

The Frank Freeman Trophy Match

Alcester 2nds 17 Birmingham Civil Service 2nds 20

Alcester's seconds slipped to a narrow defeat in the trophy match against their Civil Service opponents. The Frank Freeman Trophy is played for each season between these sides in memory of the Civil Service stalwart who died shortly after an injury he sustained whilst running the touch in a match between these two sides nearly a decade ago.

The visitors turned up with only twelve players but were lent three by their hosts and proceeded to dominate the first half, leading 10-0 at the break following a try straight from the kick off and a further score midway through the half.

Alcester fought back well in the second half, and scored three tries of their own through skipper Pete Goddard, Damien Webb and Lewis Hatton. Hatton also kicked one conversion. The visitors took the spoils with 10 further points, although they were helped by the fact that the home side finished the game short of players after losing Jason Reed and Rich Smith to first team duty to cover for injuries on the main pitch. Goddard singled out lock forward Reed out, as his man of the match.