

Alcester u14s entertained Redditch on a cold and grey morning. The home side got off to a good start and put the visitors under pressure. However Redditch made steady headway up the pitch. Alcester lost a scrum in their 22 and had to defend well to prevent them conceding a try. This was followed by an even period of play. Alcester's Tom Alder took the ball after a scrum and made a blindside run down the wing. Two defenders were handed off but Alder just put a foot in touch to prevent a scoring opportunity. Redditch put together a neat passing move and Alcester had to defend desperately. Redditch scored just before the break to go ahead 5 – 0 at half time.

Alcester's scrum half Lewis Hopkins distributed the ball well from the scrum and both Josh French and Ryan Clark cleared up Redditch's high kicks. A determined phase of pressure and tackling by Alcester won the ball on the right wing and Alder fought his way past two defenders to level the scores. Redditch replied and won a penalty in a central position on Alcester's 22. They elected to kick and this put them ahead 8 – 5. They followed up with a further try and conversion which seemed to put them in an unassailable lead. However, Alcester, out of nowhere scored a try through Josh French to bring the scores to 15-10. The final whistle brought an evenly contested game to an end with victory for Redditch. Alcester's man of the match was awarded to Tom Alder.