

Alcester u14s made the long journey to Stow on the Wold on a beautiful sunny morning. As is their habit Alcester took a while to warm up. They lost a ball in the ruck and conceded a try early on. Not long afterwards they were a further try behind. The wake up call was heeded and Alcester started to play some good rugby. A solid scrum and defensive kick by Tom Alder showed composure from the visitors. Alcester made their way up the field – a good offload in the tackle by George Rix and a strong bulldozing run by prop Zacc Cutting gave Alcester's winger the platform to score for Alcester. Soon Alcester were on the attack again, a maul formed, pushed its way over the line but Stow held the ball up to deny Alcester a try. A 5 metre scrum was given, fly half Alder scored and then converted to level the game at 12 – 12 at half time.

Stow played well after the break and were denied a try by being tackled into touch behind their opponents try line. They immediately scored from the lineout though to restore their lead. A close period of play followed but Alcester started to tire and Stow's backs got the extra space to score twice more. Alcester fought back though with good mauling and were on the attack again as the final whistle blew. Alcester's forwards had played well along with good defensive tackling from Connor Ashford and Ryan Clark. Final score was a 31 – 12 win for Stow. Alcester's man of the match was awarded to stand in No 8 – Matt Gunningham.