

Match #6: 2005 Season

Game #6: Aptos Beach Dogs (Treasure Island)

Date: Saturday, March 5

Result: Berkeley 6 - Aptos 17

Penalties: Joel Drescher (2)

Berkeley lined up against the DIII powerhouse, Aptos, who were coming off a 60-5 win over Fog, and a 59-18 win over the Harlots. Undeterred, Berkeley came out fighting. Tackling furiously, and doing their best to contain a powerful Aptos pack, the game was extremely tight and closely contested. After 37 scoreless minutes Aptos broke through in the corner, then the Bears kicked a penalty to end the half at 3-5. Berkeley kept the pressure up in the second half, defending well and creating a few scoring chances, and Aptos became increasingly frustrated by not being able to play their game. The final result was in doubt to the end. Although losing 6-17, Berkeley proved they can compete with any team in the league.

Referee Report - Rob Hendrickson:

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon, albeit on a somewhat muddy pitch, Aptos scored 1 try in the first half and 2 in the second to come out on top over Cal Alumni in a close and hard fought game at TI. Aptos had a particularly strong scrum.

The last play of the game was controversial, as Aptos took it into the in-goal, but in running over trying to touch it down between the posts, gave an Alumni back the opportunity to run over and reach over his shoulder resulting in a knock-on and subsequent angry confrontation between the teams regarding whether there had been a cheap shot or not. Cooler heads finally prevailed.