

Warwickshire Second Team League Division Three

Alcester 2nds 57 Keresley 2nds 17

Alcester seconds continued their good start to the season with a thumping win against their visitors from Coventry, who arrived with only eight players for this second team league fixture. Alcester lent their opponents three players and the game started as eleven a side, although more players filtered in to both sides during the game.

The red and blacks started up the hill and against the wind in what was a fairly even first half, where the scores were level 17-17 at the break. Prop Joe Ewings scored one of the Alcester tries in the first half, before leaving the field with a shoulder injury, a move which forced passive scrummaging for the rest of the half. Club chairman Steve Lunn put down his pint glass on the touchline in the second half to join the action, allowing competitive scrums to resume in the second period which belonged completely to the home side, who scored seven unanswered tries.

In addition to Ewings try, Alcester's scorers were Jeff Williams, one each from brothers Steve and Brian Wade, Steve Lunn, Laurie Rawlings and Ollie Moore (his maiden senior try.) Rich Smith ended up with a personal points tally of 18 through two tries and four conversions, with Darren Gwilym and unlikely kicker, skipper Pete Goddard adding a conversion each.

In a busy second half for the referee, three players were yellow carded, with scrum half Paul Taylor being joined in the sin bin by two Kerseley players.

Skipper Goddard nominated lock forward Jason Read as his man of the match. The seconds continue in league action next week, visiting Coventry side Standard.