

## Westcliff 0 Old Albanian 89

Once more the hosts rung the changes for the visit of Old Albanian. Out of the previous weeks match day squad for one reason or another were Brown, Dellas, Sexton, Duplessis, Bannister, Brenton, Redding and Willsher. Brought in were Meakin, Hogarth, Smith, Sam and Buster Reynolds, Jack and Olly Jones plus Harvey who became the 50<sup>th</sup> player to represent the 1<sup>st</sup> XV in the opening nine games. Scogings captained the side in the absence of Bannister.

Westcliff had narrowly but deservedly won the most recent fixture between the sides away at St Albans a week before the first lockdown. On this occasion the contrast was stark, and it was apparent from the outset that the visitors were a proposition that the hosts were not going to be able to contain. They took full control from the outset and though initially they had to be patient relentless pressure produced seven converted tries in the opening half and a 0-49 lead at the break.

The second half offered little respite and six further tries were scored of which five were converted. There were short periods where the hosts threatened to score and on occasion come close, but they were ultimately frustrated.

It was another challenging afternoon from which few positives could be taken. It's fair to say that the break week and the opportunity to rest, recover and regroup is very welcome.

B Reynolds, Ajeigbe, Gladdish, Harvey, O Jones, J Jones, Marrant, Meakin, Lynch, Binneman, Anderson-Brown, Scogings, Doyle, Dufficy, S Reynolds REP Comber, Hogarth, Moss, Lane, Smith