

Guy's 2nd XV vs. Sidcup 2nd XV-Saturday 5th October
Lost 15-28

Well boys and girls, two games two loses and as Mr Patrick Gush took great delight in pointing out, three consecutive losses and the whole team is auto-ginned. Something to keep in mind for next weekend. The result was poor but performance encouraging. The Guy's 2nd had several changes from the previous week. The ever young Billy Challacombe returned at No. 8 and, wait for it readers, George Tsolakaides, a true Guy's veteran donned his boots and boxing gloves for an all action show.

Sidcup, unfortunately had a false start and were warming up on their grounds, until at 2:30pm they realised they should have been at HOP. Following a delayed start Guy's made the early running, soaking up wave after wave of Sidcup attack, before Marc "The Gas" Carbasse was released for his first of a brace of tries. Brigstocke converted and Guy's took a 7-0 lead. Sidcup continued to enjoy the majority of possession, however, a turnover in the ruck, change of direction from Brigstocke, slick hands from Gush and Reading saw Carbasse released again. 12-0 Guys. Was the dream alive?

Guy's continued to win good first phase possession, however naivety in defence saw two soft tries leaked before half-time, with Sidcup entering the interval 15-12 ahead. The second half immediately saw the Guy's side punished for some poor defence, as Sidcup sneaked over for two close range efforts, and with an added penalty looked to take a commanding lead. 28-12. The Guy's boys rallied and held firm, with an ever dominate line-out and a solid scrum, the boys in blue and gold began to play the rugby we have come to expect from this quality side. Despite the continued pressure, Guy's only had a Brigstocke penalty to show for their efforts and the game ended with a 15-28 loss for the 2nd XV.

The result was a disappointment, however the 2nd's showed tremendous resolve and commitment, fighting right to the end. I believe this is one of the youngest 2nd XV's for years and if the side continues to improve at this rate, we can look forward to the rest of the season.

Team: Chris Eggleton, Marc Carbasse, Shay Reading, Rob Hone, Ade Adewjon (Sub Matt Wiggans 40) Patrick Gush, Gavin Brigstocke, Jiom Rudd, Oli Laird, Matt Brown, Rhys Davis, Tim Wright, Matt Blundell, Iuain Wilson, Billy Challacombe (Sub George Tsolakaides 22)

Tries: Carbasse 2

Conversion: Brigstocke

Penalty: Brigstocke