

## Alresford vs Millbrook

### Match Report

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

With much anticipation we welcomed Millbrook to our home knowing this would be a tough challenge and we can start to begin to find out if we can live at this level.

From the kick off we were up against it but showed really resolute defense from the off.

ARFC, without getting any sort of foothold in the match, kept Millbrook at bay and some great defensive work from Ted, Splints and Billy kept Millbrook from scoring.

After 15 minutes we started to find our feet and realised we could attack this side.

With Alresford beginning to show some confidence and nothing getting past Billy and Tom, Millbrook kick and clear and a favourable bounce lets them in to open the scoring.

The next 5 minutes saw a fantastic response from the boys. There seemed to be a belief that we can live with these guys and in the 26th minute Greg, after a wonderful team move, touched down. 5-5.

But straight from the kick off Millbrook attacked and although we kept pushing them away there was a sense of expectancy that they could cause us some more damage.

A minute before the break our fears were recognised when Millbrook burst through to take a 5 point lead at the interval.

#### **Half time: 5-10**

The second half began very much like the first, with Millbrook dominating but ARFC not relenting.

Despite incredible defense from the likes of Ethan, Billy, Splints and Tom, Millbrook broke through to add to their advantage. 5-15

In the 73rd min Millbrook broke through a tiring defense to extend their lead.

However, ARFC didn't give up and in the 79th minute, following a fantastic move, saw Alresford go over. Millbrook added one more try against very tired legs.

#### **FINAL SCORE: ARFC 12 – 27 Millbrook**

*A really spirited performance by the boys. Do we belong in this league- the resounding answer is YES.*

#### **Match team:**

Rob Walls, Tom Andrews, Dan Waite, Harry Robson, Tom Rodwell, Chris Hancock, Jono Spencer, Billy Lovegrove, Ollie Ledsham, Connall Cook, Ethan Green, Charlie, Greg Edwards, Ted Hepalstone, Ricky Timson, Ian Stuart, Jack Meakins

#### **Man of the Match - Harry Robson**