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When Alcester 2nds lost by 93 points to the same opponents last month, the match report contained the thought that Harborne would be a force this season if they could keep their team together when the Birmingham University Medics XV began playing their fixtures. From this evidence, it would appear that university rugby has taken precedence, and the visitors were a shadow of the side that won so convincingly at the beginning of the season.

To give credit to the home side they have improved steadily over recent weeks, and this third win in succession is testament to that. Most of the action came in the opening half with Ash Newdick and Nick Glazier crossing for tries for Alcester, improved by two Rich Smith conversions and a penalty from Newdick.

The two sides were separated in the second half only by a Smith penalty, although Alcester were good value for their win.

Skipper Pete Goddard praised the contribution of his back row colleagues in this win, but nominated veteran tight head Richard Hinckley as his man of the match, thanks to his demolition of the visitors scrum.