

Match Report

Maidstone Mustangs XV 27 v Sevenoaks 2nd XV 31

Home, Saturday 15th September 2012, Kick-off 3:00pm

This home fixture at The Mote was the last of the Mustangs XV preseason warm up fixtures before their Invicta League campaign starts next week and was against opposition from a higher division.



Sevenoaks started much the brighter of the two sides with the home team disrupted by a string of injuries and using all of their replacements before the half time interval and a 26 point deficit without troubling the scorers themselves. Amongst the replacements Alex Goodhew had stepped up from the 3rd XV fixture and proved that he was more than capable of giving a good account of himself at this level.

The second half saw an number of positional changes and at last the Mustangs started to claw themselves back into the match as they began to string together a cohesive pattern to their play with McKenzie, Naismith, Vickers, Moss and Stockwell all crossing for scores few position changes, Maidstone dug in and started to claw. The Mustangs were unlucky in the latter stages to concede a score which was somewhat against the run of play and set up a tense finale to the match with the final whistle sounding as they were camped in the Sevenoaks 22m.



In summary, very much a game of two halves with the second period providing a number of notable performances, not least that of Alex Hadi who took the coaches Man of the Match vote.