

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS FALL v IRELAND UNDER 19

2nd December 2009

In relatively good conditions the Australian Schoolboys were defeated 15 – 0 by a spirited Ireland under 19 side in their 'capped International' at the Cork Institute of Technology in Ireland. The match kicked off at 7:30pm with a slight breeze running up the field and at a mild 10° C.

It was apparent right from the start that the Irish were not going to bow to the Schoolboys reputation with what was the bones of the Ireland Under-18 Schools side that went so well in Parma last Easter.

Australia centre Tyson Frizell was the first to show his hand, cutting through the middle to set up an attacking position only to be penalised at the ruck for holding on. With Referee, Mr David Rose, establishing his authority the exact same thing happened to Ireland centre Luke Marshall almost straight away.



Soon after the Irish centre linked with his full-back down the left where a try saving tackle Tom Kingston prevented a certain try, but an infringement at the breakdown allowed Ireland's James McKinney to kick the first of his four penalty kicks in the tenth minute.

As the tempo increased, a testing bomb was not taken by the Irish fullback, Andrew Conway, and while left winger Kimami Sitauti was onto it in a flash, but unfortunately ran out of room. Australia increased the pressure giving them penalty kick which was unsuccessful.

Seventeen minutes in the Irish worked their way down field giving Ireland the opportunity to successfully kick a drop goal taking the lead to 0 – 6.

The Irish again lifted the tempo of the match with the support of the home crowd Ireland, surprising the Australians with some well executed backline move using the width of the pitch.

Out of nothing, Chris Feauai combined with Jacob Woodhouse to seize on a miscommunication in the Irish midfield to come within a whisker of scoring. At the ensuing ruck the Irish conceded a penalty but the attempted penalty kick went wide of the posts leaving the half-time score 0 – 6 in favour of Ireland.





At the restart the Australians found themselves running into an increasing wind. The Australians rallied valiantly but several infringements allowed Irish to take control of the match with three second-half penalties and constantly using their kicking game to keep the Australians pinned in their own half for much of the half.

Australian Schoolboys coach Rob Nowlan said Australia were unable to make the most of their opportunities. "Ireland were

very passionate, they played with pride and vigour and they outplayed us," Nowlan said.

Australian Schools **0** lost to Ireland U19 **15** (J. McKinney 4 PK; T. O'Halloran FG)

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS: J Woodhouse; C Feauai, T Kingston, T Frizell, K Sitauti; K Godwin, M Lucas; J Kimmince, H Roach, P Alo-Emile, L Jones, G Peterson, J Tuapou (capt), L Gill, N Paila,

Replacements used: A Hamilton for Paila 43 mins; Jack De Guingand for Jones 54 mins; R Esekia for Godwin 62 mins; S Sio for Alo-Emile 64 mins.

Referee: David Rose (England)