

Guy's 2nd XV VS. Folkestone 2nd XV – Saturday 30th November
Lost 20-24

Firstly may I apologise to my faithful readers for the lateness of this report, but I am a busy man and the chance to sit at my type-writer with slippers on, pipe in hand, roses pruned and Winifred fed are few and far between. Saturday 30th November saw a vastly altered band of brothers travelling down to Folkestone. An outstanding array of lame excuses flooded in to their despairing skipper (exams, long-lost relatives, cutting toenails, Christmas-shopping) the list is long and distinguished. Anyway with a mere 15 players the boys set on their way. Debuts were made by Ed Shephard, Joe Birri and Bradley Tiffin, whilst Ben Mason returned from a long lay-off.

The game was played, on what can only be described, as a pitch with more than a passing resemblance to the battlefields of The Somme. Folkestone. rating 7.7+ on the pie-o-meter, were determined to show the young whipper-snappers of Guy's a thing or two about scrumming and mauling, which accompanying the severely myopic ref resulted in a slow and scrappy game.

Guys, who finished the game with 13 men on the pitch as a result to nasty injuries to both Ben Mason and Bradley Tiffin, did show flashes of brilliance and ball in hand were far superior to the opposition. Josam crossed for his first try for the club, Wiggans and Carbasse showed their opposite numbers a clean pair of heels and Hone scored from a typical marauding run.

Despite the final score, Guy's can take great pride from the spirit and determination shown by both a young and relatively inexperienced side, who when two men down dominated the final encounters and were unlucky to leave without the points they deserved.

Team: E.Shephard, J.Birri, G.Josam, R.Davis, T.Wright, I.Wilson, B.Tiffin, B.Mason, G.Brigstocke (Capt), P.Gush, M.Carbasse, R.Hone, S.Reading, M.Wiggans, C.Eggleton

Tries: Josam, Wiggans, Carbasse, Hone