

2nd XV v King's Macclesfield (Home) Won 39-5

The sun shone brightly on the first set of home fixtures of the season. It was good to see so many pupils, parents and old boys watching. It was busy and bustling, helped by the rugby parents providing excellent refreshments from the "Tin Can".

The hardest decision was who to leave out of the squad. There are so many quality players who didn't make the squad or were on the bench. We welcomed three new sixth-formers to the squad in Josh Wilcox- Davies; Lewis Ridgeway and Daniel Booth who will put pressure on the others for starting positions.

Surprisingly against quality opposition we had a large amount of early possession. The final pass or execution letting us down until captain Keen broke the deadlock after sustained pressure on the line. A brace from Michael Lehman and a solo from Fraser Pollock plus two conversions from Sam Davies pushed the score out to 24-0. Just before half time Keen scored his second. The side then switched off and allowed Macclesfield to score just before the half-time whistle.

The 29-5 score line at half time did allow us to make changes and the replacements took their opportunity to push their case for a starting place. Two second half tries from Harry Steele and Daniel Booth pushed the final score out to 39-5.

There are still a number of technical issues which need to be addressed on the training ground but it was a good start and bodes well for the rest of the season.