

Saturday September 2nd 2006 – Friendly

Opposition : Old Saltleians (Home)

With a number of their squad still unavailable, Alcester opted to delay their formal start to their 1st XV season, choosing instead to play another club friendly against a side that will be operating two divisions above them next season. Even with a full strength 1st XV this would have been a daunting looking task made worse by the make shift team they were forced to field.

Playing down the slope and with the wind in the first half, Alcester were always second best and the visitors underlined the gulf in class by running in five tries and restricting Alcester to few scoring opportunities.

In the second half, after conceding an early sixth score, the King's Coughton men were a different proposition, and enjoyed long spells of domination despite playing against the elements. They were nearly celebrating a score of their own, but right wing Rich Smith was well tackled in the process of scoring and Alcester were left with a blank afternoon.

The visitors ran in a final score before the final whistle, but Alcester took a lot of heart from their second half performance and now look forward to the return of several key players before they split into 1st and 2nd XV for next week's games against Dudley Wasps. Alcester 1sts are on the road for their first outing of the season, with kick off in the Black Country at 3pm, and the same time at King's Coughton for the 2nd XV fixture.

Result : Alcester 0 Old Saltleians 47