

Match Report - Saturday 19/9/15

Medway Extra 1st XV – 51 v Old Colfeians II – 14

Squad: Ross Cooley, Paul Morant, Al Waterman, Luke Osborne, Mike Davies, Tom Kirton, Dean Avery, Richie Desmond, Matt Wadhams, John Rumsey, Matt Brightman, Max Rose, Joe Bosomworth, Conor Chalmers, Rhys Burns, Sam Pearson

Tries: Burns, Wadhams (2), Pearson (2), Davies, Rumsey, Bosomworth, Chalmers

After a difficult start to the season Medway Extra 1st were looking for a better performance at home to Old Colfeians 2nd and that is exactly what they achieved with a encouraging 51-14 victory. The home side started brightly and were 10 - 0 up after 15 mins with tries from Rhys Burns and Matt Wadhams . The next 20 mins was an arm wrestle between the visitors pack and the hard running Medway backs, but it was the latter who scored a great team try from their own 22 m line after a great run by No8 Richie Desmond from the base of the scrum he fed full back Rhys Burns who hit the line at pace drew the last defender to send Sam Pearson under the posts. 15 - 0. Medways midfield defence was being tested but remained strong and with the Colfe's centre being penalised for holding on Medway kicked to the corner and from the resulting lineout a well worked move saw Mike Davis gallop over from 5 metres. 20 - 0. With clock nearing half time the visitors fly half tried a long miss pass but his reward was to see Sam Pearson intercept it and cruise 50 metres to touch down for his second try which was converted HT 27 - 0.

Medway started with the benefit of a slight breeze at their backs and were 32 - 0 very quickly after another interception this time by John Rumsey. Colfe's showed great spirit and scored a converted try from a powerful lineout drive 32 - 7. Medway went back on the attack and when the visitors were penalised 10 metres out opted for the scrum, from the solid platform Wadhams picked up from the base and crashed over in the corner. 37 - 7. But with the game lost Colfe's came back to score another converted try with their No 8 taking three would be tacklers over the line. 37 - 14. In the last 10 minutes Medway played their best rugby, the next try came after a powerful run by Dean Avery who popped the ball up for John Rumsey to carry on the move and a perfectly timed pass saw Joe Bosomworth score his first try which was converted 44 - 14. With time nearly up Medway won a lineout on half way, swift passing between Wadhams and Rumsey saw Connor Chalmers hit the perfect line to sprint the 40 metres to the post, converted by Rumsey. FT 51 - 14 . Medway showed great team spirit and know that they can still improve on this performance, Matt Wadhams was named man of the match for his all round contribution to a fine win.