

Guy's vs Seven Oaks

non league SCORE: 7-38

This was the eleventh match of the season for Guys Vets against Seven Oaks away. It turned out to be a lovely day. Nicky Davies was on touchline duty joined by Jane & Anne. Jimmy Allan turned up at half time and as we had started as 13 he came on for the second half and nearly scored a try from 5 mtrs. By then, Seven Oaks were ahead in terms of scores. Nonetheless the combination of Andy Bolas and Tony Rose nearly made up for the numeric deficit. Hugh, Daisy Jones and the triplets also came. Time ran out before Hugh could make his maiden match for this season. On the other hand, Chewy, (welcomed back for his first match this season with Guy's), and Yanni, (loaned from 2nds) were both in top form - harrying and cajoling the forwards superbly. Indeed the second half started with a penalty try awarded to C Howell (when was the last time Chris scored - 20 yrs someone said!). T Gibson, playing wing forward, was denied a try by the individualism of Al Jones! M Kinirons made a welcome return having sat out the last 3 matches (due to the huge nos. of subs!) Playing is the most effective preventative treatment to the effects of age on the skeleton – so no retirements for those under 58 yrs! Overall, our tackling lets us down (not the first time this season) but got better as the match went on. Seven Oaks only scored twice in the second half. If we only had C Beardmore (away on duty), Kaminski Brothers (away), M Seare (away!), R Perry (away!), N Davies (keen to come back), Antonia (Pier Paolo was away), R Dixon (away on duty)..... the list goes on, we would have won comfortably. As it was everyone had a very enjoyable contested match and afterwards many went off to Pizza Express in Seven Oaks to continue conversations into the evening.

Team: C Howell, N Yanni, A Bolas, T Rose, A Sneedeen, T Gibson, P Chew, R Brown, J Allan, A Jones, A Grant, A Ross Jones, M Kinirons, B Preston

Mark Kinirons