

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2010**

**Alcester U14's 22**

**Earlsdon U14's 0**

Alcester u14s travelled to Earlsdon near Warwick University. The promised heavy rain did not materialise but conditions were still very heavy. After an even start Ryan Clark made a break, beat two defenders, offloaded well in the tackle to present Chris Cook with an easy opportunity to open the scoring for Alcester. Earlsdon replied well and spent a lot of time in Alcester's 22. Cook stole the ball for Alcester and a maul made many metres up the pitch. The forward battle was evenly matched as both teams slugged it out for possession at the breakdown. Alcester managed to win a scrum against the head. Clark and Tom Alder played a well rehearsed switch move to open up the Earlsdon defence to make it 10 – 0 to Alcester at half time.

Earlsdon started the second half well and were awarded an attacking 5m lineout. Alcester won the ball and passed it back to fly half Alder. He stepped for a defensive kick but noticed a gap and decided to run. His foresight was awarded with a scintillating run past defenders. He looked for his team mates' support but he had caught them unawares as well as he ran the full length of the pitch for a fabulous solo try. Alcester scored again after Cook stole the ball from a defender. Earlsdon fought back well and in the last 5 minutes put Alcester under great pressure. The defence held firm for a 22 – 0 win for Alcester. The score did not do justice to Earlsdon who were competitive and played solid rugby. The difference between the teams was the extra flair from the Alcester backs. Coach Scott Carmichael was pleased with the whole team but he awarded man of the match to Ryan Clark.