

## Alcester Colts 10 Dudley Kingswinford Colts 17

Alcester's string of victories was cut short this Sunday as they lost to a single try to one of the power house clubs of Midlands rugby, Dudley Kingswinford. Alcester's play was well drilled but lacked consistency as basic handling errors and simple mistakes denied them any points in the first half. With the wind against them and a slope to climb, Alcester conceded two tries, one of which was converted, leaving the score at 12-0 by the end of the first half.

The second half started on yet another negative as poor tackling cost Alcester a further five points, making the score 17-0. Time was running out and Alcester needed a spell of genius to stand a chance. Finally with a spell of well supported runs, rucks and mauls, Alcester's Andy Heap broke away from one maul and scored, giving his side their first five points. Hungry to add more points to the board, players Vash Disari and Ben Hope offered a strong backbone to the team. Alcester's attacking play out showed Dudley in the latter stage of the second half, justified through a try made by the whole team and finalized by Adam Sofroniou. The momentum of outstanding play had the potential, but unfortunately not the time. With minutes left, Alcester gave everything they could to edge a draw but were denied by excellent defending from Dudley. The ball was kicked out, the whistle blew, and a bitter loss was Alcester's unfortunate result. Stand in Fly Half Spencer Lunn was named Alcester's Man of the Match for committed tackling and excellent handling.

## Exercise Rhino Poppy



On March 14th 2010, a team of eight cyclists from 1st (United Kingdom) Armoured Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment will start a 1000 Mile cycle ride to raise awareness and much needed funding for the 'Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal', and 'Help for Heroes' charities.

We will be carrying with us the match ball to be used in the final of the Anglo-Welsh Rugby Cup. We'll be visiting all 16 clubs involved in the competition on route. Starting at Newcastle Upon Tyne at the ground of the Newcastle Falcons, we'll ride in 7 days to '6

Ways Stadium' in Worcester where the final is being held. The match ball will be presented to the referee before kick off.

To see more information on our progress and Ebay auctions, go to our website:

[www.rhinopoppy.co.uk](http://www.rhinopoppy.co.uk)

The Team of cyclists will arrive at Alcester Rugby Club on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm and stay the night in Alcester.

Please come along and support this good cause and those taking part.