

**Guy's 2<sup>nd</sup> XV vs. Charlton Park 3<sup>rd</sup> XV**  
**6<sup>th</sup> November 2004**  
**Won 22-15**

This Saturday seventeen upbeat Guy's boys, arrived at the hallowed turfs of Honour Oak Park eager to get a win on the board after a disappointing performance the previous week at Old Elthamian's. There was no shortage of inspiration for victory that day, as for those who arrived early managed to catch a glimpse of England's Greg Harlow take a dominating lead over Les Gillet in the BUPA Care Homes Open Bowls Championship. Perhaps an omen that the boys in blue and gold would taste victory that day? Guy's rattled through the warm up and were chomping on the bit to get stuck into the red and white of Charlton Park. The only thing that stopped us from doing so was the absence of Charlton Park themselves.

The opposition eventually arrived, and no sooner was the changing room door closed the whistle was blown and a fired guy's pack were chasing the ball deep into the Charlton Park twenty-two. With no hesitation Charlton Park began their offensive against Guy's. However, the ball was soon spilled to give a blue 'put in' in the scrum. Charlton Park may claim this was due to their lack of warm up, I'd like to think it was the ferociousness of the Guy's tackling. Guy's then proceeded to play some excellent and confident rugby. This confidence was enjoyed especially by the forwards, who time and time again exhibited exemplary rucking and catch and drives from the lineout. The forwards enjoyed this possession so much that shouts of 'Give the ball to us' could be heard from the three quarters.

During this period of immense Guy's domination our opponents escaped several opportunities to stand underneath their own sticks. Credit must be given to Sam and Spud who linked up perfectly in the opposition ten metre area, with a chip kick from Sam and chase and catch from Spud, who were then denied by a forward pass. Also of note were several break away runs from Rob in the centres who often found himself rather confused with too many people calling for the ball in support. Eventually Guy's broke their white line fever with Sam crossing the line, scoring a true scrum half's try from the back of a ruck.

Charlton Park rallied well from this set back and manipulated a complacent guy's defence to reply with a try of their own. Guy's soon pulled their finger out and once again played some excellent rugby leading to a truly beautiful try being scored by Roy in the corner. Guy's ended the first half ahead.

Thanks must go to the parental units who came down to watch, the oranges at half time were very nice.

The second half began with Charlton Park reinvigorated, who proceeded to play some good aggressive rugby, resulting in Guy's being pinned down in our own twenty two. This deadlock was broken by Rob who perfectly intercepted a pass in the opposition centres, leaving only a short hundred yard dash to the try line. I'm sure this try cheered Rob up no end, as he was most aggrieved before the match to find out his prawn salad was without a fork.

The game then took a turn for the worse with scores of spilled balls, collapsed scrums and back chat to the referee. The culmination of this poor period of the game was a red card for Charlton Park. Guy's played out the final minutes of the game on a knife edge.

A win is a win is a win. The Guy's two's are now around the middle of the table and are looking to put in a strong performance against Bromley next week. All players to attend training and be available!!!!

**Team:** T. Goddard, I. Wilson (capt), Fresher Gary, G. Bevan, R. Davis, Serge, M. Blundell, B. Tiffin, S. Wrigg, W. Wynne Jones, R.Hone, S. Reading, R. Cutts, S. Methemoney, R. Turner.

**Subs:** B. Diggins, B, Simon

**Tries:** S. Wrigg  
R. Hone  
R. Turner  
S. Methemoney