Spitfire Gold Veteran’s Cup

Maidstone vs. New Ash Green

HT  31 - 0

FT  50 – 19

The abridged report is that we won convincingly, with a strong squad performance. NAG are a decent side and threatened to come back into the game towards the end of the second half, but determined defence stemmed the tide and proved the decisive moment in the game. Strong individual performances from Ben Court, Nick East and Chunky, plus a hat-trick from Stu Bates allowed us to ease through to the semi- finals where Westcombe Park await. Save the date-Sunday 24th February.

Best of luck recovering from knocks to Chris Leggett, Eugene (the best 30 seconds of rugby he has played for a long time) and Jim Walker

Thanks to everyone who came and supported and to Caroline for physio duty above and beyond.

Tries

Stuart Bates ( con DC) 7-0

Dave Charlton (con missed DC) 12-0

Ian Lee Horse (con DC) 19-0

Stuart Bates (con missed Duncan Mc) 24-0

Nick East (con Duncan Mc) 31-0

Half time

Ben Court ( con missed DC) 36-0

NAG try + con 36-7

Ian Lee Horse (con DC) 43-7

NAG try + con missed 43-12

Stuart Bates (con DC) 50-12

NAG try + con 50-19

Full time.

Squad

01 Jim Walker 1st half / Andre Rubans 2nd half

02 Bob Purfit 1st half / Mark Ingram 2nd half

03 Martin Maytum

04 Ian Lee Horse

05 Mick Duggan 1st half / Tom Clarke 2nd half

06 Colin Frost 1st half / Neil Cole 2nd half

07 Nick East replaced last 10 minutes by Richard Ewence

08 Ben Court

09 Mick Walker

10 Gary Whitehead

11 Eugene Moore injured after 1st min replaced by Duncan McClintock

12 Dave Charlton replaced in 1st half by John O'Brien

13 Richard Cutbill

14 Stuart Bates

15 Chris Leggat injured in 1st min of 2nd half replaced by Dave Charlton

00 Sam Purfit (Waterboy)

99 Caroline Surtees (Physiotherapist)

xx Paul Massey (Manager)

Paul Massey Coach/Manager & Match Reporter;

\* 1st try Stuart Bates, right wing, round outside, touches down under the posts.

\* 2nd try Dave Charlton, playing centre, intercepted pass, breaks through to touch down wide left.

\* 3rd try Horse, great interplay, through the hands side to side finished by Ian carrying over.

\* 4th try Stuart Bates, forward pressure, stolen line out ball on one side through the hands for Stuart to touch down on opposite side.

\* 5th try Nick East, forwards interplay, hard yards made by the big boys , pick and go, finished by Nick's swan dive over the try line.

\* 6th try Ben Court, Ian Lee and Ben Court exchange passes down the left wing with Horse generously setting up Ben to go over.

\* 7th Ian Lee Horse, over thrown line out by NAG, Tom Clarke takes the ball and rumbles up to the half way line passing to Horse on the wing who then steams down half the length of the pitch to touch down for a try.

\* 8th try Stuart Bates, scrum half Mick Walker, show and go, gets in space and passes to Stuart who charges down half the pitch to score his hat trick try.

\* Hard fought contest with the half time score not reflecting the pressure Maidstone soaked up and then capitalising on opportunities to keep the score board ticking over.

\* Senior heads aware that NAG would be looking for retribution after the break. And so it proved.

\* Over exuberant 2nd half restart sees NAG clash with Chris Leggat knocking him out. HIA assessment showed Chris not aware what month it was and infact what he was doing. Thankfully recovered by end of match but to be on the safe side was chauffeured home by team manager ( well done Mass)

\* Over exuberant NAG player (again) attempts to fly hack ball catches boot of opposition and forced to come off with what looks like exposed metatarsal.

\* John O'Brien formula for playing centre, smash through the first guy, hand off the 2nd guy, ram through the 3rd whilst simultaneously reverse flip passing the ball. Outside centre learns early on not to expect a straightforward pass.

\* NAG bring big team of forwards for physical contest, only to be met by a wall made up of Jim Walker, Mick Duggan, Horse, Court , Mayhem and Purfit. Big hits, no quarter given or asked for.

MOM contenders;

Nick East

Ben Court

Ian Lee Horse

Stuart Bates

Report by PM