

## **Guy's Hospital 16-17 Folkestone 29th September**

Our first home game of the season back on the hallowed turf of Honor Oak Park, in the end turned out to be a disappointing affair, with Guy's narrowly losing in the last minute to a Folkestone penalty. In wet and desperate conditions it would inevitably turn out to be a battle up front again. Guys found it difficult to cope with a larger and more vigorous pack that Folkestone were able to offer us. Yet it was out wide, with a clever back line move that the men from the south coast managed to earn their first points of the game as the Folkestone winger slid over the try line in the corner. Guy's did fight back, some strong running in the three-quarters from Berry and Turner offered hope, but too often Guy's ball was turned over or given away. It was Folkestone proving the old maxim that you can only play with the ball was still just as true as it always has been. Providing Guy's with a lesson in ball retention, Folkstone played league rugby, constantly looking for the percentage kicks and keeping Guy's pegged in their own half. A penalty from Berry was thus cancelled out by two Folkstone penalties, as they made sure that their ascendancy was rewarded with points, and went into the interval 11-3 up.

Half time and a suitable ticking off from coaches Steve and Dave, gave Guy's the kick-start they needed. Two tries in two minutes catapulted Guy's into the lead for the first time as the heavens really started to open. A set piece move from a scrum gave Price the opportunity to break a tackle and feed Ed Behn who duly scored in the corner. As Guy's received the ball from the kick off, Folkstone were surprised by the response from the men in gold and blue hoops. With the pack picking and driving, Guy's pushed deep into Folkestone territory. But with nothing seemingly on as the ball reached Dave Berry on the narrow side, the quick thinking center put through a beautifully weighted grubber kick for winger Andrew Vaughton to dive on to put Guy's into the lead 13-11. With Spirit and tenacity that typifies Guy's Rugby, a seemingly lost game had been tuned around, and made victory a quite distinct possibility. Two penalties from either side left the score at 16-14 in Guy's favour and with the clock ticking, it seemed as though Guy's had snatched it. Nonetheless, with a cruel twist of fate, the game had been grasped back By Folkestone by an indifferent penalty decision from the referee. The cruelty of the decision makes the final outcome of the match all the much harder to bear, after a brave and gallant fightback. Final Score 17-16 to Folkestone. Hard Luck Guy's.

### **Team**

D. Woodsford, M. Edmondson, T. Jackson, K Rowland, R. White, W.Lleweyn, N. Cox, C.Smith, N. Evans, T. Price (c), R. Turnip, D. Berry, A. Vaughton, A.Lambert, R. Berrand (E.Behn)

### **Tries**

Behn, Vaughton

### **Penalties**

Berry (2)

### **Gin**

Price, Berrand