

Match Report
Guys vs Murrayfield Wanderers
SCORE: 31-46

This was the fifteenth match of the season for Guys Vets against Murrayfield Wanderers (MW) away on tour to Edinburgh. The team was depleted considerably by losses due to the conflict in Iraq. Other members of the pool didn't have such good reasons for not touring and leaving Guy's in the position of relying on 4 guests.

Nonetheless, a spirited nine ran out onto a lovely sunny dry warm (!) day on the second pitch in the shadow of Murrayfield to play our former captain, Geraint Thomason's new team. This was the New Opportunities tour as it saw hidden weaknesses and strengths in the Guy's team. Paul Chew and David Gibson (in the absence of Al Jones!) had to take the dropouts. Unfortunately Al's position is not threatened! Nonetheless, two conversions and five tries were scored by a spirited Guys who would have won the match if they and not conceded 3 tries in the first 10 mins as they settled down with the guest players (where were the you!). Thereafter Guys forward proved stronger but weaker in the backs. Scores aplenty with Geraint (sorely missed) scoring three in typical 'rape and pillage' fashion. Simon Hughes (always willing) got to grips with scrum half (Jimmy was with daughter- the rest of you - well). He coped even better than Mark Kinirons (against BoE)! Terry Gibson showed superb dummies (Ross & Ronan, Janusz & Romek - you should have seen it) to men half his age. David Gibson & Mark Blunden were sterling second row (after a night at the Pubic Triangle – I joke not - a fantastic Edinburgh nightclub the night before - getting back to hotel after some pre-match night time 'training' in the Guy's tourist fashion (with Chewy bring up the rear at 5 am touch down - no not what you think - but crashing to bed - I know because I shared the room with him). Al Mistlin won't even challenge me for a wing place but enjoyed the new found space. Andy Bolas proved he still is the best player in Wales – and should be on their team by winning back ball when it should have come back (legally - those long arms)! Bob Crow was equally beaverish. Lastly our own ref Nigel brought up the rear of the party and chose to ignore the internal warfare amongst the MW wisely. We had a lovely Saturday evening in and Irish decorated Scottish room eating haggis - eugh! There was no vomiting, gratuitous sex (or none I was informed of), no good jokes and we all had a great time - so you should have come - you know who you are - you number about 76!

Team: B Crow, T Gibson, A Bolas, M Blunden, D Gibson, G Thomason, S Hughes, A Mistlin, P Chew & 4 guests. Ref Nigel Brice Team Doctor/Masseur/Crier M

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