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Olympic Club handled their business against Dallas in the first DI Round of 16 game Saturday in Chula Vista, Calif, never trailing the Reds in their 33-5 victory.

Dallas had the first chance to put points on the board, when fullback Matt Rawle took a shot at the posts, but the attempt was unsuccessful. O-Club flyhalf Keegan Engelbrecht missed his first shot at goal shortly thereafter.

The stalemate was broken by Olympic Club prop Darrell Honaver, who capped off a series of pick-and-gos following a Dallas penalty and successful O-Club five-meter lineout. Engelbrecht hit the conversion.

Dallas responded less than a minute later after an O-Club penalty put the Reds in a similar scoring position with a point-blank lineout. Dallas won their lineout and took a couple slow balls before spinning it wide for the score. Rawle's conversion was missed.

O-Club and Dallas grappled for the next five minutes, and O-Club utilized Engelbrecht's boot and some quality slow ball to gain territorial advantage.
Dallas turned them San Francisco club over deep in their own end, but a knock gave O-Club a five-meter scrum, during which the Reds were blown for a freekick infringement.

O-Club No. 8 Rikus Pretrious quick-tapped and dove in for a try that would trigger a 12-0 O-Club run to end the first half, putting the NorCal champs up 19-5 at intermission. 10 of those

points were scored by Pretorius, who bagged his second try just seven minutes later.

The second half was all O-Club, as they poured in 14 points, while pitching a shutout. O-Club's tight offensive attack in the first quarter of the game allowed them to open things up later on, leading to the impressive finish.

'We talked about that for Dallas," said O-Club coach Ray Lehner. "We thought they liked to fan out their defense quite a bit, and we wanted to be active around the ruck to try and open up their defense a little bit for later in the game."

Olympic Club managed to hold out some players who'll factor heavily in Sunday's quarterfinal against the Sacramento Lions, including former Eagle Kort Schubert.

O-Club
Tries: Pretorius (2), Honaver, Houghton, Golding
Cons: Engelbrecht (3), Galicz

Dallas
Tries: Chad Joseph