

SURREY LEAGUE FOUR

WOKING 8pts REEDS WEYBRIDGE 17pts

In the lower leagues of junior rugby it is not unusual to find teams fielding players from the management side of the club, but last Saturday Reeds had both the Chairman of the Minis, Simon Wallis and the senior club boss, Ed Peters, on the park at the start. Not to mention the Treasurer and several rugby coaches past the first flush of youth. And what a good job they made of it, Wallis was in the high profile slot at full back, he might have been expected to take the soft option of banging the up and unders into touch, not a bit of it, he initiated many penetrating moves from within his own 22. Ed Peters is now completely at home up front, where his contribution in the tight scrummage and loose work produced plenty of quality possession. It was that work from the pack with some rampaging runs from the young lock forward Zak Marklew and the veteran No 8 Rob Cherry that were at the heart of the victory. Woking went into the lead with an early penalty but Reeds soon struck back with a cross field move that saw Ben Lewis the prop forward touch down. Andy Bellis, the centre is a difficult man to stop, he came so close to scoring on two occasions but finally broke through just before the interval for his try which John Tyndale converted. It was never a convincing lead, as handling errors allowed Woking to set up some dangerous attacking positions, but Reeds defence was sound, one stunning tackle from Marklew stopped one of the attacks dead in its tracks and produced the ball for the Reeds backs. With ten minutes to go, Ollie Tait the flanker who had several mazy runs just managed to stretch over the line for Reeds third try, that really settled the contest, although Woking came back late on with a try in the corner.

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