

Alcester u14s hosted Old Silhillians on a bright autumn morning. Alcester borrowed three players from the opposition. Maybe this accounted for their unusually excellent start – two tries ahead in the first 15 minutes. The first was scored by Cristian Rushton who picked up the ball from a free kick to power his way through the defenders. The second came from a scrum in their own 22 which was expertly passed down the line to Josh French who used his speed to beat the defenders. Chris Cook added a third to end the half 15 – 0 to Alcester.

The second half allowed Alcester to coast as they had the downhill advantage. Fly-half Tom Alder picked up the ball in his own half, powered into his opponents territory but was tackled in the 22. He offloaded to Matt Gunningham who went over to score. French and Alder followed up. Rushton benefitted from a lineout as the opposition failed to pick up a tapped down ball to their own side. The final play of the match allowed Old Sils to gain compensation as Alcester lost concentration to let them in for a try. The final score was an emphatic, confidence boosting 37 – 5 victory – their first of the season. Scrum Half Lewis Hopkins played well but Tom Alder received Alcester's Man of the Match in a game which where all players made their contribution.

The 5th School's Under 11 Tag Festival was held at Alcester RFC on Sunday. Once again it was a great day, despite the rain, with some fantastic rugby played by 8 local junior schools. The boys and girls really enjoyed themselves.

The Festival started with two Leagues, followed by semi finals and a final. There was also a Plate competition, the final of which saw St. Nicholas as narrow 3 - 2 winners over Bidford. The main final was contested between St Gregory's and Welford with Welford winning 4 - 3 in overtime.

Welford, for the 2nd successive year will now go forward to play a tag match against a side selected from all teams at the Festival during half-time of the Worcester Warriors game against Newcastle Falcons on Saturday 7th November.

Alcester RFC mini/juniors section train and play games on Sunday mornings between 10:30 and 12:00. It is a very enjoyable and friendly environment for boys from U7 to U19. Girls up to U12 are also catered for and everyone is welcome to come down and try it out.