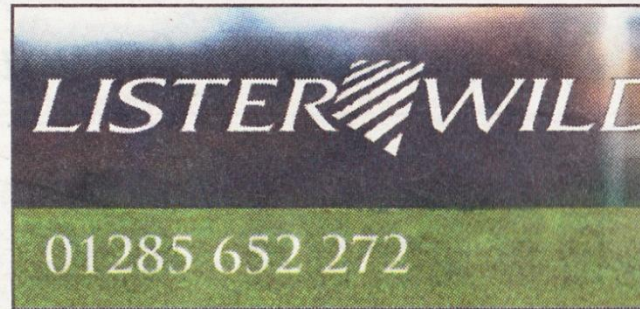


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Minety Academy take County final

Dorset and Wilts U17s Bowl Final

Minety Academy 17

Swanage & Wareham 14
MINETY took another step in the RFU's National U17s Cup competition with a dramatic last-gasp win over Swanage and Wareham.

The Minety pack quickly gained the upper hand with a strong driving style that suited the muddy conditions. Despite dominating territory, Minety went behind to a well-worked breakaway try that was converted.

Minety renewed the pressure on the Swans' line and were finally rewarded with a try from Rob Hinwood, who was driven over in the corner

by teammates Tom Windle and Harry Sharpe. At the interval, Minety trailed 5-7.

The second half mirrored the first with more pressure from Minety and a second breakaway try for the Swans that extended their lead to 5-14.

Minety, playing in front of a large home crowd, dug deep and with ten minutes left eschewed a kick at goal, opting instead for position within the Swans' 22.

From the ensuing line-out and driving maul the ball was spun out to Elis Garland who crashed over for a try converted by Ben Thomas.

Minety continued to drive deep into the heart of the



The victorious if mud-plastered Minety Academy U17s team

Swans' defence and, with only seconds left, play switched to the blindside and a determined Josh Bull dived over in the corner to secure a dramatic victory.

Minety now go on to repre-

sent Dorset and Wilts in the South-West Regional Shield.

Minety U17s: Joe Kidner, Reece Kinnet, Tom Windle (capt), Josh Gainey, Harry Sharpe, James Bayes, Rob Hinwood, Josh Bull, Ben

Thomas, Elis Garland, Ollie Thomas, Sam Johnson, Alex Miriam, Jordan Wilcox, Kieran Evett, Alex Fraser, Callum Hartford, Jim New, Will Hinton, Max Rawlings, Mike New, Dave Cooke.