

Men's Hockey

Dysynni 2 – 1 Rhyl

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Dysynni had finished last week's game under no illusions that it had been their toughest game in two seasons – until Rhyl arrived in Tywyn this weekend that is! The crowd was treated to a tremendous game of fast paced and skilful hockey, both sides giving it their all right up to the final whistle.

The first half started fast but cautious with neither side wanted to let in that early goal. Both defences were tight and there were few opportunities at either end during the early minutes. Good passing from both sides through the midfield led to advances into both goal areas but both sides' defending was faultless.

The first goal came around 15 minutes in when a Dysynni clearance found Josh Haylock on the left in space. A quick run into the D found a lightened Rhyl defence but too few Dysynni options as well so Josh took the goal scorer role on himself and slotted the ball beautifully under the advancing keeper.

Rhyl responded with renewed pressure and put the Dysynni goal under attack immediately. They were rewarded around 5 minutes later when some neat passing play down their right wing culminated in a simple tap in from a cross into the Dysynni D.

Just before half time, Rhyl had a goal disallowed as a shot from their centre forward was from outside the area. The teams went in 1-1 at half time and following the re-start, Rhyl's disallowed goal was balanced up with one disallowed for Dysynni as a result of an infringement from a short corner.

The pace never eased throughout and all of the Dysynni team gave it their all – captain Brian Sellick, Dylan Jones and Steve Bowen in midfield were particularly skilful and solid work at the back from the defence marshalled by Will Moran kept Dysynni in the game and gradually gave them the edge as the second half sped on. The ever versatile Jack Iffla, playing in all positions from right back to left wing, started several moves and despite some good crossing from wingers Josh Haylock and Dave Bowen, Rhyl's defence managed to keep Dysynni strikers Ed Iffla and John Wright at bay.

After around 20 minutes a run by Steve Bowen through the midfield and into the danger zone saw a challenging pass across the Rhyl goal area for Brian Sellick to lift over the keeper with a spectacular diving shot to put Dysynni into the lead.

Striker John Wright had a couple of opportunities before having to leave the field with a suspected hamstring injury and a change of formation saw Dysynni dropping to successfully protect their lead.

Final score –Dysynni 2, Rhyl 1

Next fixture – Dysynni v Wrexham (Home) on Sunday 25 November.

All supporters welcome.