

Guys vs Dorking SCORE: 10 - 14

This was the eighth match of the season for Guys Vets against Dorking away.

We drove down a wind swept A24 to play a team with whom we have always had well and close matches. This was no exception. The weather had changed but we still had 2 subs on the sideline (at least just after half time when R Perry and M Rivaldi arrived!). Dorking played downhill in the first half and scored two converted tries. Guys hit back against the play with a very good running try by A Jones going over just left of the post. Our second try shortly after half time was a lovely dummy scissors by A Jones to J Down who touched down just out side the posts again. We missed both conversions - expensive as Dorking converted both theirs. In spite of playing nearly the whole second half in their half we couldn't break them down to get the try we nearly deserved. Pinpoint accurate throw ins by T Gibson to the excellent A Sneeden who floated high up provided almost unhindered quick and controlled ball to the backs. It was almost too easy! M Seare nearly stormed over during many 'searing' runs. Even R Perry could magic up the needed score. J Murphy was welcomed back and reminded us of how valuable he is to us. T Wilson also ran out for the first time this season and was in very good form in the center. In the end we ran out of ideas to break down Dorking. They tackled well and helped us up several times near the line and left the pitch with their first league win of the season. It was a good well-played match - but one we know we could have one. The author is reminded of C Stirling - now miles away but willing us on from far!

Team: C Howell, T Gibson, M Seare, C Live, M Blunden, A Sneeden, A Guest, D Gibson, J Murphy, A Jones, T Rose, A Norris, M Kinirons, G Hill, J Down
Subs. R Perry, M Rivaldi

Mark Kinirons