

Hinckley 66 Westcliff 5

Westcliff remained beset with injury concerns, and once again made significant changes to their match day squad. There were six changes to the line-up that had played the previous week, and one or two of those included, were nursing injuries that at another time would have been given a little longer to heal. As it was, into the squad came, Binneman, Scogings, Dufficy, Vandermolen, Webster and Duplessis.

It was a first ever visit to Hinckley on a bright and warm October afternoon, both sides had lost their previous opening games, and something had to give. As it was the outcome was not long in doubt, a few minutes of sparring evolved into something more literal and an undignified dust up. The outcome, after a few stern words was a penalty to the hosts who kicked deep, and from the lineout a powerful catch and drive opened their account. Westcliff probed and created a couple of opportunities that were spurned but after 21 minutes Hinckley doubled their lead with a second converted try through the same route. From then on Westcliff were an evident second best, the hosts turned the screw and scored two further converted tries before the break.

Two quick fire scores at the start of the second half proved to be a taste of more to come and the visitors conceded a further four scores before the end of the game, a single response by winger Tyler Ford scant consolation.

We were not competitive on the day, which was a disappointment and a concern, but the effort as ever was there from all. Some of the lads are on a steep learning curve but they are not shirking or hiding and deserve credit. The task doesn't get any easier and next week we host the leagues only unbeaten side Redruth who will arrive in form and with justifiable confidence.

Bannister, Ajeigbe, Hogarth, Whiting, Ford, Cummins, Comber, Miller, Lynch, Binneman, Dane, Scogings, Webber, Dufficy, Vandermolen REP Marrant, Willsher, Lane, Webster, Duplessis