

## **SURREY LEAGUE FOUR**

**REEDS WEYBRIDGE 31 pts WARLINGHAM 5 pts**

**It was the late Bill McLaren who said about Jonah Lomu ‘I’m no bricklayer, but I would be laying bricks if I saw that big fellow running at me’, well Reeds didn’t have Lomu playing for them on Saturday but they did field lock forward Craig Jacoby, 17 stone of beef on the hoof, and he certainly made some huge dents in the Warlingham defence. His rampaging charges, frequently from the restarts required two or three defenders to bring him down, sucking in the defence and giving Reeds the opportunities in the wider spaces. Reeds were facing the hill in the first half and within five minutes were into the lead after young Ollie Cheetham, the scrum half had stolen away from a loose maul to touch down by the flag. However that lead was short lived when the Warlingham open side flanker danced his way through the leaden footed Reeds cover to level the scores. But Reeds dominance up front allowed them to monopolise the possession, they continued to threaten the Warlingham line with rolling mauls. Referee Ben Whyall, who controlled the afternoon with so well, awarded a series of penalties just a few metres out. It was the moment to launch the big men, first it was flanker Richard Glasson who bashed his way over, quickly followed by lock forward Don Ammon who collected his first try in 21 years. At the change round Reeds were three tries to one in front, they had the hill in their favour and really should have piled on the points, but some ferocious tackling from the visitors prevented Reeds from firing the ball out wide and forcing handling mistakes at the breakdown. It was young Ollie Cheetham who broke the deadlock with a mazy sidestepping run, with the defence broken he found centre John Colwell up in support to take the scoring pass. That fourth try secured the win for Reeds but there was just time at the end for one more flourish, this time from big Andy Bellis the centre who thrust his way through the midfield then fed winger Michael Munro who touched down. Not as convincing a performance as Reeds would have liked given their possession, but a five tries to one victory secured the league points.**