

Alcester u14s travelled to Leamington on a drizzly morning. True to form Alcester had conceded a try in the first few minutes. They were then pinned in their own half as any attempt to move forwards was undone as they lost the ball in the ruck. Leamington employed the kick forward on many occasions which Alcester dealt with well – Joey Cull catching well and full back Connor Ashford mopping up to good effect. Alcester's defence held firm despite the pressure they were under until just before half time, a loose ball from the ruck was fly hacked by Leamington. Excellent soccer skills by the home side enabled a well taken solo try to see Leamington ahead 10 – 0 at half time.

Alcester came out better in the second half and their backs started to see more of the ball, producing good running rugby. They knocked on a few times in promising positions as the greasy ball proved hard to control. Leamington were being penalised at the scrum as tight head prop Henry Jenkins put the opposing loose head under pressure. Eventually Alcester scored through Tom Alder. A few moments later Chris Cook switched the direction of play to scythe through the defence and level the scores. Alder converted to put Alcester ahead – a barely believable position after the first half. The final whistle was a long time coming and in the eighth minute of overtime Leamington managed to score in the corner to regain the lead. The final whistle blew and Alcester were an unlucky 15 - 12 losers. Man of the Match was awarded to debutant Kieran Nicholls for his solid work at loose head prop.