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New York, NY - Visiting Life College remained unbeaten at 5-0 in the 2011 Super League season with a 34-13 decision over winless (0-5) Old Blue on a cold, rainy, windy day. The visitors went out to a 24-3 halftime lead, withstood a two-try Old Blue comeback (24-13), before scoring the game's final 10 points.

Fullback Aaron McMaster led Life with 19 points (T, 4C, 2P), while flanker Pat Danahy scored two tries.

Old Blue started well, playing the majority of the first 20 minutes in Life's end and scoring the game's first points courtesy of an Elliott Rehtin penalty goal in the 20th minute, 3-0.

Things changed radically thereafter as Life reeled off 24 straight points beginning with a try by fullback Aaron McMaster in the 22nd minute. McMaster converted (7-3) and then added a penalty goal four minutes later, 10-3.

Life flanker Pat Danahy scored his first try in the 27th minute and center Steve Petzel touched

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down in the 37th. McMaster converted both, bringing Life's lead to 24-3 at the break.

Old Blue dominated scoring in the third quarter, getting unconverted tries from flanker John Hoehmann in the sixth minute and tighthead Will Brazier in the nineteenth, 24-13.

Life got back on track with a McMaster penalty goal in the 26th minute, 27-13. The visitors' final points came when flanker Pat Danahy punched in his second try from a ruck near Old Blue's line and McMaster converted, 34-13.

Life Director of Rugby Dan Payne, said: "I felt the team played well despite the rainy conditions. McMaster kicked well both for posts and tactically and I was also pleased with the play of flanker Pat Danahy and prop Seth Straus. To go on the road and play well in these conditions makes you proud.

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Tries: McMaster, Petzel, Danahy 2

Convs: McMaster 4

Pens: McMaster 2

Old Blue 13:

Tries: Hoehmann, Brazier

Pens: Rehtin

Referee: Chris Henshall

Touch Judges: Jeff Smpson, Scott Reilly