

## PLUMPTON SPIRIT TO THE END

### Abridged

Plumpton Rugby Club's league game against East Grinstead Development side ended in defeat. With many first team players unavailable, Plumpton still put on one of the most exciting spectacles of the season with many players putting their hands up for man-of-the. Final result 22:6 to East Grinstead.

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### Full

Plumpton Rugby Club welcomed a young East Grinstead side to the racecourse at the weekend.

Plumpton were beset with a number of injuries and late changes to their side, but fielded a 15 capable of winning this fixture. The players were pumped up before the game, which showed as they steamed into the smaller E.G pack putting significant pressure on all set pieces as well as the open play.

It took 20 minutes for the first mistake to happen, this allowed E.G to pounce on an unclaimed high ball to run in under the posts.

Plumpton continues to apply pressure on E.G, with most of the play unusually uphill in the E.G 22. This paid dividends as continuous infringement led to a penalty, converted by James Burgess.

Some lapse offside decisions were then to account for Plumpton's downfall, a mark called by winger Adam Baker was given but somehow his quick tap, pass and kick from fly half Burgess was charged down, the E.G winger touching down amazingly without being called back for offside.

It took only a couple of minutes for Plumpton to reply with a 2<sup>nd</sup> converted penalty from 100% successful fly-half Burgess. But with tired legs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and a number of Plumpton substitutions, a further try from E.G stole the game.

Plumpton played some fantastic rugby to watch, with a couple of mauls controlled by the gigantic front row of Cropper, Blake and Wells moving half the pitch before being cynically stopped. The Plumpton pack dominated the scrum, even withholding a late scrum on their own line to maintain their dominance.

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