

## Match report 09.12.18

### Westcliff Lionesses vs Burgess Hill

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Three is certainly a magic number for the Westcliff Lionesses. With three league games in as many weeks the Lionesses bring home another win to secure a place at the top of the league to finish 2018.

Coach Glen Cripps commented "Outstanding performance by an outstanding bunch of ladies," with manager Julia Cripps stating "Every core value of rugby has been taken and learnt. All the ladies should be very proud of all their efforts, just as we are!"

The match against Burgess Hill was never going to be an easy win with Burgess Hill having a smashing score against rivals Dartfordians and close matches with Pulborough. A 15-12 win was secured by the Lionesses with two tries being scored by whippet Clementina Allende Iriarte and one by Vice Captain Susan Cripps. It was a tough match with Burgess Hill scoring two tries with one conversion. A round of applause was given to Patch Davies who was stretchered off the pitch after a leg injury. Patch had made her comeback after recently having surgery to fix a broken nose.

Captain Kay Edwards announced "The win proves that we as a team are maturing and can grind out a victory. Burgess Hill put us to the test and it was a closely fought contest from start to finish."

Vice Captain Susan Cripps said "The girls are improving every game they are playing and using all the skills they are learning in training sessions. We are adapting our game to the circumstances we are put through. It was a well-earned win."

The ladies are ecstatic to be going into 2019 with four wins under their belt and are looking forward to their final three league matches against Pulborough, Old Caterhamians and Burgess Hill.

The Lionesses next match is away at Pulborough on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Looking to get into Ladies Rugby? The Lionesses train at Westcliff Rugby Club Mondays and Thursdays 7.00-8.30pm.