



## **JERSEY COLTS V ALTON RFC SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**

Jersey Colts played their second game in their Hampshire League competition in glorious sunshine racking up a 65 - 0 victory over opponents Alton RFC.

It is difficult to identify specific areas that lead to such a comprehensive win, as overall the whole team, forwards and backs put in such a sterling effort. The forwards with their strength and technical ability and the backs with their guile and speed.

The learning point for the Jersey team remains the frequency with which they give away penalties. On this occasion for failing to 'sufficiently' release the tackled player before attempting to play the ball. That said the referee was of a high standard and managed what was a fast and occasionally furious game, very well. Fortunately for Jersey Alton did not make good use of the penalties awarded opting to kick for touch and then ultimately failing to win the ball at the put in.

Jersey were very clinical in the set piece winning most of the scrums and all of the line outs. The kick and chase from the backs was an excellent choice of tactic. This not only placed the Alton under pressure and forced their fullback into making mistakes but paid dividends in the amount of ground gained. It is clear that when the Jersey backs find space they are unstoppable.

Jersey fullback Harrison Gollop on his debut match for the colts ran over four tries, Jack Burroughs and Chris Levesley two each, Ed Howgate, Daniel Foley also scored for Jersey. Charles Hubert did not achieve his usual high conversion rate kicking from some difficult angles. He did however he make up for this with an excellent try himself.

Team captain Luke Huelin who led his team well, commented after the game "with only two games under our belts I am impressed with team morale. This is reflected in the trust and confidence the boys show in each other when running and passing the ball. As a team we put together some pretty slick moves."

Coach Graham Howgate who ensures a level of consistency in the Colts team took the warm up. Lead Coach Ashley Elphinston having been selected to play with the 1<sup>st</sup> team and travelled with them on Friday, dashed down from Cinderford Sunday morning to make it in time for the game.

After the game Elphinston said "There were some good displays of individual brilliance you can see a real team structure and the good use of the drills we have been training. They are now working as an effective unit."

This was without doubt a great team effort and a comprehensive win for Jersey. Some may be questioning why Jersey Colts are not playing in the league above. Next week's game (10/02/11) against Guilford, who are tipped as the potential league leaders will provide a better indicator.

Unfortunately celebrations were somewhat subdued in the knowledge that James Ellershaw 1<sup>st</sup> team player and one of the Colts team coaches was badly injured in an accident. The team wish him well and a speedy recovery.

The Colts Team grateful to Bedell for their ongoing team support.

Team: George Banks, Jack Lowe, James Voss, Mathew Le Bourgeois, Ed Howgate, James Farley, Tom Seedhouse, Zac Le Cornu, Luke Huelin, Zac Taylor, Charles Hubert, Chris Levesley, Jack Burroughs, Alex Summerauer, Harrison Gollop, Warwick Palmer, Sam Fuller, Daniel Foley, Ross Williamson. Coaches Ash Elphinston, Graham Howgate. Manager Alan Williamson. Team Sponsor Bedell.

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