



Match Report

Invicta League

Mustangs XV 24 v Medway 2nd XV 12

Played at The Mote, Saturday 26th October, 2013

Maidstone's 2nd string entertained a strong Medway 2nd XV that looked to run the ball at every opportunity, in what was an entertaining encounter at The Mote. Early pressure by the home side was eventually rewarded as Medway infringed at the breakdown and Brad Ford opened the scoring with the resultant penalty. The home side were on the scoreboard again shortly after when a strong run from Alex Hadi saw him touch down just to the left of the posts, leaving a simple task for Ford to add the extras and take the Mustangs into a 10-0 lead. Josh McKenzie was next to cross, touching down for his second try so far this season with Ford predictably adding the extras to extend the Mustangs lead to 17-0 well into the second quarter.

It was Medway who struck next, finding gaps in the normally tight home defence, as they ran in two tries in quick succession, and with one conversion the deficit was reduced to 5-points. Sharp words from skipper Nick East spurred on the team and some flowing rugby ensued, with second row Nick Bunyan breaking the gain line on several occasions. With Maidstone injecting some pace into the game and generating quick recycled ball, Hadi was on the end of a good piece of play following Bunyan's surge, to cross for his second try with Ford converting to take the home side into a 24-12 lead at the interval.

A scoreless second half saw defences tightened on both sides in what became a war of attrition, not helped by the numerous infringements by both teams.