

## .Consistant play by Zurich's development side

### **Zurich II 29 – 5 St. Gallen.**

On a nice warm April afternoon, Zurich 2's young side took on an old familiar rival in the likes of our friends from St. Gallen. St. Gallen, returning to the swiss championship after a long absence due to rebuilding of the club, were keen to show that they were on the right track to establish themselves as a club in the NSRV sponsored NLC league.

Kickoff from Zurich towards St. Gallen, and immediately the Zurich forwards dominated the the rucking and mauling. 1<sup>st</sup> try scored by the pack, in the corner a pushover maul with the forwards chanting. The game continued pretty much in the same fashion. Position kicking from Christoph gave the lineout team plenty of opportunities to practice our lineout work. Although the throwing could be better, we still managed to win 95% of the lineouts with Dave and Guy dominating their opposition's airspace.



The backs played some good combinations as well, letting the speedy likes of little Andy show off their skills. (Look out Yannick, he's really quick!) With a good run down the side he introduced himself to St. Gallen with an american football style jump and flip as he tried to fly over the opponents. Nice! I give you 6.0 for your artistic attempt! Another young back made his entrance in the second half and did a very good job running and looking for the gap.

At the end of the day, we all contributed to an excellent overall and promising performance. We must however remember that rugby is not always that easy to play and they are better opponents like Wurenlos, La Chaux de Fonds and Ticino. We now have the pleasure of meeting them in our next 4 games before the summer break.

A special mention to the three new guys who played: Christoph, Andy and Joe, well done!

**Positive points of the game:** 3 solid tries resulting from big forward drives. Good defensive work in the backs and the forwards. Good integration of the new players.

**Negative points of the game:** Allowing the opponents to score a try, by not going back ten and paying attention to the flow of the game. A momentary lapse in concentration which resulted in a try.

### Club Points:

No jaffas today guys, a great team effort and no real mistakes. An honorary mention does go to André for getting yellow carded and chattering nonsense, but he did the shirts last week so its someone elses turn, and we are getting used to it slowly.

1 pt – Sabs, good show again, and great spirit! Not giving up for a bloody ear and playing the full game.

2pts – gotta be a forward, I would say Oli. Oli was a consistent pivot and his strong presence was visible not only in the tackles he made but in the blowing bursts he did.

3pts – Mr Roscoe, king of the air! Now I now why the Royal Air Force wants you! You controlled the entire airspace and stole lots of ball and won pretty much all the lineouts which we threw to you.