

Guys Penguins v Barnes
Cobham Saturday 5th October
Lost 5-94

This was the first official match of the season for Guys Vets. After a useful run out against the fresher's last week, we meet much sterner opposition in Barnes. Our side looked strong on paper - especially in the backs. Fresher, B Karaunakaran completed the front row propping down with our senior players TG and CH. However, the forwards missed Andy Bolas and Geraint Thomason. The two Kaminski brothers made excellent efforts alongwith the rest of the pack, but were overwhelmed. Barnes were quick organized and ruthless but not violent. Most of the time the forwards were going backwards making any ball from scrum very slow. The backs never got the time or space to run at the opposition. By contrast, Barnes played some lovely open passing football with all tries coming form second or third phase play. Our only try was surge from 10 meters from David Gibson. Our lack of early season training (!) showed and could't hide the effects of ageing bodies. There were not significant injuries.

Team: C Howell, T Gibson, B Karaunakaran, D Gibson, J Kaminski, D Jones, R Kaminski, A Mislin, J Allan, M Williams, R Perry, M Clover, D Perry, G Barwell, M Kinirons, Subs C Harris, S Hughes.