

Evesham Colts 10 v Alcester Colts 37

Alcester ran in 7 tries in this convincing victory against a bigger and older Evesham fifteen. After defeat at Newbold in their previous game Alcester bounced back in style and in the first half put in their best 40 minutes of rugby so far this season.

Support play was excellent, the pack matched their bulkier opponents and the Alcester three quarter line threatened throughout.

Ten minutes in Alcester scored their opening try. It was Number 8 Rich Hartley who drove through the defence to score and finish off some fine driving play from his pack. Ten minutes after that it was Second Row Vash Dasari who was unstoppable from within the opponents 22 to put Alcester two tries up.

If it was the forwards power that led to the opening two tries then it was the pace of the Alcester back line that put the side well clear by half time. Man of the Match Tom Pedley ran in two tries from full back with fly half Ricky Allen successfully converting the third try of the game. At the interval it was Evesham 0 – Alcester 22.

Injuries to Dasari and winger Jon Halton meant they were replaced by Ian Duggan and Adam Rendall. Other changes at the interval saw Rory Kavanagh replacing Jamie Leitch in the engine room, Jack Green on for Iain Sime at hooker and Dave Alderson came on for the impressive Andy Heap at prop.

Much to the credit of those that came on Alcester continued to dominate after the restart allowing Hartley to power over for his second try of the game. And at 27-0 it was still Alcester who continued to threaten with Andrew Chung making break after break from scrum half, supported well by his half back partner Allen and centres Adam Beech and Henry James.

A hand injury to Rich Pulis midway through the second half saw George Elsby replace him in the back row, Tom Parker came on for Steve Douthwaite after his best game on the wing since his move from Shipston. And when Jack Thompson replaced Dan Phillips at prop Alcester had used the whole squad of 23 players.

Late in the game Evesham did manage to cross Alcester's line for two tries but they were matched by tries for Alcester from Allen and hooker Jack Green to make the final score :

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(see below for team)

Alcester Line up:

1. Dan Phillips
2. Iain Sime
3. Andy Heap
4. Jamie Leitch
5. Vash Dasari
6. Rich Pulis
7. Ben Hope
8. Rich Hartley
9. Andrew Chung
10. Ricky Allen
11. Steve Douthwaite
12. Adam Beech (c)
13. Henry James
14. Jon Halton
15. Tom Pedley

Replacements:

Jack Thompson
Jack Green
Dave Alderson
Rory Kavanagh
Ian Duggan
George Elsby
Adam Rendall
Tom Parker