

Alcester 2nd XV 47 Upton on Severn 2nd XV 5

This was the Alcester seconds best day of the season so far, as they comprehensively outplayed their opponents to register a fine win.

Bolstered by their student contingent that leave for university again after this game, and by several returning faces such as veteran prop Andy Foster making his first start of the season, Alcester were always on top and the score line reflects their domination.

The home side ran in seven tries with four coming in the first half. Centre Damien Webb continued his recent fine run of form with two tries in the opening period, his first a superb finish under pressure from several defenders. James Daffern and Jamie Randall were the other scorers, with Matt Williams converting three of the tries. The visitors ensured that it was not all one way traffic in the opening period, by crossing for their only score.

Williams himself capped a fine performance with a try of his own in the second half and three more conversions, as he added the extras to his own score as well as those of lock forward Chris Pearson, his maiden Alcester score, and Tim Copestake. Upton did manage to cross the Alcester line again, but their player did a “Forrest Gump” and ran through the dead ball line and nearly on to the 1st XV field before he realised his mistake.

Prop Joe Ewings followed up last week’s encouraging debut, with his first full start which was equally as promising, in particular his presence in the loose, where he was once again prominent.

Former Alcester player and now society referee Pete Billings was the afternoon’s match official, and he marshalled the game well.