

## **Old Paulines 0 – 39 Guy's Vets Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2002**

This was the fifth match of the season for Guys Vets against Old Paulines at Thames Ditton. What a day! For the first time in living memory 20 vets were out on the pitch 40 minutes before kick off! We had 5 subs along with a winning side (7 tries and 2 conversions). R Perry had the use of 2 different coloured tees (he claimed the white one was wonky!). This was a most impressive side with the return crucially of P Bell who ran in a try in typical terrier fashion breaking at least 4 tackles. He was the pivotal in enabling the flashes of 'champagne rugby' that many of the older vets normally only see in dreams. One try saw 14 passes between backs and forwards alike to provide M Blunden with his first try since he was a houseman playing for Guy's in 1996. He was one of 4 subs who came on at half time (such are the competition for places). Another of the subs was C Rickett who linked superbly with R Brown to run 75% of the pitch to score under the posts (yes R Perry didn't miss this one). The Kaminski brothers were very impressive again, scoring a try each and distracting some of the wives on the touchline. They along with our preferred second Row combination of A Bolas and T Rose gave the kind of solidity we want more of. R Dixon just kept winning against the head making Old P's time even more depressing. The front row just didn't budge all afternoon due I think because of a small chap called M Seare - keep coming Mike. When the front row gets too much, we know Mike can replace Al at out half (after a display of great kicking skill while going sideways). Tries from A Norris and R Perry left us all smiling. The opposition was much better than the final score and tackled hard but just couldn't stop us. A Mistlin missed the first half because his son removed his boots from his bag and Thomas Kinirons enjoyed the game so much he walked onto the next pitch to tell them how Guy's do it (his father having 'forgotten' him in the excitement). It was lovely to see Jimmy and Alison cheering us on (Jimmy didn't need to be lippy this week). We need to encourage more touchline support including children and partners - as both need nurturing in different ways to ensure the continued success of this vets season and indeed in seasons to come.

**Team:** D Gibson, R Dixon, M Seare, A Bolas, T Rose, J Kaminski, T Gibson, R Kaminski, P Bell, A Jones, A Norris, R Perry, I Abbs, G Barwell, R Brown  
**Subs** C Rickett, M Blunden, C Howell, A Mistlin, M Kinirons

**Mark Kinirons**