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**NORTH WALES
CUP FINAL
RUTHIN 28 v
PWLLHELI 26**





Ruthin win North Wales Cup Final - report by Ruthin RFC

Ruthin won the North Wales Cup Final 28-26 in a thrilling match at Eirias Park on Saturday. The Blues were under pressure from the start of the game against a strong Pwllheli attack and struggled to gain and keep possession.

First points went to Pwllheli after 7 minutes with a penalty goal by Osian Parry Jones and was followed by another a few minutes later as Ruthin fought to contain the Pwllheli attack.

The Blues woes continued when a player was sin-binned and Pwllheli took advantage with a well-worked try by John Pugh which Parry Jones converted.

A few minutes later Pwllheli increased their lead to 16-0 with a further penalty goal and the scoreline was beginning to look like one the Blues would not be able to claw back.

But the Blues heads were not down and they began to recover some ground. First points were a penalty goal by fly half Callum Bennett followed by a nicely worked try by centre Shay Owen converted by Bennett just before the break.

Pwllheli started the second half in a similar fashion to the first with a penalty goal widening the gap again to 19-8. Ruthin had however regained their composure and were playing some good rugby which began to reap reward. First Bennett kicked another penalty goal and then when a Pwllheli player was sin-binned Owen went over for his second try which Bennett converted.

With just a few minutes to go and Pwllheli leading by one point the game reached fever pitch.

Owen scored his hat-trick goal converted by Bennett to put Ruthin in the lead at 25-19 but Pwllheli immediately scrambled a try back which they converted giving them the lead again at 26-25 with seconds to go.

The Blues were awarded a penalty and the goal kick bounced off the post but Pwllheli infringed again and this time Bennett made sure of the goal and the whistle blew for full time with Ruthin the winners 28-26.

So the North Wales Cup will grace the Blues trophy cabinet for the first time since 2008 and is testimony to the hard work of all the players, coaches Jim Salisbury, Rich Griffin and Gareth Threlfall, team manager Sam Higgitt and Director of Rugby Kenton Morgan.





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