey Island Three's 20-13.

James Fitzgerald was again the stand out for the Isle of Dogs team, converting one try and adding one penalty goal alongside several line breaks.



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Another debutante, Alex Cook, scored two tries while centre Stephen Kennedy added one for Millwall.

Team manager Kevin Doherty, while happy with the victory admitted it was a very lacklustre performance from the usual high flyers

“I have to say, that was a fairly ugly win for us.”

“While our front row was quite solid, our backs didn’t have the same zip about them as they had in recent weeks.”

“I suppose it’s a pretty good sign that we can still win, even when we aren’t playing well.”

“We’ll need to improve on that performance though, if we are a chance of winning next week.”

Millwall’s first team travels to Old Brentwoods on Saturday in a league match, while the Llamas host Old Brentwoods Two’s at Victoria Park in the return fixture (KO 3pm). Millwall III’s travel Woodford in an attempt to extend their unbeaten run to six.

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