

Ely XV v March Bears

On Sat March Bears travelled to Ely to play a combination of their 2nd's and 3rd teams, This turned out to be a close and well-contested game.

From the start Ely controlled the game through their forwards, again March's defence stood firm, and kept Ely from scoring.

March started to come more into the game, making Ely's defence work hard, by some powerful forward play, hitting the fringes of rucks and mauls at pace.

This gained March significant territory, after a well placed kick by veteran Colin Buck gave Ely a line out just outside there 22 line, March contested the throw and the ball broke free at the back of the line out, scrum half Karl Cook gathered the ball, and avoiding despairing tackles went over to score, for an unconverted try.

Ely then lifted their game, an attack which went from one side of the pitch, to the other with some good interplay between their players, were rewarded with a try, which also went unconverted. The scores stayed even at the half time break 5 points each.

The 2nd half was just as evenly hard fought as the first, both teams having success at different periods but being unable to score.

March were awarded a penalty just inside their own half which Liam Siddons quickly took, and with a mazy run finished off a fine individual try, and on a difficult day for kickers went unconverted.

With the game edging away Ely gathered themselves for an all out assault on March's try line, eventually March's defence was breeched as Ely scored an unconverted try, leaving the game as a 10-10 draw. Again both sides contributed to an entertaining match, with neither side being the dominate force, and on the day this was a fair result for both teams.

Next week March are at home, to Cambridge Exiles in the last of their Greene King Premier merit table game.