

## Match Report

Maidstone Mustangs XV 19 v Aylesford 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 29

Home, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2012, Kick-off 2:30pm



On a wet day not really conducive to running rugby, Aylesford were the visitors to the Mote. The Mustangs had the early ascendancy as they stuck to the game plan outlined by coach Richard Weston and were soon 19 points up with tries from Ben Hunter, Jack Naismith and Tom Matley, with Dan Eastwood successfully adding the extra points with two of the conversion attempts. As the half progressed it was Aylesford that began to come back into the game, getting on the scoreboard with a penalty and converted try to bring the scoreline to 19-10 at the interval.

Maidstone very much took their 'foot off the gas' after the interval and lapses in concentration combined with a loss of discipline allowed Aylesford to post three scores. The Mustangs cause was not helped with long periods with two players yellow carded. Having surrendered the lead through their own poor play and indiscipline they were then playing catch-up rugby and it wasn't until they were restored to a full complement of players that they began to make inroads into the Aylesford defence. However it was always going to be 'too little, too late', and they went down 19-29 to the visitors.

The side learnt a valuable lesson, in that they must maintain both their discipline and their intensity for the full eighty minutes