

## **Warwickshire Second XV League Division Four**

### **Alcester 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 15 Claverdon 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 14**

Alcester recorded a well deserved and long overdue win, to avenge the one point defeat they suffered at the hands of the same opponents in the earlier league meeting between the two sides earlier in the season.

The home side started well and took the lead when Jamie Bowen capitalized on a mistake in the Claverdon defence following a cross field kick by Alcester fly half Dom Skinner, to score the game's opening try.

The visitors fought back and led 14-5 at the break, thanks to two converted scores.

The second half was equally as even, but Alcester gained the ascendancy following a flashpoint which saw the visiting fly half sent off for serious foul play and the home side's Phil Birks yellow carded for retaliation. When Birks returned, the home side started to gain the upper hand, despite the loss of skipper Pete Goddard to a head injury. Goddard was replaced by Director of Rugby Nick O'Connor.

Another substitute, wing, Rupert Daffern reduced the deficit with a well taken try which Darren Gwilyam converted, before Dom Skinner once again took centre stage in the final minute of the game, with a drop goal to win the game for his side.