

Team sheet May 3 2003

1.	Chris Howell	
2.	Terry Gibson	
3.	M Blunden	
4.	Fabrice Bollett	Pat Davis
5.	Geraint Thomason	
6.	David Gibson	Jamie Barwell
7.	Alan Mistlin	Pasquale Giordano
8.	David Gibson	Pat Dooley
9.	Jimmy Allan	Pete Bell
10.	Al Jones	
11.	M Kinirons	Andy Norris
12.	Tony Wilson	Jim Downs
13.	Ross Perry	Hugh Jones
14.	Guy Barwell	Graham Hill
15.	Ronan Brown	Ian Abbs
16.	Simon Hughes	Paul Chew

Match Report

Past vs Present Paul Scanlon Memorial Match at Honor Oak Park. Referee was Nigel Brice

Almost to the day of Paul's death, we played against the 2nd Present for the inaugural Paul Scanlon Memorial Cup. His family could not be present as they were down in Wales visiting the grave. In Paul's memory both teams stood for a minutes silence on an overcast but warm day at Honor Oak where Paul played with so much distinction over many years.

He would have been proud of the day, the play and the display of determination by the Penguins. Indeed the sense of urgency and vitality that so typified Paul's personality both on the field was vital to us winning this match. By the end of the first half we were on the back foot as the Present with some very swift players should have been four or five tries ahead instead of just two.

We started with a team of those who had played most consistently for the Penguins throu the season. Your captain was feeling very positive prior to the match, as the squad had swollen to more than 25. G Thomason returning for this match to accompany F Bollett in the engine room. However, youth exposed some weaknesses in our front row – our most distinguished part of the team due mainly to lack of a second prop to accompany T Gibson and C Howell. The students made a bit of hay consequently. Wholesale reshuffling of the team with P Chew, P Davis, J Barwell, J Allan and P Dooley added significant drive to the pack enabling the backs to get a bit of pace and move going which lead to a turnaround by the third quarter. The final minutes were tense with J Allan nearly performing emergency neurosurgery on the touchline and A Mistlin resisting restraint by the youths! Tries by G Barwell and others and a truly brilliant breakaway try by H Jones sealed victory by 22- 12.

Everyone had a run out though difficult choices had to be made in substitution. It was good to see P Giordano back again with his passion for rugby back as of old – more of same next year Pasquale!

It was good to see and hear M Martin on the touch line but no encouragement could get him out. He was not alone with many partners and kids also there – more of same next year please – kids, girls and subs! Your captain received the trophy from Dr TLT Lewis, former President of Guy's Hospital Rugby Club. Paul would have loved it - especially with his grandstand view.

Mark Kinirons