

Match #10: 2005 Season

Game #10: Petaluma Leghorns (Treasure Island)

Date: Saturday, April 9

Result: Berkeley 21 - Petaluma 36

Trys: Sebastian Vicuna, Nicholas J. Ganjei

Conversion: Alberto Pani

Penalties: Alberto Pani (3)

Berkeley took on the Petaluma "Team Fiji" Leghorns on Saturday. Berkeley led 15-14 at the half, 22-21 after 60 minutes, but were down 22-36 at the final whistle. Once again, Berkeley played some good rugby, but not a complete game - this week the tackling let us down, admittedly against some pretty massive guys.

The first try came from a backline move, finished by Seb in the corner, and the second featured a rollicking Ganjei run to cover some ground and crash over - finally breaking his duck after 16 games. While there were some vile whispers that this was in fact a penalty try, and that "all 15 players should share the credit" (given that the ball didn't quite make it over the tryline), if you want to argue this point with Ganjei, then you are a braver man than me.

The B side game followed, and then off to the Kezar. Petaluma (average weight: 285lbs) recognized Alberto (weight: 87lbs) as the man of the match, and presented with him with a pungent size 14 boot filled with amber ale, which was promptly dispatched. On to the boat race, an 8 man event, with Jed, Charlie and Berman making their boat race debut. An early Berkeley lead was narrowed, coming down to a head to head finale between Rob V and the owner of the size 14 boot. No contest - Berkeley 7-0-0, and will have the chance to claim the DIII Boat race title in an epic clash against Humboldt next week. Post-Post Match was at The Patio in Berkeley, where the beer and beasts flowed.