

Westcliff 12 Worthing 52

Into the squad for the visit of Worthing came Brown, Moss, Scogings, Ajeigbe, Ford and Willsher.

Westcliff started the game on the front foot dominating in the opening twenty minutes, both territory, and possession. They struck in the second minute when Longhurst slipped the ball to speedy winger Ford who outpaced the cover to score on the right. More pressure after nineteen minutes this time from the forwards brought further reward through Binneman and with Bannister converting they led 12-0. A fumble from the restart however allowed a first opportunity for the visitors who shortly thereafter squeezed over from short range, and they followed this up with another, on thirty minutes, through the same route. With the scores level at 12-12 the final 10 minutes of the half were nip and tuck with neither side adding to their account.

The first half was as well as Westcliff had played for some time but unfortunately, they were not able to sustain the level and in the second half Worthing increasingly took control. Two converted tries in the opening 10 minutes secured the bonus point and established a commanding lead which they built upon with four others by the end of the game. The final score, with Westcliff, who by that time were down to fourteen, came with the last play and closed the game out at 12-52.

It was an encouraging performance in the first half one that showed promise and offered hope. It was disappointing to drop off in the way that we did, but we should acknowledge the quality Worthing brought, and the supreme effort and commitment the lads showed from first to last. The season moves on and next week it does so to neighbours and fellow strugglers Rochford.

Bannister, Ford, Hogarth, Longhurst, Ajeigbe, Whiting, Comber, Reynolds, Johnson, Dane, Scogings, Anderson-Brown, Binneman, Moss, Brown REP Glen, Doyle, Lane, Miller, Willsher