

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**Leamington Colts 0 Alcester Colts 32**

This was a big win for Alcester's youngsters on a snowy and muddy Leamington pitch.

Alcester Colts ran in six tries and kept a clean sheet in a match they dominated throughout.

The first try came early on from an outstanding piece of backs play that involved the whole three quarter line. Attacking at pace it was winger Adam Sofroniou who squeezed passed his opposite man out wide and raced in for his second score in as many matches.

A period of scrappy play from both sides followed when the conditions looked to have the upper hand. Alcester pulled themselves together and doubled their lead when skipper Adam Beech drew his man well to release Man Of The Match Ben Hansen for his first score of the game.

10-0 up at half time more was demanded of the Alcester pack around the park and they delivered in a fine and physical second 40.

Pack leader Andy Heap, flanker Steve Douthwaite and prop Steve Green led the charge and ably supported by the remainder of the pack the Alcester forwards gave their backs the platform they needed to let loose.

The third try of the game for the visitors came from centre Hansen who galloped his way through the defence to score under the posts. This one was successfully converted by Martin Gurr who had an off day with the boot but had a fine game releasing his three quarters.

At 17-0 up it wasn't long before Alcester extended their lead even further. Fine attacking play put Leamington under pressure, full back Tom Pedley broke into the line, kicked through and was fastest to pounce on the ball to score.

Alcester came close to scoring straight afterwards when Billy Gray, back from injury, went on an individual run from the wing only to be thwarted by a last ditch tackle. But as the game entered it's final stages it was second row Ben Smith who completed the scoring with two tries, and in both showed great determination to support his backs as they broke through. First it was full back Tom Pedley who side stepped through a gap on the half way line, raced on and popped the ball out of the tackle to Smith for the simplest of tries.

Alcester's try number 6 was a carbon copy of the fifth only this time it was Hansen who charged through, he looked unstoppable until he ran out of gas and there was Smith on his shoulder to take the final pass for the final score.

This was an impressive display by an Alcester Colts team that's looking stronger and stronger by the week.

Team:

1. Steve Green
2. Jack Green (Greg Austin)
3. Andy Heap
4. Brad Watts (Rory Kavanagh)
5. Ben Smith
6. Steve Douthwaite
7. Ben Hope
8. Stuart Fletcher
9. Jon Halton
10. Martin Gurr
11. Adam Sofroniou
12. Ben Hansen (Man Of the Match)
13. Adam Beech (captain)
14. Billy Gray
15. Tom Pedley

Replacements:

Greg Austin

Rory Kavanagh