

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

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REEDS WEYBRIDGE XV 30 pts WEYBRIDGE VANDALS 3rds 22pts

After a couple of difficult seasons, the senior Reeds Weybridge side is undergoing some rebuilding as many of the players turning out for the first game of the season were parents from the successful Minis section. And they were backed up by plenty of experience with four previous Reeds captains, Rob Cherry, the big No 8, the hugely experienced Jonathan Bower, Chris Gore who served a record five seasons as skipper and last year's captain, Toby Conway-Hughes. They needed that steadying influence, particularly in the later stages of the game when the visitors threatened to nick a last minute victory. There wasn't too much to choose between the sides in the early stages, Reeds were battling up the hill with centre Simon Pennock putting some serious dents into the Vandals defence, he bashed his way over for the one try in the first half with an added penalty from Chris Gore. However, just on the whistle Vandals touched down in the corner to bring them right back into the game. But on the restart Reeds with the hill in their favour began to fire the ball along their capable three quarter line, Jonathan Satterley cruised over, Rob Cherry was awarded a pushover forward try then Pennock rounded the defence to touch down. Reeds had a commanding lead and Vandals looked out of it, but some wayward passing and loose defence gifted Vandals a couple of determined tries and the visitors could sense an upset. They got within a try of Reeds before Chris Gore finally sealed matters with his late score underneath the posts. Jon Watts from the Dorking club was in charge for the day, his calm presence ensured an enjoyable day for spectators and players alike.