Scant Consolation in NYAC Win

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Baker Field, New York, NY, April 30, 2011 - Paced by the three tries of wing Frank Gianchetta, the visiting New York Athletic Club posted a 51-15 win over New York City rival Old Blue. NYAC outscored Old Blue eight tries to three.

It was NYAC's second win over Old Blue this spring, having defeated them 41-25 on April 2nd. The win brought the NYAC's Super League record to 3-3, while winless Old Blue fell to 0-6.

"It was a bittersweet win," said New York AC Coach Mike Tolkin. "The team played a great game and I'm proud that we performed to our potential, but we're not in the playoffs."

The New York AC came out at top speed and scored enough points for the win before 20 minutes had elapsed.

Wing Frank Gianchetta got his first try in the fourth minute. It came at the conclusion of a movement after the AC stole a lineout 30 meters from Old Blue's line, 5-0.

Gianchetta second try came nine minutes later, concluding a multi-pass, 75 meter, NYAC break, 10-0.

The AC had enough points for the win after lock Brian Doyle touched down at the conclusion of a third phase movement from the 15 and flyhalf Tim L'Enevez converted, 17-0. A try by #8 Paul Jesseman in the 23rd minute extended the AC's lead to 22-0.

Old Blue finally got on the board in the 32nd minute when fullback Elliott Rechtin returned an interception 85 meters for a try, 22-5.

The New York AC went into halftime with a 29-5 lead following a try and conversion by flyhalf Tim L'Enevez in the 38th minute.

Old Blue's defense stiffened after the break and a try by OB flanker John Hoehmann 18 minutes after the restart hinted at a comeback, 29-10.

That notion was short lived as tries by NYAC fullback Pete O'Brien in the 28th minute and Gianchetta's third in the 32nd extended the visitors' lead to 39-10.

Tries by the New York AC's Eagle scrumhalf Mike Petri (36th minute) and center Max Levine (42nd) - Petri's converted by Mike Durant - brought the AC's tally to 51-10.

A consolation try by Old Blue center Pete Jordan brought the final score to 51-15.

New York AC 51
Tries: Gianchetta 3, Doyle, Jesseman, O'Brien, Petri, Levine, L'Enevez
Convs: L'Enevez 2, Durant

Old Blue 15
Tries: Rechtin, Hoehmann, Jordan

Halftime: NYAC 29, Old Blue 5

Referee: Davy Ardrey