

Maidstone 3rd XV 22 – 13 Dover 3rd XV

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What a difference a full squad makes! In all of Maidstone's previous fixtures a lack of squad numbers has led to a large portion of the second half of matches being played with players short due to injuries and no replacements available.

Today a full strength Maidstone side welcomed a solid Dover team riding high with a 100% record. From the off Maidstone proved their worth. A simple game plan to utilise an immense pack, dominate possession and bring a physical game to Dover worked well.

First half tries from debutants Kevin Ruaux and Mark Cashmore opened up a half time score line of 12-3.

Dover gathered themselves and struck back in the second half with two tries of their own, however a third Maidstone try, this time by Mike Laurenson, in between the two Dover scores, gave Maidstone the platform to push home the victory. The final try of the afternoon was the best of the day. With a number of team members involved. Slick interplay between forwards and backs got the ball to Damian Grabb to cross the whitewash. The final score: Maidstone 22, Dover 13.

MOTM: Damian Grabb – for and outstanding work rate in both attack and defence capped off with deserved score

Tries: Kevin Ruaux, Mark Cashmore, Mike Laurenson, Damian Grabb

Cons: Justin Evans

Squad:

Mark Thurgood, Steve Quinn, Martin Maytum, Matt Cooper, Kenny Murray, Mark Cashmore, Ben Weston, Damian Grabb, Justin Evans, Callum Smith, Kevin Ruaux, Mike Laurenson, David Ruaux (c), Al McCabe, Ian Howson, James Sullivan, Edd Adams, Simon Wright