

Match Report

Lordswood XV 5 v Maidstone Mustangs XV 49
Away, Saturday 1st December 2012, Kick-off 12:30pm



After last week's surprise defeat to Aylesford, the Mustangs were eager to put "things" right and play rugby for a full 80 minutes. 1st XV unavailability had seen a number of call ups to the 1st XV for their cup fixture in Hitchin and this could have disrupted the team, but strength in depth is a now a major part of the club.

The game plan was simple but very effectively executed with front row Dan Taylor opening the scoring and Ben Wilson crossing the whitewash soon after. Will Pearson on only his second outing for the club showed real pace on the wing as he touched down twice within a 5 minute period. Alex Goodhew also got on the scorecard and in the dying seconds of the first half, following a strong period of pressure by the lumpy Lordswood pack, they finally found a hole in the Mustangs defence to post cross the line. With none of the scores being converted by either side the score going into the half time interval was 5 – 25.

The Mustangs made a number of changes at half time but kept up the pressure on the Lordswood defence and always looked dangerous with ball in hand, Goodhew crossed for his second score, and Sam Weston coming off the bench also touched down. Ally Moss showed his pace on the wing outstripping the defence twice. Dan Eastwood eventually found his kicking boots and converted two goals. It was pleasing to see the team sticking to the game plan for a full 80 minutes and putting the skills learnt in training into practice to run out convincing 5-49 winners