

Westcliff RFC Press Release

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Westcliff in 11 try blitz of Brighton Blues



Westcliff's Kwame Kwaasi breaks through



Pictures by Tim Browne

Westcliff beat Brighton Blues 80-7 in their warm up game at Aviation Way on Saturday in what was a full dress rehearsal both on and off the pitch for their first National 2 South League match next week.

Brighton arrived in a confident mood and made the most of the opening exchanges showing why they won promotion to London and South East Premier last season. Westcliff looked tentative as the visitors took an early opportunity and went over for a try through winger Jake Thompson which was converted to give Brighton a 7 point lead after 5 minutes.

Galvanised by the scoreline Westcliff began to run with more intent, their scrum also began to look dominant. After 10 minutes Brighton, under severe pressure, could only watch as Westcliff's Skipper, Greig Bannister, made a clean break to score under the posts and convert.

Steadily Westcliff took control of the game although Brighton held onto the 7-7 scoreline for another 15 minutes until Westcliff's Rob Smith broke through to add another try. 14-7 very quickly became 21-7 through another Bannister try and then a steady run of a further 8 tries through Prop Will Weston, Flankers Chris Marsh and Blaine Webber, Scrum Halves Henry Marrant and Chris Boulton and a quick fire hat-trick from Winger Buster Reynolds.

Kent Bray, Westcliff's Attack and Skills Coach praised his players,"The fixture really illuminated the fact that the attacking plays and structures are working and improving week on week!"

John Rudd, Backs and Defence Coach said "That was a tough game for Brighton because we stopped them from playing and executed our structures. We are all really excited about the League but now also worried about selection, that will be difficult after so many great performances."

Westcliff play their first game in National 2 South in their 100 year history when they face Dings Crusaders on 7th September at Aviation Way, KO 3.00.