

Match Report

27 October 2018

Maidstone Vets vs Sittingbourne III

Ref : Steve Norton

Maidstone Try and Con @ 12 mins, 7 – 0 (Peter Antoniou, con - Mick Walker)

Maidstone Try @ 17 mins 12 – 0 (Chris May)

Maidstone Try and Con @ 26 mins, 19 – 0 (Stephen Noble, con - Mick Walker)

Maidstone Try @ 32 mins, 24 – 0 (Marco)

Maidstone Try @ 34 mins, 29 – 0 (Stuart Bates)

Maidstone Try and Con @ 38 mins, 36 – 0 (Richard Cutbill, con - Mick Walker)

Half Time 36 - 0

Maidstone Try and con @ 43 mins, 43 – 0 (Stuart Bates , con - Mick Walker)

Maidstone Try @ 47 mins, 48 – 0 (Stuart Bates)

Sittingbourne Try @ 49 mins, 48 - 5

Maidstone Try @ 51 mins, 53 – 5 (James Ferris)

Maidstone Try @ 53 mins, 58 – 5 (Tom Clarke)

Sittingbourne Try and Con @ 62 mins, 58 – 12 (Mayhem, crossed over try line but gave ball to youngster for his first try)

Sittingbourne Try and Con @ 69 mins, 58 – 19 (Richard Cutbill)

Full Time 58 -19

Squad

01 Martin Maytum 1st half / Jason Hudson 2nd half

02 Peter Antoniou / Peter Grey 2nd half

03 Jim Charlotte Walker 1st half / Idris Lawal 2nd half

04 Chris May 1st half / Gary Griffiths 2nd half

05 Karim Neseiyif (skipper 1st half) / Tom Clarke 2nd half

06 Colin Frost

07 Anthony Round (1st half) / Neil Cole (skipper 2nd half)

08 Ben Court

09 James Ferris

10 Mick Walker

11 Stephen Noble (1st half) / Paul Hodges (2nd half)

12 Richard Cutbill (1st half) / Brian Costello (2nd half)

13 Marco Trismegisto Bauchiero

14 Blake Morris (1st half) / Patrick Stone (2nd half)

15 Stuart Bates

00 David Tugwell - Head Coach (snr)/ Waterboy

Phil Hadfield - Photographer

Match report by 'anonymous' standing in for (soon to be 50) Matthew Ellesmere (celebrations at Flowerpot Friday 2/11 from 4pm)

Sittingbourne III arrived with plenty of subs and some youth to bolster their ranks whilst Maidstone Vets were bolstered by a handful of ancient Barbarians as a result of a bombed game. This meant fresh legs were aplenty and a first half that was keenly contested by all with no quarter given.

There were debut games for scrum half James Ferris and hooker Peter Antoniou both showing that age is just a number and showed their class by marking the occasion with a try each. Stephen Noble in his third competitive game scored yet again and saw plenty of action as he came off his wing willing to hunt for the ball and get involved.

Waterboy Dave Tugwell's self promotion to Chief Under 16 & Novelty vets Trainer saw him undertake the warm up and had Maidstone ready right from the off !

Not entirely sure of who scored which try, however best endeavours have been made with matching names to the times the tries were scored & under the steady captaincy of the vice captain the first half saw Maidstone take a commanding 36-0 lead with tries from Peter Antoniou, Chris May, Stephen Noble, Marco, Stuart Bates & Richard Cutbill.

The Sittingbourne captain commented that Maidstone presented as a well drilled cohesive unit in that first half with all types of tries being scored from all areas of the pitch.(If only he knew!)

The 2nd half saw a flurry of changes as Neil took charge on the pitch and ensured there was no let up for the opposition.

Well worked tries from James Ferris, Tom Clarke and Stuart Bates completing his hat trick of tries (thank you for the jug Stu).

The attrition rate was high as Sittingbourne never gave up and as they ran out of subs Mayhem and Richard Cutbill generously squeezed into the opposition shirts and ranks making a difference when they came on.

Mayhem powered his way through as Maidstone stopped by an imaginary whistle that never came, however he could not bring himself to score against his team and generously passed the ball in the try area to a Sittingbourne youngster to score his first try.

No such reticence from Richard Cutbill as he demonstrated his prowess by cutting through the backs to dive over and score with glee.

Final score 58-19.

A fabulous game played with great invention and spirit. Thanks to all concerned especially those who stepped up and helped fill the Sittingbourne ranks.

Man of the match contenders;

James Walker, a human bulldozer plowing through, handing off everyone in his way (even the ref) & occasionally popping on the wing.

James Ferris, a stunning vets debut, capped with great try featuring several passes with the number 8.

Ben Court, never puts in a less than 8 out of 10 performance, has he ever had a bad game? winning lines outs, setting up tries, making the hard yards.

Stuart Bates, a hat trick of tries from the fast running full back.

Marco, playing a full game at center with damaged ribs and thigh injury , scoring a spectacular try which involved a pirouette, a side step and a few hand offs.

Winner (chosen by Neil); jointly awarded to Stuart & Marco.

TW@T of the match contenders;

Neil Coles, for laughing long and hard at the 1st half captain for dropping a kick off only to do the same thing in the 2nd half (twice)

David Tugwell, for forgetting his humble water boy origins abandoning his water duties, not providing Mick Walker with a kicking tee as he sloped off to watch the 1st team and give them coaching tips.

Mayhem, for not scoring that try.

Richard Cutbill, for scoring against his team thereby nullifying his earlier try for the team.

Idris Lawal, American footballer making his debut as a prop, had to take a time out after his first scrum to go to the side of the pitch and throw up. But otherwise a great start to what looks like a promising rugby career.

Winner ; Karim Neseiyif, for proving that tractors and electric junction boxes don't go well together (see photo in comments)

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