

Match Report

Tonbridge Juddians 3rd XV 38 v Maidstone Mustangs XV 19
Away, Saturday 8th December 2012, Kick-off 2:15pm



An away fixture against a side currently flying high in Invicta 2 was always going to be a tough match and gifting them early tries in the game made life much harder for the visiting Mustangs team. TJs had posted 17 points before Maidstone's second string woke up and were able to put together a period of concerted pressure from the pack following which winger Chris Tomlin was able to find the space to power over and open the scoring for the Mustangs. TJs were able to respond and added more points before the interval to go into the break with a healthy 27- 5 lead.

The start of the second half again saw Tomlin to the fore as he scored his second of the game with Sam Mann converting to make inroads into the TJs lead. However, hopes of a comeback were dashed as the home team scored twice more and it was only with moments left in the match that Maidstone were able to trouble the scoreboard again, with Tom Matley able to touchdown and Mann adding the extras. The Mustangs showed a great fighting spirit and never gave up the chase of the game, a few lessons learned for what is a young team; and as the season progresses the will hopefully will not make the same mistakes.