

COBHAM 3rds 17 pts REEDS WEYBRIDGE 3 pts

Reeds 'friendly' fixture against Cobham 3rds replaced the scheduled league fixture against Weybridge Vandals, the Cobham side play a league above Reeds and provided a stern test of Reeds abilities. It was evident right from the start that Reeds were going to have some problems in the tight with the Cobham pack shunting Reeds backwards, it was clear that Reeds were going to be in defensive mode for most of the game. They did that so well, none better than the two props, Ben Lewis and Richard Thorpe who knew they were in for a torrid afternoon but battled on squeezing out limited possession under some difficulty. Reeds defence was tested time and again, young Toby Drake the scrum half was up for that, one body bending midfield tackle he delivered stopped the attack dead in its tracks. John Tyndale Reeds fly half had put side into the lead with an early penalty in a rare visit to the Cobham half, but for most of the time the Reeds midfield of Andy Bellis and Zak Marklew were on full time defence. It wasn't until late in the first half that Cobham went into the lead with their first try by the corner flag.

Reeds knew that the second half was going to be a repeat of the first session, it was, with Cobham firing the ball out to the wings, with Reeds American winger Michael Munro in constant action. With Cobham collecting the quality possession it was clear that tries were inevitable, they came, but only two of them in that second half, it could have been a cricket score but it wasn't, because Reeds got stuck in to defence early and didn't crack when the pressure came on.

Next week Reeds are at home to Warlingham 4th XV