

Guy's & St Thomas v Uckfield League Game
13th April 2002
Honor Oak Park, London SE4
Won 36-0

Last season the hospital won promotion to the London 4 League from Kent 1 as champions. However they have found this league much tougher, largely perhaps due to loss of so many senior players, as opposed to an increase in the quality of the opposition.

For this last league game of the season Guy's find themselves 3rd from bottom, with relegation a real possibility. As has become common in the RFU leagues, it is not clear whether two or three sides get relegated. This match was therefore a crucial one to win against the side currently lying bottom. The hospital had managed to put out a virtually full strength side, and hopes were high.

Guy's started off nervously, but with obvious superiority in the tight. This was as well, since at least four passes were dropped and only retrieved by powerful scrummaging, until the ball was quickly released to the hands of Ed Behn, who scorched up the touch line to score under the posts. He was a late addition to the team, having been down as substitute, but a late call of nature resulted in him taking the field early. After a couple of sterling runs, Smith and a member of the opposition were sin binned, before Davis scored beneath a rolling maul. This was followed by a classical winger's try from Vaughton, who sped down the right touch line to take the score to a satisfactory 17 - 0. Behn then made a fine break, finding Vaughton on the inside to score his second try, and half time lead of 29 - 0.

In the second half Uckfield dominated for 20 minutes and camped in the Guy's 22 for some time. Unfortunately for them they were unable to score, and eventually the hospital side moved down the field, and Jacks burrowed over. With Christian Smith watched by his father, who played several times for Wales, unfortunately sent off for a second bookable offence, Guy's began to play more controlled rugby, and Turner eventually ran the full length of the pitch, for a final score of 36 - 0.

Team: Kenton. R, Hooker. J, Evans. G, Thorpe. B, Locke. F, Smith. C, Jacks. C, Davies. P, Morgan.P, Berry. D, Behn. E, Turner. R, Centre. J, Vaughton. A , Nichols. E

Scorers/Trys: Vaughton 2, Behn 1, Davies - Conversions, Berry 2

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