

**Kent 1 League Fixture at Rectory Field
10th December 2005**

Guy's Hospital RFC 10 – 12 Askeans RFC

A frighteningly close encounter was seen at Blackheath as both sides fought for league position. Over the last two seasons Guy's and Askeans have developed an amiable relationship. Indeed several club members made the most of the request DJ in the Askeans dance and dinner night later that evening!

With Billy Challacombe and Tim Wright contributing to a stronger back row, ball retention was improved from the previous week. This allowed the backs plenty of opportunity to gain ground. The first try came from a Guy's lineout. A strong break by Turner through the opposition line gave him space to off load to his centre partner Simon Ringshaw who crossed the white-wash. Gavin Brigstocke confidently added the two points. A further Brigstocke penalty added the remainder of Guy's points.

Unfortunately, Askeans matched us, and two tries to our one saw them victorious at the end of the afternoon. A main weapon used by Askeans was the rolling maul, indeed their crucial second try came from a driven lineout on the halfway line. Once they had the momentum on the muddy surface, none of our methods, legal or not could halt the advance.

Two league defeats on the bounce meant that our aspirations of promotion had taken a serious hit, but a win against Brockleians after Christmas could reverse the slide.

Tries: Ringshaw
Cons: Brigstocke
Pens: Brigstocke

Rhys Davies
Captain