

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2009**

**Alcester 1<sup>st</sup> XV**

Alcester's fixture against Birmingham side Old Griffs was cancelled. The King's Coughton men return to league activities at Wellesbourne next week, with kick off at the Wellesbourne Sports Ground scheduled for 2.15pm.

**Evesham 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 66 Alcester 2<sup>nd</sup> XV 0**

Alcester second string were put to the sword against a strong Evesham side, on a day that many first XV fixtures fell foul of the icy conditions.

On a hard pitch full of compact icy patches, Alcester's much changed side struggled to get any early momentum and they were not helped by three injuries inside the first twenty minutes which contributed to the lack of continuity in their play. By the break they were dead and buried as far as the game was concerned, trailing by six converted tries, having offered very little themselves in attack. The only thing about Alcester to match the bright winter sunshine, was the glare from the new white "Christmas boots" belonging to giant lock Dave Marriott.

In the second half Alcester were much more competitive up front following the introduction of veterans Steve Lunn at tight head and Dickie Moore at hooker, but out wide they were being out thought and out paced, and they conceded a further four tries, two of which were converted, without reply. They played the last ten minutes of the game with fourteen men following the yellow carding of replacement flanker Nod O'Dell, for an alteration at a ruck,