

Guernsey 60 Westcliff 5

The trials of a difficult season have not yet begun to ease or recede and in familiar fashion Westcliff were compelled to ring the changes for the squad making the early morning flight to Guernsey. No less than 10 changes were enforced. Called into the group were Scogings, Moss, Dufficy and Johnson plus there were welcome starting debuts for LeRoux and DeJersey and from the bench Bray and Smith.

From the visitors' point of view the game followed the pattern of recent matches. Maximum effort and commitment, with periods in possession of good play and promise most of which were ultimately frustrated. Defensively they struggled and were too easily broken down by an opposition with more quality and available options. Guernsey scored five tries in each half and added five conversions. Westcliff responded with a single but deserved effort from Brown that was unconverted.

And so, a difficult period continues and with such extreme demands on the squad improvements at the moment are marginal. They are though apparent and as players return to fitness and availability, they will become more apparent, firstly on the training pitch and then in our results. Therefore, we move on, with a return to The Gables next week and the visit of Bury St Edmunds.

Bannister, De Jersey, Hogarth, Whiting, Le Roux, Sexton, Marrant, Scogings, Miller, Brown, Anderson-Brown, Doyle, Moss, Dufficy, Johnson REP Bray, Willsher, Smith