

Match report 07/03/10

Alcester Colts 30 vs Kidderminster Colts 14

Alcester set out in full force on Sunday with a home side of 24 strong, enabling a comfortable victory against Kidderminster.

With excellent playing conditions and a strong crowd to spur them on, it was no surprise that Alcester scored the first try. After several phases of open play, well drilled rucks and mauls and the majority of the first fifteen minutes spent in the opposition's half, Alcester finally grasped a try scored by Steve Douthwaite under the posts, securing an easy extra two points from Martin Gurr.

The momentum of Alcester's play was kept on a positive pendulum as Kidderminster's discipline slipped and the home side used two kickable penalties to their advantage and increased their lead to a comfortable thirteen points to nil.

With an array of various injuries for Kidderminster and only two available substitutes, the future of Kidderminster's game looked grim, but as the final fifteen minutes of the first half was underway, the visitors from Worcestershire bit back with full force as they dominated Alcester's half, making several quality attacks towards Alcester's line and a try mere inches from their reach. In response to this, Alcester created an impenetrable fortress in defence and managed to hold up Kidderminster's persistent attack. As the clock kept ticking, Alcester edged their way up the pitch after winning a number of Kidderminster's set piece's and just before half time, inside centre Ben Hansen made a miraculous breakaway run, scoring under the posts, making the icing on the cake an ease for Martin Gurr. With only seconds of the half remaining, the whistle was blown, leaving the score 20-0 at half time.

After a strong start, Alcester entered the second half full of confidence but failed to mirror the performance they gave in the first thirty five minutes. To make matters worse, Billy Gray, through an act of indiscipline, was sin binned. The ten minute period of a 14 man team had a diverse effect on Alcester's game and as the strong opposing pressure from Kidderminster continued, Alcester conceded two well worked tries.

Back with a full team, Alcester's game instantly improved and a string of blinding moves from the backs put them in their rightful place as full back Tom Pedley scored two worthy tries, adding another ten points to the scoreboard, ending the game at a well earned 30-14 victory to Alcester. Man of the Match was Greg Austin, hooker, for his consistent line outs, commitment to rucks, mauls and superb tackling.