

## ‘GUYS BLOW IT’

**12 October 2002: London 4 South East Crawley RFC 48 – 21 Guys Hospital RFC**

Apologies to those readers who have become used to this authors pun and superlative filled match reports, but it is increasingly difficult find inspiration after a fourth successive defeat. Times are hard at GHRFC, but the spirit remains. *There is* a silent determination to elevate the club out of the depths to which the club has recently plummeted. Two points adrift at the bottom of the league, Guys are in an unfamiliar position. The absolute resolve of the club is that it will not stay there long.

Guys after this showing will have to ameliorate rapidly. It was a poor showing. After four close losses, Guys felt the weight of pressure on their collective shoulders and buckled. It is sufficient to say simply, that early forward dominance from Crawley resulted in two early tries. It was all uphill from there. Two more Crawley tries were added before the break. Guys only response was five points from Turner after Jamie Jackson had made a strong run from a quickly taken free kick. Turner now has six tries from five games.

The second half, too resumed much the same pattern. Missed tackles and lost first phase ball ensured Guys were against it for much of the second half. In typical fashion, Smith gave as good as he got as did Morgan, but the example could not be followed. Rigg too, fed the backs excellently with the sloppy ball he was often presented with. Guys did manage however, to pull two tries out of the proverbial bag in the second half, and in fact narrowed the margin to seven points before Crawley responded strongly. After a period of flowing play the ball found its way somehow to Captain Price who danced around a few of their backs to score in emphatic fashion. Wiggans, too finished delightfully in the corner after a big break from Berry opened up a huge gap in the Crawley defence. Price also managed to kick the conversion from the touchline, which brought Guys to 21 points.

The fightback was limited though, and sporadic. Lack of ball meant it could not be sustained, and Crawley ultimately ran away with it.

The next game is a home fixture against league leaders Bromley. At HOP, Guys always give a good show, and it would not be surprising to see Guys give Bromley a scare or indeed a shock. All support will be most welcome and appreciated.

TEAM: A. Smedley, J. Mendonca, D. Axton, K. Rowland, M. Morgan, J. Jackson, (S. Cartwright) E. Nichols, C. Smith, S. Rigg, D. Berry, T. Price (c), R. Turner, J. Powell, H. Pynn, R. Breeze (M. Wiggans)

TRIES: Turner, Price, Wiggans

CONS: Price 3