

Following the previous week's 21-15 victory against Sittingbourne II/III's the Vets continued their good start to the season with a 12-10 win versus Lordswood 2nd's. In the Sittingbourne match 'guest' hooker Sam Bailey scored an individual try from approximately half-way and this was emulated by George Coomber who collected the ball inside his own 25 and proceeded to beat numerous Lordswood defenders to open the vets scoring within the first five minutes. If a rout looked like it was on the cards following such an early score this do not materialise although the Vets dominated Lordswood for the majority of the first half. In particular the Vets scrum was well on top of the Lordswood eight, eventually leading to a base pick-up and drive try for No.8, Vincent. Unlike the previous week where Mick Walker was able to convert all three Maidstone try's he was only able to convert one against Lordswood, leading to completion of the Vets scoring. Approaching half time Lordswood began to exert influence over the Vets in part due to their own good play and Maidstone 'switching-off'. One player who did keep his concentration was George Coomber who produced a fine try saving tackle.

The second half was a much more even affair, perhaps just shaded by Lordswood although the Maidstone scrum continued its dominance with fine performances by Damian McArdle and Dave Coleman in the second row and the entire front row of Ollie Coomber, Dave Jackson and Pete Gray. Unfortunately, back rower Bob Purfitt was unable to continue his scoring record of a try per match over the preceding three weeks.

Special thank go to Glyn Richards and Bobby Keynes who, instead of sitting out the first half and awaiting the planned substitutions at half time, agreed to join the Lordswood ranks who, prior to kick off, had only 13 players. Thus, both teams were able to start the match with a full complement and the game was allowed to proceed in good spirit. Injury to George Coomber necessitated a quick dash to the top pitch to recruit one of the Fifth subs and Maidstone were later joined by the returning Ben Jones who added his own style of back row play from scrum half. A further good win for the Vets who now move on to renew acquaintances with Gravesend Moles at the Mote next Saturday.