

Match Report: Raynes Park 3rd XV vs Reeds Weybridge 1st XV (FRIENDLY)

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RAYNES PARK 3rd XV 24 pts REEDS WEYBRIDGE 34 pts

With Reeds League opponents unable to raise a side, the team travelled away to Raynes Park for a friendly, refereed by the excellent Phil Topley, the Park President. Reeds will make the same journey again in three weeks time when they meet in a league fixture. If that game is as hotly contested as this one, the result could go either way. Reeds will certainly need the three key players they fielded on this occasion, John Tyndale the hard-running fly half, Rob Cherry their influential No 8 (they both scored two tries apiece), and Addison Gelpie, their powerful winger. It was Tyndale who opened the scoring for Reeds within a couple of minutes of the start, his darting run looked doomed with the cover fanning across but he just kept going try line bound. But the problem for both sides were handling mistakes, it led to the first Park try when a midfield fumble allowed a score underneath the sticks. It was Cherry the No 8 who was so reliable under the high ball, time and again he turned defence into attack with his aggressive running, his first try of the afternoon came when he launched off the back of a tight scrum thrusting through the tackles. At the change round Reeds had three unconverted tries in the bag but had been pegged back by that earlier Park try and a couple of penalties, soon after the restart they went behind to another penalty, that was the last time Park held the lead. Tyndale scored his second try then Bagshaw, the tricky winger was high tackled with the line at his mercy and Reeds were awarded a penalty try. Perhaps the best try of the afternoon was from Gelpie, he took the penalty on the 22 and bashed his way through the defence for a converted try. Park came back with a penalty and a late try but Reeds ran down the clock with some long range defensive kicks.