



## Match Report

Old Colfeians 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 5 v Maidstone Mustangs XV

Away, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013, Kick-off 2:30pm

With Colfes having forfeited the fixture against the Mustangs on the morning of the match back in November, Maidstone's Mustangs XV made the long trip to Horn Park, Eltham to face a side that have struggled in this season's competition. Although despite the bright conditions, with the pitch resembling quick sand, it was never going to be a pretty game.

From the start the Mustangs showed they have developed into a force to be reckoned with in this division, as early pressure applied to the home team's defence saw Alex Goodhew, fresh from his 1<sup>st</sup> XV outing the week before, cross the line for an early score. Despite Colfes lowly position in the league they still proved to be a handy and resilient outfit and soon levelled the score with their fly half making the touchdown. However, this setback spurred the Mustangs on their way with front row forward Cezar Ionica scoring his first try in Maidstone colours after two seasons with the club, Dan Eastwood converted to add the extra points and was also on the scoresheet soon after himself; as he touched down to extend the Maidstone lead.

The pitch conditions were deteriorating throughout the game and were noticeably worse for the second half of the match; this didn't deter the Mustangs back division as Lucien Morosan crossed the line to score, and Eastwood again adding to his tally shortly after. The final try of the match saw the front row again close out the scoring, as prop Dan Taylor crossed to touchdown after showing great strength to cross the line.

In summary, another good win for the Mustangs who showed great maturity in adapting to the difficult and deteriorating conditions