

ALCESTER RFC MATCH REPORTS

Saturday 3rd November 2007

Harborne “B” 19 Alcester “A” 14

With scheduled opponents Warley in North Midlands Cup action, Alcester took the opportunity to rest their 1st XV after three successive hard fought wins, and before next week's biggest game of the season so far at home to unbeaten league leaders Rugby St Andrews.

A mix of a few first teamers and mainly the second XV made the trip to Birmingham to face what was promised to be Harborne veterans bolstered by some young blood. What they actually found was mainly Birmingham University students waiting for them, and the game to keep their hand in, turned into, in the words of 1st XV skipper Scott Carmichael (on as a second half substitute) the fastest game they had played this season.

Out wide Alcester were always under pressure and did well to restrict their opponents to three scores, whilst replying with two of their own. Up front, Alcester had the upper hand and their first try came from Phil Birks, playing at no 8 who dropped down on the ball at the back of a pushover scrum. The second score was another forwards oriented one, from a catch and drive from a line out. Nev Teasdale was the man in possession as he and his pack crossed the line. Fly half Jamie Randall converted both scores.

Alcester will now prepare for the visit of the “Saints” on Saturday, kick off at Kings Coughton, 2.15pm. They will also hope to hear more about their appeal for the deduction of two points, following the recent Harbury game, the details of which they only established last week after learning of their penalty through the RFU website.