

ALCESTER RFC MATCH REPORTS

Saturday 30th January 2010

Midlands Division Four West (South)

Alcester 9 Evesham 41

Alcester were dismantled by their unbeaten, league leader opponents, in the second half, despite leading the game shortly before half time.

On a cold but bright day at King's Coughton, and in perfect rugby conditions, Alcester dominated the opening exchanges and went in front from a Max Biltcliffe penalty. They thought they had extended their lead further when left wing Ian King crashed over in the corner under heavy pressure, but Alcester touch judge Kyran Flynn made the correct call in adjudging King to have put his foot in touch in the act of scoring.

Evesham weathered the early storm and scored a breakaway try out wide, before Biltcliffe restored Alcester's lead with another penalty after the visiting front row had popped up at a scrum.

The accurate right boot of Biltcliffe added another penalty before Evesham scored their second try right on the stroke of half time, to lead 12-9 at the break, following the successful conversion of the try.

The second half was a completely different affair, with the visitors taking control, having the elements of slight wind and slope at their backs and with Alcester now playing into the bright sunshine.

Evesham scored 29 unanswered points in the second half as they dominated proceedings, and the Alcester cause was not helped as they played the final quarter of the game with fourteen men when no 8 Mika Pieri was red carded for taking the laws into his own hands, following a dangerous Evesham tackle on home scrum half Robbie Parker.

Alcester full back Martin Gurr enjoyed an impressive first team debut in an otherwise forgettable afternoon for the King's Coughton side.

The red and blacks face a break from league action next week, to host the annual visit of the University of Birmingham Medical Students. The Medics will be bringing both 1st and 2nd XVs to play Alcester, and after the game will be up to their usual fun and frolics with their fresher initiation ceremony in the Kings Coughton clubhouse, as well as various other antics.