

## **Alcester 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 13 Manor Park 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 24**

Alcester slipped to defeat against their well drilled opponents from the north east of the county, in a game they were always chasing after conceding two tries in the first ten minutes of the game.

They did fight back and had James Woodhams to thank for a brilliant individual try from all of 80 metres after he intercepted a Manor Park pass deep inside his own half before racing clear of his pursuers. Jamie Randall converted and followed up with a penalty, but the visitors kept their grip on the game with a third try before the break, to lead 19-10 at the turn around.

Alcester enjoyed much the better of things in the second half, but for all of their possession, where wing Stuart Whitehead's mazy runs were always a threat and the long period of the half they spent inside the visitors twenty two, they only had a further Randall penalty to show for their efforts, whilst the Nuneaton men scored a fourth try to make the game safe.

Captain Steve Wade was full of praise for the way his side maintained their efforts, and was grateful for the return of former skipper Grant Skidmore to his ranks after a season long lay off through work commitments.