

Match Report: Reeds Weybridge 1st XV vs Racal Decca 1st XV (SURREY RESERVES)

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Reeds Weybridge 22 pts Racal Decca 7 pts

Racal Decca are celebrating their Golden Jubilee this season. They used to be one of Reeds regular fixtures but it is some years since they visited Whiteley Village. This was the first league game of the season for both sides and the final margin of four tries to one was probably a fair reflection of the encounter. Reeds chose to defend the slope in the first half and were able to make much more of their possession than the visitors. Reeds came so close to scoring on two or three occasions from loose play, but it wasn't until mid way through the first half that young Oliver Cheetham scampered away from the cover to touch down in the corner. But Decca had their moments as well, fly half Taylor was almost clear down the blind side and it required a decisive tackle from Reeds No 8 Zac Marklew to stop the attack dead in its tracks. Indeed it was Marklew who was at the heart of many of Reeds thrusts, big and strong he was difficult to stop, but when he was, the ball was always available for another phase. Just on the stroke of time, Reeds skipper Toby Conway-Hughes managed to rip the ball out of a loose maul some three metres short of the line, he is difficult to stop from that distance and Reeds were two tries to the good with the hill to come. Although Reeds had the better of the loose play they were having a hard time in the tight scrummages with Richard Manners the huge Decca prop causing all sorts of mayhem, and producing plenty of ball. However they could not turn possession into points. The Reeds defence, with John Colwell as their outside centre was sound, and any kicks deep into Reeds territory were fielded by the lively Spencer Knaggs who turned the moments into attack. Two more Reeds tries were scored within 15 minutes of the whistle - one from flanker Edward Peters and a second for Reeds skipper, Conway-Hughes - put the game beyond the visitors reach. Decca skipper Robert Holmes instigated the move that led to the visitors try when he wrestled the ball clear of the ruck to put fly half Alex Taylor driving through the midfield to touch down under the sticks.

Next week Reeds league game is at home against Effingham and Leatherhead.