

Perhaps a fitting tribute to OL's stalwart Kevin Jones (KJ) who tragically passed away 2 weeks previous, that his beloved club's Vets side deservedly ended Bold Vets glorious unbeaten run. The Parkfield Road side's last loss was in September 2009 in a friendly fixture against Cov Tech 1st team. They have since racked up over 700 points, 111 tries and, despite having a few key players missing, were confident they could secure another victory over their local rivals.

The first half was a frantic 'stop start' confused mess with both sets of forwards scrapping furiously to gain the upper hand. It was inevitable that the referee would lose patience at some point and, entering the last quarter of the first half with no scores, the yellow card was produced to despatch one player from each side to the sin bin. This seemed to calm the fractious and tense atmosphere and the game settled down to a much better spectacle.

With still no score at half time, the second period became more open as tired legs and the effects of the previous day started to kick in. In the end, the difference between the two sides was finishing. Bold had plenty of attacking situations but could not quite finish off their moves in the face of a well organised and stubborn defence. The visitors were clinical with their two scoring chances, whereas Bold only managed one in reply from youngster Joe Facer who took his chance well despite in only his third game of Rugby.

Every team has to accept the end of an unbeaten run. Bold Vets can be proud of their achievement this season and are still topping the Warks League 3 table and confirmed of promotion for the second year running. OL's paid the Parkfield Road Old Boys the ultimate compliment by fielding a very strong side of over 35's, several who play regularly for their second team, and were quite rightly ecstatic with their victory. Hopefully there will still be time in which to wheel these 2 sets of old boys out before the end of the season for a return fixture to give Bold the chance of reversing the result.

Bold are back to league business this weekend when they travel to second placed Manor Park who will most definitely provide another very stern test.