

Guy's Hospital 2nd XV vs Gravesend

18th October

Lost 27 – 13

Gravesend turned up with their overgrown bellies hanging over their shorts, making them large but only worth about 7.5 on the pie-ometer scale.

The game started with the blue and gold boys putting together a few phases of play, discovering their full back was not quite up to scratch and we put him under pressure with a high kick, the poor lad crumbled under the pressure of 4 lads bearing down on him, he was clobbered, the ball turned over and skips stumbles over the line for his first try of the season. 7-0, get in. The try was followed by 2 penalties from gushy, 13-0, come on.

Then it was Gravesend's turn, to get some ball. They tried running it out to the backs, but some big hits sent them packing. They then did what all the teams we play do, give it to the big boys in the pack, and considering that it was their first teams pack, they were rather good at their job. However, the guy's boys held out superbly until about 10mins before half-time before their first try. We then held out till the break, making the HT score 13-5, looking good.

With the wind at our backs spirits were high, too high I think, and a try 2 mins into the half, the rot then set in and they scored almost instantly. Gravesend then wore us down and ran in 4 more tries and got a conversion to make the score 27-13 for the full time score.

Sho still came close at the end, finding himself out on the wing and producing a wonderful side step and breaking the line, only to be slide tackled by their woe full-back. He did pay for his cheating though with a cut eye and concussion when his head came into contact with Shos' knee as he took him out. Ambulance, yes please.

It was then inside for a shower, change, drink and the England match which they won, however, I am confident that it will be Relli cycling over London Bridge with some clear liquid in hand.

J. Birri, I. Wilson, M. Bowler, G. Bevan, N. Shenavar, Rory, B. Tiffin,
L. Brunton(60), G. Brigstocke, P.Gush, R. Hone(c), S. Reading, M. Wiggins, Ade,
T. Kennedy,

Subs – Sho(60)

Tries – R. Hone x 1

Pens – P. Gush x 2

Cons – P. Gush x 1