

Alcester 3rds/Veterans 10 Shipston 4ths/Veterans 8

Under the new leadership of Dickie Moore and Geordie Newman, the mix of Alcester veterans, occasional players and youngsters claimed a narrow win against the Rams' 4th team, in a very even game on the top pitch at Kings Coughton.

The first half deadlock was only broken by a single penalty score for the visitors, a lead they improved with a try by their blind side flanker in the second half, following a short range penalty the visitors had been awarded after Alcester hooker Dickie Moore had killed the ball at a ruck near the home line. This infringement earned Moore a ten minute spell in the bin, although his side scored their only try whilst he was away, from a penalty move of their own. No 8 Nick O'Connor took a quick tap to himself just outside the visitors twenty two and glided over under the posts, almost unchallenged. Fly half Max Biltcliffe converted, before he won the game with a penalty with ten minutes remaining.

Skipper Newman was delighted with his side's showing and nominated former club captain Pat Lamb as his man of the match. Lamb was playing his first game of rugby in nearly four years following a number of injuries which forced him to quit the game at that time.