

Canterbury Zingarhi 62 - 12 Maidstone Veterans.

The vets returned from Canterbury for the second time this season with a comprehensive beating to contemplate. Following the 52-10 loss at the hands of the Cardinals, Saturday's 62-12 defeat was a further chastening experience. In simplistic terms Zingarhi were just too good in all facets of the game and, in particular at 4, 8, 9 and 13, had players several cuts above those of the vets. Maidstone did not, however, help themselves conceding numerous turn-overs, being second to most breakdowns and missing too many "first-up" tackles, allowing their opposition much space in midfield that they were able to exploit with aplomb. Whilst taking nothing away from Canterbury, who were clearly the superior side, there was little of the commitment, defensive organisation and handling skills exhibited by the vets in their previous outing against Gravesend.

Next Saturday sees the vets visiting Sheppey, and as the mini winning streak is now ended, there will be a need to learn from the Canterbury defeat(s) and re-focus on the vets traditional game of forward dominance providing good ball for use of their backs, in an attempt to regain the seasons momentum so skilfully interrupted by Zingarhi.

The Zingarhi scorers were too numerous to mention but for the Vets a Bishop crossed for a try following Mick Walker's excellent vision in locating his winger (Aaron Bishop being the beneficiary his Dad and normal winger, Graham, had departed injured within less than 5 minutes of the game kicking off). Walker duly converted the try. In the second half Adrian Clark crashed over from a reasonably slick move from the back of a vets penalty scrum.