

## **Guy's vs Old Cranleighans**

**SCORE: 5-26**

This was the tenth match of the season for Guy's Vets against Old Cranleighans on damp cold January afternoon with a distance sun shining through the trees. A great turn out saw 5 subs join a good 15 made up of the hard-core regulars (except David Gibson who was taking Marian and Jessica Ella home from the Post Natal ward at St Thomas). We welcomed a few guest including Antonio a life long friend of Pier Paolo and two rusty but keen South Africans, Ross & Grant. Old Cranleighans are top of the veteran's league and stayed there after a contested match won playing 10-man rugby. They are a very good and true veteran's side with excellent forwards and by half time were 19 - nil up. In fact we only once made it into their 25 mtr in the first half. The second half started well with a good typical Guy's try from R Brown but A Jones missed the kick. A flurry of play saw Mark Blunden threaten the try line but his soccer skills let him down. Terry Gibson proved he could still take a hospital pass - from Mark Blunden to make up for all those dull lectures Mark had to suffer - by bouncing up afterwards. Jane Gibson our most loyal touchline supporter is on the look out for a hooker! In addition to Jane were up to 5 other mothers with assorted kids including Max Jones kept running on to the pitch fearlessly. This is the kind of support we want more of! The match ended with lots of back and forward but with no end to end. On positive note our new Italian second row, Pier Paolo confirmed his new found fitness in lasting the full match. We have a fondness for Italians and look forward to seeing Pasquale back soon.

Team: C Howell, T Gibson, A Antonio, P Arcangioli, A Bolas, A Mistlin, N Conaghan, J Kaminski, J Murphy, A Jones, A Grant, A Norris, M Rivaldi, J Down R Brown. Subs. A Ross, G Barwell, H Jones, M Kinirons, M Blunden

Mark Kinirons