

GKT Men's Rugby-"Living The Dream"

GKT 1st 27-8 LSE 1st

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The Medic's season, in the league above their King's counterparts, has had a flying start. Fresher's Rugby fun day was well attended, with an array of talents on display both on and off the field. Thomas Guy Squadron 407, recently returned from deployment in Australia, led the eager freshers into battle: the Gins rolled, the fresher's vomited and Dudley organised some Bar Olympics, cumulating in the "Tunnel of Death".

Following the UH trials, the BUSA season kicked off, with a disappointing loss against University Of Kent at Canterbury and the ritual whipping of UCL, with the Medics winning at a canter. In the first of a series of reports, *Garry Owen* brings you the breaking news from the front-line of the recent win over LSE.

On arrival at Cobham, the home of St Thomas' Hospital RFC, the medics began their meticulous preparation, lulling the LSE art students in to a false sense of security. First off we unveiled our most lethal weapon, as a Hawaiian-clad Uncle Bob, peppered Percy with some early up and unders, much to the amusement of the gathering crowd. Following some inspirational words from our new captain, Rob Whyte, and a soul-seeking speech from Rats, a fired-up Medics side took to the pitch with a renewed sense of desire and organisation absent in earlier performances.

Immediately, despite the enthusiasm of a well organised LSE pack, GKT dominated up-front and Tim Price unleashed a monstrous up and under to the delighted shout of: *"It's a garry!"*. The early pressure was almost immediately rewarded, by a short range effort from Oli 'Forrest' Quinn, who relished in his back-row role. 5-0 GKT, AWESOME. The larger Medics pack punished LSE up front, stealing both scrum and line out ball, whilst the mid-field was dominated by Uncle Bob and Andy Vaughton, who scored following a Rob Whyte mid-field break from clean line-out ball. 10-0 GKT, BEAUTIFUL. In a fast and furious first half GKT breached the LSE line twice again, with Rob Whyte going over from a timely blind-side break from Tim Price and Percy finishing off a move set up by our very own Billy-Whizz: Tom Beevir. LSE scored just before the break, as GKT tired and lost concentration in defence, who went into the break 20-8 ahead. THE DREAM WAS ON.

The second half was an impressive but frustrating display from the Medics, who continued to dominate, but failed to put away several chances. Tim Price scored and converted a great individual try, showing a turn of pace and strength to beat the defence. 27-8 GKT. The improving fitness of the Medic's side lead to some exciting running rugby in the last quarter, and set up a potential try of the season seeing the ball pass through several sets of hands, before a referee 20metres behind played deemed the last pass forward.

The improved performance of the Medics must be attributed to the hard work of the pack, who dominated in both loose and tight play. The performances of Tim Wright, who has seen the light and left the dark-side, and Morgan 'dancing feet' Bayhnam, in the second row showed great promise and combined well with some older heads.

The win was enjoyed in typical Cobham fashion as the Gin's rolled and 'Das Boot' made an appearance after a swim in the world's deepest baths. An old club favourite, Father Abraham, even joined us for a swift half.

GKT run two successful student sides, and Guy's Hospital regularly field four teams on a Saturday. All standards are welcome and encouraged. Training is at 7pm on Monday and Thursday with two Kent County coaches at Honor Oak Park, only ten minutes from London Bridge. Don't be shy give us a try!

Don't miss the next installment of *Garry Owen's* diary, reporting our trip in the league to Luton and the story's of The Fresher's Mystery Tour.