

Match Report: Haslemere 2nd XV vs Reeds Weybridge 1st XV

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HASLEMERE 2nd XV 12 pts REEDS WEYBRIDGE 17 pts

Reeds made the long journey down to Haslemere with a few of their regulars missing; two high profile international games on the box might have had something to do with that. But, the first requirement in junior rugby is to get 15 players there on time and to fire into action on the first whistle. Reeds certainly got the players there on time, but they didn't fire into action until some 20 minutes into the game having been in a defensive pattern for most of the early moments. But, Reeds grabbed the early breakthrough when scrum half Phillips found himself on the end of a slick passing movement and bashed his way over under the posts. Moments later, young Tom Peters the prop collected the ball some ten metres out...he takes some stopping from that distance and he wasn't going to be stopped on this occasion! At the change round Reeds looked in charge, however, some back chat had a man in the bin for ten minutes. Then young Peters damaged his shoulder and had to leave the field. Those reverses allowed the home team to draw level with their two tries. Reeds 14 men were under siege for long periods in the second half, but then the cavalry came over the hill in the shape of their super-sub, Ian Marklew. Big and strong he locked the scrum together and Reeds began to get some possession. The pressure mounted, and getting onto the front foot led to the final and deciding try. It came from the predatory centre Chris Cowap - he pressured his opposite number who fired out a loose pass - Cowap was on it in a flash and was try line bound. It was a tenuous five point lead that never looked safe, but, against all the odds, Reeds held out for a memorable win.

Next week Reeds are at home to Raynes Park