



## **MATCH REPORT** **17 February 07**

### **Talywain 10 - Old Iltydians 37**

The Illys continued their winning run with a comfortable away victory at Talywain. The victory was the ninth in succession for the Illys and kept them in touch with leaders Garndiffaith.

The Illys had to recover from a slow start, which saw them twice fall behind in the early stages. A dropped pass from the kick off gave Talywain an opportunity to attack, and when the Illys were penalised for offside the home sides outside half slotted over a simple penalty.

The Illys were soon back in the game, with props Matt Shields and Rowley carrying the ball strongly. With conditions making handling difficult, the Illys used their forwards to drive powerfully at Talywain, forcing the home side to concede penalties, two of which were converted by outside half Eugene Williams to take the score to 3 – 6.

Talywain struck back with an excellent try of their own, a half break and offload by the fly half was taken on by the inside centre who put his fellow centre in for a converted try.

Talywains lead was short-lived, as the Illys hit back almost immediately. More good driving play saw Talywain concede another penalty. The resultant penalty was kicked into touch. A perfectly worked lineout move saw No 8 'Keith Chegwin' stroll over for the Illys first try. The conversion made the score 13 – 10.

The Iltydians extended their lead 10 minutes later. Another penalty was kicked into the corner, and after Steve Trust won the lineout the pack rumbled over from 5 yards out, with Bessie getting the score.

There was still time for the Illys to score the try of the match just before half time. After keeping the ball through several phases an overlap was worked and a superb long pass by Neil Dallimore put debut-making wing Nathan Hughes in for his first try for the club. The half time score was 23 – 10 to the visitors.

The second half was a frustrating one for the Illys, as good approach work was often wasted by the final pass going astray. However, the defence was excellent and Talywain rarely threatened.

The Illys demonstrated their forward power by scoring 2 pushover tries in the final 15 minutes, one to scrum half Bater and a penalty try when Talwain infringed to stop Chegwin scoring his second try. This made the final score 37 – 10 and the Illys could reflect on a job well done.