

Match #4: 2005 Season

Game #4: San Francisco Fog (Polo Field, San Francisco)

Date: Saturday, February 12

Result: Berkeley 34 - San Francisco 14

Referee: Racheal Lawton

Tries: Owen Lewis (4'), Lucas Ronconi (22'), Sebastian Vicuna (26'), John Mastromonaco (33'), Paul Anderson (50'), Santiago Chiley (61')

Conversions: Lucas Ronconi (2)

Berkeley needed to bounce back from the previous week, and they showed their character by turning up early, hungry, and put on a great performance to outclass their cross-town rival in all facets of the game.

After starting the game with a roar with a kick off reception, a stolen lineout, several phases of forward play, and then seeing the ball fly through the backline to score the winger in the first minutes, Berkeley then fumbled a couple of prime scoring opportunities, and compounded that by coughing up not one, but two intercept tries to the same speedy Fogite, both times while Berkeley were hot on attack in their opposition 22.

Keeping their cool, as the pressure escalated, Berkeley showed some class rugby to notch 5 more unanswered tries and dominated the play making for the rest of the game. The forwards produced a 10m push over maul to let their hooker drop down for the try, and the backline put together some electrifying combinations to scythe through and score some memorable tries.

Berkeley B v. San Francisco Fog B:

After the main event, Berkeley's second team ran up a 10 try to 0 win in an exciting game of 10-a-side rugby. Highlights include Don Stalter running 80m, and then 60m to score tries, a surprising burst of speed of Joel Rass to score under the posts, Ganji, Santi, Owen (2 tries – and 8 conversions) and a couple of rocklicking tries from the mysterious #24, who disappeared as quietly as he appeared.

And last, but not least, an awe-inspiring try from the handsome Armenian prop reveling in his chance to have a run at inside center. That plucky female who was defending him won't try and get in his way again!

Both teams then retired to the Kezar Sports Bar, where Cyril and his crew looked after both team in fine style, and both teams enjoyed some food, refreshments, and some international rugby on the big screen.