

Match report 02.12.18

Westcliff Lionesses vs Dartfordians.

Victory at the gables

After six weeks without a league match the Westcliff Lionesses have had two on the bounce.

With a close 29-24 win against the Old Cats the Lionesses weren't taking anything for granted when they returned to the Gables with a match against Dartfordians. Training leading up to last Sunday's match saw new plays formed and a lot of intensive work on existing ones and skill work.

Following on from a very wet weekend the ladies were in for a muddy time ahead. With nineteen players raring to go the game kicked off to an impressive start. Less than a few minutes into the game the first try was scored by Vice Captain Susan Cripps with a further four to follow. After six weeks since the last match against the Dartfordians both teams have shown great improvements with the referee Andrew Richards making several positive remarks about the Lionesses' progression, performance and discipline. Captain Kay Edwards had this to say on the win. "It was an outstanding team performance which as captain I am immensely proud of. A scoreline which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all the players, coaches and support staff." With a lot of grit the Dartfordians didn't make it an easy win with two tries being scored and lots of work on their defensive line.

Five impressive tries weren't enough for the Lionesses with further tries from Alexis Roy, Loren Ware-Lane as well doubles from both winger Charlotte Grant and Captain Kay Edwards to secure the impressive win. Three tricky but great conversions were also made by Sian Jenkins.

Head coach Glen Cripps was delighted with the performance
"All the hard work that the ladies have put in during training over the last few months has now started to show what a quality outfit they are."

The Lionesses return to the Gables again this Sunday as they face Burgess Hill, looking to round off a great 2018 for the team.

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