

Saturday February 14th 2009

Derek “Decker” Simons

All Alcester sides observed a minutes silence before their games this weekend, as a mark of respect to “Decker” who sadly passed away the previous week after a short recent illness, following a long battle against cancer.

Decker was the current Veterans side manager, and junior section coach, and had been a long standing and highly regarded member of the King’s Coughton club. In his playing day he was a tough and uncompromising prop forward for Alcester and the former Bidford Rugby Club and he will be sadly missed by fellow club members past and present.

Warwickshire Second Team League Division Four

Pinley 2nds 17 Alcester 2nds 12

Alcester seconds gave a good account of themselves at Wyken Croft, but in the end were beaten by just the single score. Despite arriving only shortly before kick off, they started well and went ahead through a Sam Vernon try, after he capitalized on a mistake in the home back line to kick ahead and gather and score. Darren Gwilym converted.

Pinley fought back with a try of their own after some sloppy defence by the visitors, before they scored their second try to lead 12-7 at the break.

The game looked to be beyond the visitors in the second half, especially when the home side scored their third try, although Alcester felt there was a suspicion of offside in the run up to the score. They continued to battle however, and were rewarded with a brilliant score by Mike Badoud in the closing stages, after the right wing crossed the line following a long pacy run.