

Alcester Past XV 29 Alcester Present/2nd XV 0

With the first team out of action, the latest event in the club's Golden Jubilee season programme took centre stage, with an experienced "Past" XV, featuring six former club captains, prevailing over a youthful mainly 2nd XV.

Playing with the wind and slope at their backs in the first half, the Past side soon gained the ascendancy and went close to taking the lead, when former 1st XV fly half, Kerith Rees, went just wide with a trademark, well struck drop goal attempt. It was not long before the mainly veteran side did take the lead, however, with one of their "guest" players, Sam Kerby, crossing the line for the first score. He doubled his and his side's tally moments later with another try, which Rees improved with the conversion, before Steve Keen crashed over to give his side a healthy 17-0 lead at the break.

As is tradition at Alcester inter club games, the half time refreshments consisted of a glass of port, which the Past side seemed to appreciate more than their younger opponents!

The Present side were more competitive in the second half, but they were still no match for their more street wise opponents, who remained in the ascendancy. Former 1st XV prop Domi Knockings, capped a fine display by rounding off the move of the game involving Rees and his half back partner Andy Hulbard for a fourth try, before Knockings turned provider by popping up in an unfamiliar outside centre position to send Joe Davis over in the corner. Rees converted Knockings try.

Both teams were glad that the afternoon's society official followed "instructions" and limited the game to half an hour each way, allowing the more important business of the bar and the second half of the England vs New Zealand game to begin.