

GKT 1st XV vs. LSE 1st XV – Wednesday 30th October
Won 37-29

On a day less than conducive to playing running rugby GKT took on a competent LSE at Cobham. Over cast skies and earlier rain lead to a slippery ball and difficult playing conditions. The early signs were ominous for GKT when some slack defence let LSE in for the first try of the day within the opening minutes. Not phased by the GKT picked themselves up and opened their account with a Rob Whyte try from a catch and drive at the lineout. Relli had his kicking boots on and added the extra 2 points. More great forward play and a penalty put the pack within 10 yards of the LSE line with an attacking lineout. A perfect throw from fresher Oli hit Morgan at four and the drive was on. Over the line the boys went over for the second again Whyte claimed the 5 points. Relli again slotted the 2 points to give us a 14-5 lead. LSE wasted no time in getting back on the score sheet when some poor and disorganised defence let them in for their second try. Straight from the restart the pack claimed the ball back and gave the backline some good attacking ball. More pressure lead to excellent field position and when Riggles little snip lead to Agunwa crashing over for GKTs 3rd try of the day. 19-10 GKT led till more sustained pressure from some great rucking and exquisite backs lines lead to GKT having the upper hand. Persistent infringement from the boys from the “Strand Poly” gave us a penalty. A lineout in an attacking position lead to an all too familiar sight of the GKT walking all over their LSE counterparts. The drive was stopped just short of the line and Riggles went over from a couple of feet to extend the lead. 24-10 was the halftime score when a much needed breather was taken by both sides.

Having had a comfortable lead a sloppy kick landed straight in the hands of their full back. A combination of good running and poor defence meant that LSE were right back in it with their 3rd try. Changes were made with Riggles making way for the Don and Roland making room for Slugger Jackson in the back row. The tit for tat tries were had in the same manner as the first half with Whyte picking up another couple. The forward domination was clear for all to see, and no-more obvious than in the scrums. Smedley and Agunwa had the LSE front row begging for mercy. This combined with Gavin bossing them into position proved just too much for the LSE boys. Some good ball gave the backs an excellent platform to work from and none looked more at home than Berry who made some excellent breaks down the flanks. Just as things looked to be getting a little close for comfort our lead was extended to 37-29. It would have been even closer if not for the outreached arms of Mattt Morgan who charged down a sloppy conversion attempt. The final whistle went and a very relieved GKT side left the field. It was a solid performance by all and off to Das Boot it was for all!