

Kingsclere vs Alresford

Saturday 22nd October

Match Report

ALRESFORD TRAVELLED TO KINGSCLERE MISSING A NUMBER OF 1ST XV PLAYERS BUT STILL WITH A LARGE ENOUGH SQUAD TO ENABLE THE HOME SIDE TO COMPLETE THE FIXTURE. AFTER A TIGHT START ALRESFORD MADE THEIR PRESSURE TELL ON 4 MINUTES WHEN JAMES BOON WENT FLYING OVER IN THE CORNER WHICH THEN TED CONVERTED. WITH 14 MINUTES GONE ALEX (GUNS) SCORED AFTER A FANTASTIC OFF LOAD FROM GREG WHICH TED THEN KICKED TO GIVE ALRESFORD A 14 POINT CUSHION. CREDIT TO KINGSCLERE THE FLOODGATES DIDN'T OPEN AND IT TOOK SOME GREAT DEFENSIVE WORK AND GREAT HITS BY JONO (SPLINTER) IN PARTICULAR TO MAINTAIN THE LEAD. BUT AFTER 35 MINUTES CHRIS HANCOCK SCORED A WELL WORKED TRY AND 3 MINUTES LATER AFTER A SURGING RUN FROM CAPTAIN SAM BATHO, ALLOWED DAN WAITE TO SCORE UNDER THE POSTS WHICH TED DULY SLOTTED. ON THE STROKE OF HALF TIME A GREAT MOVE FROM JAKE SAW ALEX SCORE AGAIN.

HALF TIME ALRESFORD 31-0 KINGSCLERE.

IN THE 52ND MINUTE SAW THE WELCOME INTRODUCTION OF SHEM AFTER INJURY WHO SOON LOOKED AS THOUGH HE HAD NEVER BEEN AWAY.

KINGSCLERE HELD ON UNTIL THE 58TH MINUTE UNTIL GUNS (ALEX) WENT OVER SHORTLEY FOLLOWED BY A LOVELY BEN GILLESPIE TRY TAKING THE SCORE TO 43-0.

IN THE 70TH MINUTE WE SAW A FANTASTIC RUN FROM THE RETURNING BILLY WHICH NEARLY GAVE ALRESFORD THEIR 8TH TRY OF THE MATCH.

HOWEVER, 2 MINUTES LATER A BRILLIANT SET MOVE FROM THE FORWARDS SAW THE BALL SPUN DOWN THE LINE TO THE EVER WAITING GREG TO TOUCH DOWN. WITH TIME RUNNING OUT GREG LATCHED ONTO THEIR KICK CLEARANCE AND RAN THE LENGTH OF THE PITCH AND TOUCHED DOWN UNDER THE POSTS WHICH WAS THEN CONVERTED BY ADY COBB TO GIVE A FINAL SCORE OF ALRESFORD 55-0 KINGSCLERE

MAN OF THE MATCH - RUSS WATERSON (IN KINGSCLERE COLOURS!)