

## Alresford vs Ventnor

### Match Report

11<sup>th</sup> November 2017

After an immaculate minutes silence, Alresford welcomed Ventnor to our home.

ARFC started so much better than in previous weeks and Aiden was so nearly through. This set the tempo and despite missing so many possible 1st team players, the Alresford pressure kept coming. Billy went so close to opening the scoring but popped the ball to Tom Andrews who put Muzzer over. Ted slots. **7 - 0**

Without being convincing, ARFC kept a committed Ventnor on the back foot for the next few minutes. When needed Ted has this form at the moment that can turn defense into a really promising offensive position. From such a kick, ARFC regained possession which was purely down to Shem's commitment, which resulted in Ethan adding to ARFC's tally, converted by Ted to give ARFC a **14 - 0** point lead.

On 18 minutes, again Ted kicks to an attacking position. The lineout takes control and Muzzer scores. **19- 0**

For the next 5 minutes it was all Alresford, Tom R receives, breaks Ventnor's defense and puts Shem in to extend Alresfords lead, in the 22nd minute. **24 - 0**

Such credit to Ventnor, back they came and through a combination of poor Alresford discipline and Ventnor spirit, suddenly ARFC were playing damage limitation. After holding on, and losing two players to yellow cards, Ventnor got their reward, touching down for the last play of the half.

#### **HALF TIME: ARFC 24 - 5 VENTNOR**

ARFC began the second half almost off the pace, being pushed back by such a spirited Ventnor side, who never seemed to get down hearted or bicker amongst themselves. However, when Billy Lovegrove was allowed to rejoin his impact was immediate. Connall bursts, Billy supports and Shem scores, Ted converts. **31 - 5**

For the next 15 minutes Alresford really keep pressing, and with Splints on the pitch and reminding us all of what we've missed, all looked good, but silly mistakes stopped us putting this game to bed. Then in the 60th minute, a superb offload from the outstanding Ryan Cooper, to Ted who then beautifully put Ethan through to open his legs and power through and touch down. **36 - 5**

With ARFC pressing, Ethan picked up the ball wide and blitzed the now tired Ventnor defense 41 - 5. Ted kicks. **43 - 5**

With 5 minutes remaining, the ever impressive Muzzer picks up a loose ball and charges for Ventnor's line, before putting in the outstanding Tom Rodwell to touch down. 48 - 5. Ted converts **50 - 5**

2 minutes later, Ryan Cooper collects and after sweeping past every player in front of him, delightfully releases Johnny to run in a fantastic try which Ted converts from under the posts. **57 - 5**

In the last minute Ventnor came through to score a consolation try.

**Final Score: ARFC 57 – 10 Ventnor**

It's worth a mention of Ventnor's spirit. Not once in the game did their spirit drop. Hugely impressive.

**Today's stars:**

Dan Waite, Shem Abrahams, Tom Andrews, Tom Rodwell, Billy Lovegrove, James, Rob Travaskis, Sam Murrell, Captain Ollie Ledsham, Charlie, Ethan Green, Ryan Cooper, Connall Cook, Aiden Blackman, Ted Hepelstall - Johny, Splints

**Man of the Match: Ethan green**