



Match Report

Invicta League

Mustangs XV 19 v Tunbridge Wells 2nd XV 0

Played at The Mote, Saturday 11th January, 2014

With last week's fixture falling foul of the weather, this first outing in 3 weeks proved to be one of the side's better performances this season. Eager to prove that the early season loss to Wells was a distant blip on the radar the Mustangs game plan was simple; to get behind their defensive line and create scoring opportunities.

The home team started brightly, but it was Jamie Sims introduction from the bench for the injured Sam Weston that was the catalyst for the Mustang's first score as he crossed the whitewash to open the scoring, with James Douglas adding the extras. To their credit Wells continued to defend staunchly and despite home pressure there was no further scoring before the half-time whistle.

The second half saw Paul Hyland slip into the back row in his first start since injury on the opening day of the season and he was quick to make his presence felt. After a series of interplay between backs and forwards, Dan Eastwood was on the end of the final pass for the Mustangs second try to the left of the posts, unfortunately the conversion attempt went wide but the side now had a two score buffer. Further pressure saw Matt Vickers on the end of another good period of interplay between forwards and backs to put the game out of reach of the visitors with Douglas coolly adding the extras for a 19-0 win.

In summary, this was a solid all round performance from the Mustangs which gave a realistic demonstration of their potential in one of their best performances of the season.