

Guys Hospital 2XV vs Charlton Park 2XV

Lost 36-23

The match kicked off and got off to the worst possible start, with Charlton Park going over our try line in the first 5mins (7-0). At this point, the guys boys decided to put the last night of the Christmas show behind them and start concentrating a bit more. It was our time to shine now!

With a strong breeze at our backs, some great kicking from our experienced fly half saw Charlton park pinned down in their 22, however, it did take 10mins for us to go over their line. A crash ball out in the backs, gave the opportunity of a blind side break as we had a 3 on 2 and it allowed Brad to run over in the corner. Gavin then slotted over the conversion. The lead was then extended by a penalty from Gavin to take us 10-7 in front. Where Gavins' new boots came from only he knows!

Then for the try of the game. From our line out on the half way line, a show and go from Hone caused the outside centre to rush up leaving a beautiful gap in the middle of the park from him to run into. He then offloaded to wheels, who offloaded to Jimbo then to Relli, back to Wheels who remarkably for a prop gave a dummy and side step which fooled their full back allowing him over in the right hand corner. That sort of skill would never have been shown from any other prop in the league let alone the Charlton Park pie munchers who have yet to be graded on the pie-ometer scale they get a sound 8.

Charlton park then scored bringing the game back within reach, before kit crashed over after a catch and drive by our forwards resulted in him taking a pop from gushy 5 yards from the line. We then sat back and were content to go in at half time at 20-10 however; this was not to be and on the stroke of half-time Charlton Park scored again. Meaning the half time score was 20-17.

The second half saw them draw level, before a penalty put us 3 ahead, only for them to pull it back again. It remained at 23-23 until about the 60th minuet when another try crossed the guys line. The conversion was missed, but a penalty shortly after left the boys in blue and gold 2 scores behind. The spirit never left the side, but another try in the last 5 flattered the opposition. The game could have been ours, but sloppy defending and missed chances were our downfall, otherwise the result could have been very different.

Team: J. Birri, J. Mendonca, B. Wheeler, K. Rowland, J. Jackson, Rory, I. Wilson, D. Berry, G. Brigstocke, P. Gush, R. Hone(c), J. Aird, B. Tiffin, M. Wiggins, C. Eggleston.

Subs: R. White(55), Neama(65)

Tries: B. Tiffin, B. Wheeler, K. Rowland

Cons: G. Brigstocke(2)

Pens: G. Brigstocke(2)