

## **GUY'S VETS vs SEVEN OAKS SCORE: 24 - 79**

This was the third match of the season for Guys Vets against Seven Oaks away. This regular annual fixture started early to allow time for England vs South Africa. Guys could only field a total of seven players (five vets and 2 students). Matters penguin are not getting better and the parlous state of the Vets persists. Can a team turn out single digit numbers for all its played fixtures and survive the season intact? The answer will only be revealed by the response from the vets' pool and the club to future matches. Guys in all its years must have faced such difficulties before. Diehard vets wish to ensure that this team remains an integral part of the club. We look to others to stretch themselves for the benefit to of the Vets and club. There is a desperate need for players to see the vets as their team without undermining other teams in the club.

To make a match of it we borrowed players from Seven Oaks. The final result of 74 to 29. In spite of the score, an enjoyable run out was had on a glorious sunny morning. Useful running play by both sides produced some slick tries on both sides with tries by Al Jones and our guest players to keep us in with an ass's roar of SO. The forwards had contested scrums and our senior players (T Gibson & C Howell) put up useful resistance. We miss such second row stars as A Bolas - the latter who ahs now been lost to some club in Copenhagen. We wish him well. By contrast it was a particular pleasure to welcome back C Beardmore safely returned from abroad. Our junior colleagues J O'Shea and R Lee played beyond their years and benefited by the nurturing the Vets can bring to younger bodies.

This reporter exhorts all who care to try to support the Vets and to recruit more players - it seems improbable that there are not many more 'senior' postgraduates out there who would relish a game every Saturday.

Team: C Howell, T Gibson, C Beardmore, J O'Shea, A Jones, R Lee, M Kinirons & 4 Seven Oaks guests  
Mark Kinirons