

Guys Hospital 2XV vs. Tonbridge Juddians
15th Nov 2003
Won 31-29

After 2 heavy defeats in our last 2 games, the guys boys looked for their second win of the season and turned out in force, old and new players alike, joined in what can only be one of the most exciting games of rugby ever played. It was fast and furious and even the half drunk Tonbridge rabble on the sidelines loved it.

Wearing the colours of old (large dark blue and gold striped) the Guys boys took to the field ready for battle, with the captain leading from the front and playing flanker. Never again will he be so foolish.

The game kicked off with Tonbridge going on the offensive. The now infamous boot of James Kennedy clearing our ranks on numerous occasions before a lineout catch and drive went over in the corner 15mins into the half.

We then struck straight back from the kick off, forcing a penalty in front of the posts (3-5). Soon after this Andy, Chris and Percy combined to run in a lovely try from the opponents 10m line, in which the question still remains as to whether Percy went over the dead ball line. Gavin then converted (10-5). It was from here on that we realised running the 17 stone pie monsters from Kent around the park and using our young legs was the only way to win. Tonbridge struck back with a scrum and blindside move letting them over to the left of our posts. Once again the troops rallied and a try went in under the posts for Gavin to convert. Could the scorer please let me know who it was or I will have to claim it (17-12). The foot was then taken of the gas pedal and Tonbridge got another try which they converted. Alas they also got 2 penalty's in front of our post, and their kicker who had been so trustworthy all game slotted the first, but was put off by the farting noises of Christian for the second (his smile lit up the sky) The half ended 17-22 to Tonbridge.

The second half got off to a great start, we were all over their line, and making breaks from all over the park. The old men of Tonbridge were shocked at the pace and new untried tactics. Percy and Andy combined again for Percy's second of the match. Gavin then converted again, putting us back in front 24-22. Another lineout was our downfall, as a catch and drive forced us under the posts once again, giving Tonbridge the lead again (24-29). However, the game was just beginning and although there was 25mins left on the clock, the game became frantic, both sides desperate to close the game out. Both sides coming so so close to scoring but defences held, until a clearance from our 22 landed in field, and our lightening pace on the wings and centres caught out their full back, allowing Tom Kennedy to go over on the left of the post. Gavin continued his 100%record for the day making it 31-29 to the boys in blue and gold. The game was on a knife edge and once again Tonbridge got a lineout on our 5m line, however, the line held and the resulting clearance produced another chance for us to strike, the attack failed but the final whistle blew. This match should go down in the archives of Guys and in the memories of men.

Team: J. Birri, I. Wilson, Gurv, Percy, Neama, B. Tiffin, C. Smith, R. Hone(c), G. Brigestocke, James Kennedy, S. Reading, P. Gush, A. Vaughton, C. Eggleston, M. Henderson.

Subs: Sho(40), Tom Kennedy(60), Mike(Percy's Mate)(60)

Tries: Percy(2), Tom Kennedy, ?, Pens: G. Brigestocke, Cons: G. Brigestocke (4)