

## **Braintree U18 Girls RFC v Worcester U18 Girls RFC**

Well, what a day. Worcester under 18s girls grand day out.

It started early as the players met at the club car park at 8.15am for a prompt 8.30am depart. The Gloucester team bus was there ready and managers, players and some parents boarded the coach finding luxury for the journey down to Braintree in Essex. (The only way is Essex)

Arriving in Braintree after a couple of stops for one of the most important game that Worcester under 18s girls has been involved with this season.

This was the final of the National Regional Midlands Cup.

On a beautiful spring afternoon in Braintree Essex, Worcester took to the field, you can feel the tension in the air, even Ant coach and lines-person takes his jacket off. The game started as most of Worcester games do with the opponents scoring a try after 1 minute, adding the conversion Braintree went 7 -0 up but this is a different Worcester team now and after 8 mins Worcester were level a great try and conversion.

Worcester then gave a lot of niggling penalties away and had to defend well for periods of the first half but Worcester made breaks and turned these into points scoring another two good tries leaving the half time score Braintree 7 Worcester 17.



The second half started and the next try was pivotal, Braintree could get back into the match or Worcester could extend the lead. Worcester were more aggressive, powerful and skillful and they needed to as Braintree put them under 15 mins of pressure but the coaching had paid off as the drift defense was working well and Worcester only conceded a penalty, so going into the final quarter the score was 17 -10 to Worcester. Nails were being bitten but in the 62nd minute Worcester scored the most important try of the season leaving the score 22 -10. The last minutes they were professional in seeing the game out by Worcester taking time with their penalties, scrums and executing important jackals. The final whistle went and players just went mad as well as the crowd. There were tears with the coaches, tears in the crowd and lots of hugs.

Final score Braintree 10 Worcester 22

A fantastic day celebrated in the Club house and on the way home.

Now the thank yous, to Braintree RFU for their superb hospitality, Lead Coach Steve, thank you from us all. Coaches Andy, Erin and once again to our Ant.

To the boss what would we do without her, Queen of Social Media our Sarah(Thank you)

First Aiders - the pink flash in her go faster trainers our Melly Mel, Super Sanatizer Sam. Matt our award winning photographer, Parents / Guardians who gave up their Sunday to travel and support the team but most of all the Under 18s Worcester girls rugby players. Thanks to the coach driver Ben (somebody get him a Worcester jacket). The helpers on the cake stall for the fund raising a few weeks ago and who ever arranged the coach. Final thanks go to Worcester RFC for supporting the girls u18 team and helping us get to Braintree.

That's it folks - congratulations to the under 18s girls National Regional Midlands Cup winners.

