

## **ALCESTER RFC MATCH REPORTS**

**Saturday 19th April**

**Midlands Division Five West (South)**

**Alcester 20 Tenbury Wells 9**

After last week's excellent win at Pinley, Alcester came back to earth with a bump with the news that they had lost a further two league points for fielding an unregistered player, which confirmed their relegation from this league even before this game. This news showed in Alcester's performance, as they made heavy weather of beating a plucky Tenbury side that played the entire game with only 14 men after travelling one short.

Although the result was never in doubt, with Alcester in total command in the set phases up front, the visitors had much the better of the breakdown situation and the Kings Coughton men conceded a string of penalties which prevented any real momentum in their play and allowed the visitors to register points of their own. In fact if the visiting kicker had been accurate with all his penalty attempts at goal, Alcester would have been in real danger of becoming the basement boys' first scalp of the season. As it was he converted half of the kicks he took, with his two in the first half cancelled out by tries from Stuart Whitehead and James Woodhams.

Whitehead added his second try early in the second half, after Tom Burgess had moved his side further in front with a penalty for Alcester. Burgess also converted the try before the Tenbury fly half kicked his third penalty.

The rest of the half was somewhat non descript, which frustrated the home side who wanted to exit this level on a real high. As it was they had to settle for this unconvincing win and now have the summer months to prepare for life in Midlands Six West for the first time.