

Guys RFC 18-12 Beccehamians 20th October

For an autumnal game, the weather was beautiful and for the first time this season Guy's were able to get the ball wide and stretch the opposition defence. Alex Lambert in his new position at outside center was magnificent breaking through the Beccehamians defence on numerous occasions. Guy's snappy and quick-witted scrum-half Evans had a great game. With the solid base provided by the forwards he was able to give the three quarters of Price and Berry the time to release the players outside them in the form of Lambert and Ed Nichols. This was the format in which the game was won. Nonetheless, Beccehamians were a concrete and hard side, and they in fact cancelled out an early Berry penalty with one of their own. Guys were rewarded later however when good interlinking play between backs and forwards allowed Wayne Llewelyn to put Challacombe through to score a superb team try. Unfortunately breaks out wide could not be finished as that final pass went astray and Beccehamians made their own intentions clear by putting over three penalties in the first half to go into the break 9-8 in the lead.

Guy's however buoyed by last weeks last gasp victory were determined not to throw this game away. The introduction of Pete Davis to the back row gave the pack extra impetus and with Ben Wheeler now finding his man in the line out, Guy's were able to launch some good attacks. They were eventually rewarded after marauding runs by Davis and Ryan meant that price could release Nichols who duly beat his man to score in the corner. With time running out Beccehamians had little to offer offensively as the guys defence remained solid. Guys were deeply anxious to kill off the game to avoid another close finish and Berry in his haste to do so, received a yellow card for excessive use of the boot in a ruck. It was a harsh decision but with 14 men, Guy's scored again from a driving maul finished by Greg Ryan. Beccahamians scored a late penalty to bring the score to 18-12, but it was too little too late, and Guy's were able to breath a sigh of relief. Well done to all.

Team

R. Clinton, T. Jackson, B. Wheeler, B. Thorpe, B. Challacombe, W. Llewelyn (P. Davis), G. Ryan, C. Smith, N. Evans, T. Price, D. Berry, A. Lambert, E. Nichols, J. Bo (R. Berrand), A. Burns

Tries

Challacombe, Nichols, Ryan

Penalties

Berry

Gin

Ryan, Berry, Wheeler, Bo