

## **Match Report**

**Guys vs London Irish      SCORE: 5 - 24**

This was the 23rd match of the season for Guys Vets against London Irish at home. The morning was lovely but by the afternoon, the wind had cooled down. Irish had 17 players and we could only muster 13! They lent us a former hooker who wanted to play wing. This did not auger well. M Kinirons had to play second row - not very skilled at leaping! We didn't win any lineout! We spent much of the match on the back foot due to the forwards mismatch. IN the second half Guys were weakened further with T Gibson retiring with a blood injury to his lip. He told me after that his lips were still able to do the things they do and Jane wasn't angry with me for playing him in the front row! Irish were ahead by 2 tries by half time and extended by 2 more in the second half. They should have been further ahead except for superb play by A Bolas, F Bollet and new young recruit (too good for us sadly) W Jacobs. The latter deserves to play for the 1st/"nds at least - if only we could keep him - but then in 15 years time we will still be here Will! We also welcomed to his first match of the season Pasquale Giordano - who has been missed sorely. The usual reliable hard core backs of ARRRJ did good stuff thou H Jones' passes form scrum were a bit wayward (but then our regular scrum halves were available!) and Hugh did a v good job with what ever ball the forwards got back. The forwards eventually combined with the backs to score the best try of the match coming from our own half for A Bolas to ouch down after at least 20 passes - not bad for vets! The season is nearing the end - lets make the last 2 matches memorable.

Team: C Howell, T Gibson, A Bolas, M Kinirons, F Bollett, W Jacobs, P Giordano, H Jones, A Jones, R Perry, R Brown J Down R Kata, P Irish.

**Mark Kinirons**