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Dunlop Colts 7..... Alcester Colts 22

Alcester Colts travelled to Coventry to complete a double over their Dunlop counterparts.

On a heavy pitch this much changed Alcester team ran in four good tries to win comfortably and in truth the winning margin could have and perhaps should have been even greater.

Up front Alcester dominated through out and it's not often that can be said when an Alcester team travels to an away fixture in Coventry. But the front row of Andy Heap, Jack Green and Jack Thompson put their opponents under pressure from the very first scrummage and as man of the match Heap destroyed his opposite number Alcester won ball at will whether it was their own put in or not.

In the line out second row Jamie Leitch poached ball on the opponents throw time and time again.

Behind the scrum, a new combination of half back of Joe Muitt and Tom Pedley gave their three quarters ball to run when ever they could and the backs repaid them by gaining good ground on almost every occasion.

It was scrum half Muitt, playing his first game of the season for Alcester, who broke through for the first score under the posts. Tom Pedley calmly converted to make it 7-0.

Soon afterwards Alcester were 12-0 up when number 8 Rich Hartley powered over for a try after good work from his back row partners Ben Hope and Brad Watts.

Alcester were in control and charging runs from centres Adam Beech and Adam Rendall almost led to more scores but it was the scrum half Muitt who scored his side's final try of the half with a sniping run off the back of a scrum.

Half time saw Ben Smith replace Dave Alderson at lock and Ben Hansen make his debut at centre, coming on for the injured Steve Douthwaite.

The half started as the first finished with Alcester running the ball wide for winger Adam Sofroniou to dive over for an excellent try.

Then, as Alcester threatened to run in a big score, the game began to deteriorate as the home side did their best to spoil any forward momentum that Alcester could muster. The game became more and more physical and although Alcester stood up to the opposition the game became a scrappy, feisty affair. Things then boiled over once to often for the referee and Hartley along with the home team's number 10 were sin binned for fighting.

The game lacked any continuity although debutant and ex Worcester Colt Hansen still managed a number of charging runs from centre. As the game neared it's close the home side did manage a score and in the final seconds Alcester thought they'd scored a fifth only for Beech to be held up on the line.

Alcester team:

1 Jack Thompson

2 Jack Green

3 Andy Heap (man of the match)

4.Dave Alderson

5.Jamie Leitch

6.Brad Watts

7 Ben Hope

8.Rich Hartley

9.Joe Muitt

10 Tom Pedley

11 Adam Sofroniou

12 Adam Beech (captain)

13 Adam Rendall

14 Henry James

15 Steve Douthwaite

Replacements

Ben Smith

Ben Hansen