

Guy's 2nd's vs. Tonbridge Juddians 2nd's – Saturday 26th October
Lost 22-26

Well readers, here I am again. Finger refreshed and ready to tell you of the trials and tribulations of another Saturday on the road. It was with great delight, that I was complemented on the quality of my reports by the opposition captain on Saturday, so a 'big up' to all my readers in sunny Tonbridge.

The 2nd XV once again blended youth and experience on Saturday and was pleased to welcome back B.Challacombe, D.Nurse and K.Rowland to it's ranks. T.Kennedy made his first start of the season on the wing and Ewan, the Welsh wizard was welcomed back in the centres. The opposition, boasted a more experienced and significantly larger side and once again Guy's were found to be lacking a few pies up front, with Tonbridge weighing in at an impressive 7.5 on the pie-o-meter (No offence meant).

The opening encounters were dominated by the home-side, whose experienced pack took an early lead through three forward tries. My worst fears of a forward dominated rout ran through my mind, but ohh no a true David and Goliath classic was to unfold. Readers, I warn you now, hold on to your seats, put the kettle on and let the story unfold. Guy's were to be no pushover.

The Guy's side decided to run the ball from all areas of the park, and with immediate effect found their opposition lacking in pace, enabling the Guy's gas men to stretch their legs. Guy's began to pressure the Tonbridge line and before long P.Gush darted over from close range to add to his previous drop-goal, with the half-time score 10-15.

The second half saw J.Rudd introduced to steady the pack and G.Bevan in the back-row. Tonbridge once again pressurized the Guy's line and their forward domination enabled them to stretch their lead despite some valiant defending. On several occasions, Guy's managed to string together a couple of phases of play, and looked to worry the opposition. A cunning back's move saw M.Henderson ghost through the defence and score under the posts. M.Carbasse, kept the scorers busy with a late try, thanks to his gas and the final 5 minutes were to be tense as Guy's trailed by 4 points and looked to run the opposition ragged.

However, the dream was not on for this week and some old heads and rock solid defending enabled Tonbridge to weather the final storm and secure the victory.

Till next week, as Guy's entertain Sevenoaks at HOP.

Team: M.Henderson, T.Kennedy, Ewan, S.Reading, M.Carbasse, P.Gush, G.Brigstocke, G.Josam, I.Wilson (Sub J.Rudd 40), D.Nurse, K.Rowland (Sub R.Hone 60), M.Blundell, M.Cook, S.Cartwright (Sub G.Bevan 40), B.Challacombe

Tries: P.Gush, M.Henderson, M.Carbasse

Conversions: G.Brigstocke 2

Drop Goal: P.Gush