

Saturday November 4th 2006 – League

Opposition : Southam (Home)

Alcester fell to their first home league defeat of the season, despite a battling performance against the league's second placed side, Southam. Alcester themselves remain in third place, but they were outplayed for most of the afternoon although the game was a lot closer than the score line suggests. The platform for the visitors victory lay in the front five where arguably the best front row in the league were instrumental in showing the Alcester pack off the ball particularly at the scrum situation. Despite their domination up front the visitors only led 5-0 at the break through a score in the first few minutes of the game. Alcester themselves enjoyed a period of domination but although the back three of Robbie Parker, Chris Hall and Stuart Whitehead looking dangerous when they got the ball, they were denied the opportunity to score by some stern defence.

The second half started in a similar vein with the home side on top, however their clear cut chances were few and far between. They did force the visitors in to conceding two kickable penalties in quick succession ,and after skipper Scott Carmichael had sent the first attempt wide of the upright, wing Stuart Whitehead went one better with a successful kick to bring his side within two points. Alcester had chances to cross the line but as the game entered the final quarter the visitors upped a gear and registered another 16 points through two more tries and two penalties.

Alcester will hope to bounce straight back from this setback when they visit Rugby St Andrews next Saturday for another league meeting

Result : Alcester 3 – Southam 21