

## Match #1: 2005 Season

**Game #1:** Monterey (Marina)

**Date:** Saturday January 22

**Result:** Berkeley 10 - Monterey 10

**Tries:** Jeremy Young, Santiago Chiley

### Referee Report: Larry Freitas

Played under sunny skies and a cool breeze, and freeway noise, and a pitch not quite long or wide enough, in Marina; this match ended drawn level at 10 points apiece. Cal Graduate School had the momentum in the first half, threatening to score from their possession of the ball, and finally, after being awarded a penalty near the Monterey goal line, scored from a planned move from five metres out, with a Kiwi taking a pass at an angle further infield after a dummy pass to another mass of forwards moving toward the corner flag. A few minutes from intermission, Cal Grads' Argentinean scrum-half scored a try from an interchange of passes coming from loose play in the Monterey quarter.

The second half was eventually dominated by Monterey, as they seemed to gain the upper hand. They were able to put together two unconverted tries to draw the game level, and their first try was set up near the half-way line by a brilliant chip kick ahead by none other than a replacement flank-forward, former original Monterey Rugby Club standout Fred Crocker, now playing for this resurrected Monterey side; a hanging chip kick, rarely seen in the modern game, that was snuggled by a teammate, kicked further ahead towards the Cal Grad School goal line, putting their full back under tremendous pressure, who knocked the ball on, with the ensuing try scored from a five metre scrum awarded to the home side. Another try followed some few minutes later, and the last seven minutes of the match were played at a furious pace, with each side trying to take advantage of any possible chance to break the tie. Both sides played a great game with good defense, and some brilliant running and kicking.

I hope that in their next home game, Monterey take advantage of all that grass on that city of Marina field (seen easily from Highway One) and set up a pitch at least over 100 yards long, not just 85, and more than the 66 yards in width. At least the goal posts were decent, as well as the after-match function, held at the Bulldog in New Monterey.