

Alcester Veterans 5 Hewell Vikings 17

Alcester's reformed veterans side, making their first outing in over two seasons, slipped to defeat against a well organized Hewell side, who just had the edge on their hosts out wide.

All the points were scored in a busy first half, where the Alcester men only had a try from club chairman Steve Lunn to reply to three tries and a conversion from the visitors. Lunn had a busy afternoon between the pitches at King's Coughton, where he played the first half here, twenty minutes of the second half for the second team, before returning for the last ten minutes of this game.

The home forwards dominated the scrum situation throughout, and won enough possession to register further on the scoreboard in the second half. They did all but score, when Shane Faulkner broke free and elected to pass near the line instead of going over for the try himself, but debutante centre Neil Johnson was not able to gather Faulkner's pass and knocked on with the white wash beckoning.

Father and son combination Steve and Tom Burgess came on as substitutes in the second half, as Team Manager Decker Simons used the full size of his squad to give everyone a game. Simons singled out the performances of Craig Fear and Chris Carroll as worthy of special mention.

The veterans plan to play every two to three weeks throughout the season and hope to be in action again on 8th November, with their opponents to be confirmed.