

**Kent 1 League Fixture at Honor Oak Park  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2005**

**Guy's Hospital RFC 20 – 34 Park House RFC**

After recent good results, it was hugely disappointing to lose to a team one would expect to defeat. With captain Davies unavailable with a broken finger, the Guy's side struggled to find fluency in the wet and windy conditions.

With the sizeable(!) crowd sheltering under the stand the game got underway with the home side playing towards the pavilion. Plenty of knock-ons and scrappy ground work characterised the early exchanges. An initial breakthrough was achieved when front row forward Ben Wheeler completed a marvellous solo effort as he beat several defenders to cross the line. Scrum-half Gavin Brigstocke converted. For the remainder of the half Guy's found it hard to compete up front and the backs were constantly under pressure from a weighty opposition centre-partnership. The half-time score was 10-7 to Park House.

Since the game was some time ago please forgive me in my lack of details, but in the second half Guy's remained competitive but always on the back foot. Fly-half Welch scored his debut try for the 1's, which was converted. Brigstocke also notched up two more penalties. The other salient memory was that the Park House President was sent off from the touchline for dissent to the referee. Quite unbelievable in the circumstances but the referee had a long afternoon in which the game really did not flow. Guy's lost 34-20 and really had a chance to win until the end. Park House were pleased to win an unlikely away victory and Guy's must endeavour to triumph in the return leg.

Tries: Wheeler, Welch

Cons: Brigstocke (2)

Pens: Brigstocke (2)

Rhys Davies

Captain