

Report Guy's Vets vs Guilford 19 – 29
Cobham
Saturday, 12th October 2002

This was the second league match for Guys Vets. The rains poured down in the morning but Cobham is such a wonderful pitch there was only soft gentle welcoming grass to fall on in the afternoon (Honor Oak Park would have been soft mush!). The opposition were out warming up 30 minutes before kick off - always a warning sign! They were big but older than last week's team. We started with a weakened front row with D Baker stepping in to fill the gap but not having played at prop much before. This caused trouble just after the start with T Gibson sustaining an acute injury with tingling in the fingertips. He very reluctantly retired to be replaced by S Hughes (and uncontested scrums). Before this Guys had scored with an excellent passing try by J Kaminski converted by R Brown. However, Guilford was stronger in the maul and we kept giving the ball back to them in loose play. This allowed them to run a few tries and a penalty before half time. Without a regular scrum half R Brown did his best out of his ideal position of further out. We felt we could win this match if we only kept the ball alive. The second half started like the first with Guys in there final third but we failed to make advantage pay. Some loose back play let them extend their lead. Again we fought back with tries by J Kaminski and R Brown – both scored by pieces of excellent individuality. But by then Guilford had put enough distance between us to not worry. C Ingham came on for G Hill and A Mislin came on for S Hughes (who twisted his knee but hopefully is on the recovery).

Team: C Howell, T Gibson, D Baker, T Rose, M Blunden, J Kaminski, R Kaminski, C Beardmore, R Brown, A Jones, R Perry, J Down, D Perry, G Hill, M Kinirons, Subs C Ingham, S Hughes, A Mistlin.