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The 2nds first outing of the season ended in a narrow defeat in South Birmingham. Travelling with only 12 players they were sportingly lent a hooker and two wingers by their hosts. The disruption didn't hamper their early play, however, and they took the lead thanks to a Rich Stanford try which was converted by Rich Smith. The home side opened their own account with an unconverted try to leave the half time score at 7-5 in Alcester's favour.

Unfortunately the red and blacks couldn't maintain their performance levels in the second half, and they were outscored by two further tries to one to leave them just short at the final whistle. Alcester's score came from veteran no 8 Pete Goddard, a try again converted by Rich Smith.

New open side flanker Russell Grant enjoyed a good day, celebrating his birthday with a man of the match performance.