



Match Report

Invicta League

Tonbridge Juddians 3rd XV 0 v Mustangs XV 67

Played at The Slade, Saturday 19th October, 2013

After last week's defeat at Dover, Maidstone's Mustangs XV needed to notch up another win in order to remain competitive in the top half of the division in their first season back in Invicta Division 1.

The return of several players absent the week before was countered by a number of call ups to the 1st XV and saw the experienced Ian Howson drafted in at short notice but playing in near perfect conditions and on a dry pitch, the Mustangs set out to play with tempo and to a clear game plan. Jamie Sims opened the scoring with Jason Smith, Matt Vickers and Alex Sturzu following suit in short order. Robbie Grieve added the extras to all four scores converting, opening his scoring account at Maidstone. Skipper Nick East and Will Pearson also crossed plus Jamie Sims adding to his tally. The interval saw the Mustangs with a healthy 43 – 0 advantage.

The second period saw TJs looking to make inroads into the deficit as they attempted to put some real tempo and penetration into their play but the Mustangs defence remained solid and repelled all attacks. Having weathered the early TJs storm they then started to launch their own attacks with Robbie Grieve touching down; Matt Vickers and Nick East crossed for their second scores and Jamie Sims rounded off a fine performance to complete his hat trick, Grieve added 2 conversions. Although TJ's never gave up till the bitter end, this was a good team performance by Maidstone's second string, who ran out comfortable 0-67 winners.