

## Westcliff 7 Esher 80

In keeping with the season so far, Westcliff's matchday squad was much changed from the previous week. Through both necessity and design there were eleven changes in total. Meakin, Scogings, Dufficy, S Reynolds, J Jones, O Jones, Gladdidsh, Ajeigbe, B Reynolds, Moss and Lane were replaced by Brown, Dane, Hussey, Sexton, Ford, Whiting, O'Brien, Bannister, Barnett, Miller and Willsher.

The changes did not herald a change in fortune or form as they slipped to another heavy defeat. The impressive visitors took control from the outset scoring seven first half tries six of which converted to lead 0-47 at the break.

Westcliff struck first after the restart Callum Lynch on hand to burrow over the line from short-range following a series of short-range drives, Bannister converted. Indeed, Westcliff continued to press enjoying more possession than had been the case in the first half and were only repelled by resolute defence. These periods though were intermittent and in possession the visitors continued to show superior finishing power, scoring a further 5 tries, the last of which was on the final whistle. The full-time score of 7-80 was perhaps a little harsh. The visitors were convincing and worthy winners certainly, but with a little more luck Westcliff might have expected to both score a few more and concede a few less points. Nevertheless, the effort and commitment from the group remained as in previous weeks absolute a credit to themselves and the club. Next Guernsey.

Bannister, Hogarth, O'Brien, Whiting, Ford, Sexton, Marrant, Brown, Lynch, Binneman, Dane, Anderson-Brown, Doyle, Hussey, Smith Replacements: Comber, Harvey, Barnett, Miller, Willsher