

Maidstone Vets 27 - 0 Crawley

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012

With no sign of the Crawley team at 2.15pm the vets were preparing to play 11 v 11 from their own ranks. By 2.20, however, two Crawley players arrived with the promise of another six following. So, with eight Crawley players and the reserve vets a 15-a-side match was eventually played with the vets running out winners 27 points to nil. First half tries from Costello (2) and O'Mahoney (1) with one being converted by Gray provided a comfortable cushion at half time to allow further donations of vets players to Crawley following the loss to injury to some of the original eight.

The second half was a closer affair with the donated Maidstone players raising their game against their usual team mates and making the close quarter battle a more even contest. Unfortunately Crawley were unable to convert their greater possession into points and it was through a maiden try from Miles Tempan and the completion of Costello's hat trick that led to the final tally of 27 points with none conceded.

Crawley should be commended for actually turning up to play, and thanks go to those Maidstone players who willingly volunteered to make up the Crawley numbers and ensured that a game could be played.

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