

Sevenoaks 2ndXV vs Guys Hospital 2ndXV

Lost 65-26

Well the score certainly doesn't reflect the game. I will be the first to admit, it was awful preparation and warm up. Mostly my fault I confess. However this was a game we could so easily have won, regardless of the score.

Sevenoaks, stepped straight up and showed us they were a good side, scoring in the first 5 minutes, but as usual from a Guys side, we showed great spirit and hit straight back with 2 tries, one from inside our own 22 was run out and went through about 6 pairs of hands and was finished off by Ade. Relli got the other from a pick up from a 5m scrum. We were ahead 14-5 after 20mins. Our fortunes were about to change though.

After seeing how easy it was we took our foot off the gas and our tackling was awful. Their number 9 broke from a turned over lineout in their 22 and ran the length of the pitch to score under the posts. He broke about 4 tackles! This was not what we wanted and things only got worse. They ran in another soon after almost directly from the kick off. Their tactic was to let their No8 catch and run at Gavin, who's only option was to spread himself as big as possible and try to stop him, he would just carry on leaving a heap of bodies on the ground behind him.

The turning moment in the game came next. We had a break on our wide, were about to go through and the inside ball was slapped down by their player, only for him too somehow gather it and go unopposed under the posts. Heads went down and for the next 40mins they just ran in try after try. Leaving the score at 58-14.

The last 20 were ours though. It's just a shame it took 58 points for us to turn on the style. We held them out and pressurised them. Running them ragged and were rewarded with another running try by Relli and a charge over by Geevan, from a penalty in their 22. They got a consolation try at the end. We showed that if we had played rugby from the start we could have won this game.

Team: Neama, J. Mendonca, Gurv, Geevan, K. Rowland, Wheels, Relli, R. Gleadhill, T. Seng, G. Brigstocke, R. Hone, Ade, B. Tiffin, J. Nettleton, Gushy

Subs: A. Vaughton (45)