

# MATCH REPORT



**29-47**



With our Cup game cancelled and the rest of the Essex teams involved in the cup we looked further afield for a friendly and had the good luck to find Cheshunt RFC .

A first trip to the club and their new clubhouse and 4G pitch awaited us – the facilities are first class and a guide to what our own should be next season.

With 7/8 players unavailable we took a 21 man squad and looked to take the opportunity to give plenty of game time to everyone that travelled. The backs had a very unfamiliar look to it with only Baily and Charlie ( out of position) remaining from last weeks team. The forwards looked a bit more stable but still 4 of the front 5 changes from last week

West started brightly and for regular readers you know who cant be kept off the score sheet – Charlie B with our first. Cheshunt tactics were simple with a huge imposing No.8 receiving the ball at every opportunity. He duly equalised from inside the 22. West hit back with a well worked try for James but in see saw half the No.8 scored once more. West were holding their own up front and worked the ball out wide again and James went over for his second of the day. Unfortunately we couldn't hang onto the lead till half time and unforced errors were proving costly as Cheshunt scored their 3<sup>rd</sup> try with the advantage of conversions.

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The second half saw changes from both sides and the introduction of a fast winger for Cheshunt caught us by surprise not once but twice . West could have put their heads down but as we know they keep going and picked themselves up to press Cheshunt into their 22 with a series of penalties. With a secure lineout we went to the maul and suddenly the backs flew into the back of it and we had a glorious 15 man rolling maul collapsed over the line for the referee to award a penalty try . A great sight – and not one from the training ground !

Cheshunt bounced back with the pacy winger scoring twice more before another well worked move found Charile out wide for his second and final one of the day.

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A great game with 12 tries ( 7-5 to Cheshunt) , an even match for both sides to enjoy and the opportunity for us to try players in various positions all on a fabulous 4G pitch!