

## Penguins v Dorking Vets

Won 36 - 14

The GKT Rugby Club side that caters for older players, The Penguins, has at various times featured at least 8 members of the School consultant teaching staff. Amongst the 100 and more players who are on the roll call are many consultants at neighbouring institutions. Despite this apparent strength in depth the side has had a lean season. Many players with young families have domestic pressures which limit their availability and there are several walking wounded. For most games there has been reliance on students to make up the full side and there are now seven regulars. There is plenty of merit in the arrangement. The percentage of students who were recruited for the game against Dorking was exceptional. Some wavered at Waterloo where railway line disruption is making the journey to Cobham tedious. Those who stayed the course and confronted the sweeping rain and wind enjoyed an excellent game.

It was a match of two halves. Against the wind the Penguins did well to snatch a try by Sancos Boland against the run of play. The larger Dorking forwards were in their element at the mauls and stole a good deal of possession. The scrums were equal but Dorking had a well drilled line out and rarely gave anything away. It was outside the pack that the GKT side was superior by virtue of speed and youth. At half time the score was 7 - 14 to Dorking but in the second half the Guys players had mastered the need to keep the ball away from the opposition forwards and kicked it over their heads. The advantage of the brisk wind meant that the hospital players could keep the game in Dorking's half. With constant pressure from the back line, tries were inevitable. John Barrett, Sangoo Ha, Tom Beavir and Janusz Kaminski scored one each and Ross Perry converted three of them. This reporter scored one by picking up a loose ball and falling over the line. The hapless opposition looked weary in the remaining five minutes and failed to score at all in the second half. It was a cheerful afternoon in the mud and rain and only the bus and rail journey back to London subdued the elation.

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Team Marcus Rivali, Duncan Austin, Ross Perry, Janusz Kaminski, James Powell, James O'Shea, Sangsoo Ha, Sancos Boland, Simon Trotter, Xavier Boland, Peter Swoboda, Chris Howell, Luka Asoventi, Neama Shenavar, Richard Lee, Andrew Sneddon, Will Boxtton, John Barrett, Terry Gibson, Tom Beavir.