

Wisbech 2nd V March Bears

The long awaited semi-final clash lived up to all the expectations, from two teams that wanted to progress to the final.

From the kick March were on the offensive, with their forwards driving their opposition backwards, Wisbech gave away several penalties trying to stop March, Within the first ten minutes March converted a penalty by Skipper Matty Day to take the lead 3-0.

March's plan of all out assault caused Wisbech numerous problems, This was March at their best, playing off their strengths, totally dominating Wisbech forwards so stopping them from their normal quick handling game, the only thing missing was try's from March. With March's back's getting brilliant service from young scrum half Karl Cooke, and Skipper Matty Day at stand off having his best performance for several game's, March were kept at bay by Wisbech's defence, whose dogged performance stopped March from crossing their try line.

March's pack were pushing the Wisbech pack off the ball winning several balls against the head, In the line out young Jonathan Beavis was again outstanding stealing several of Wisbech's own line out ball, when Wisbech did break into March's half it caused a few problems with their quick backs, but March defence this time stood firm.

Wisbech must have been glad to hear the whistle for half time and regroup; as for March they were disappointed not to have gone in with a bigger lead.

From the restart March started like a unstoppable train, but again the solid Wisbech defence refused to be broken, March being stopped inches short of the try line, veteran Steve Howells having an outstanding game lead by example playing as if he were ten years younger.

As with most games between the two sides, handbag swipes were exchanged as the pressure of the game intensified. As the game progressed the Wisbech full back became more involved with Wisbech's attacking platform, his powerful running tested March's defence time after time, March had to gang tackle to stop him. For about 10 minutes Wisbech started to have more possession of the ball, and started to threaten March's line.

March got their second wind, and again took control of the game, but again Wisbech's defensive line stood firm, not allowing March to score, 8 minutes from the end an error from March enabled Wisbech's full back to power into March's half which enabled his support players to touch down in the corner for an unconverted try to take the lead 5-3.

Yet again March had to draw deep on their energy level's to put Wisbech back on the defence, with March now chasing the game, they conceded a line out two minute's from time, which they won, only to have Wisbech regain possession of the ball to touch down for their seconded unconverted try to win the game 10-3.

This was March's best performance of the season, had expectations to win this game, but came up against a team that was well organised in defence.

March came off the pitch, knowing that the better team on the day had lost, they had dominated the majority of the game, but with all the possession you may have in the game, you need points to win it.

It would be hard to single out March's player for man of the match, as all players gave 110%. Credit to both sides for giving the supporters an entertaining game. March wish Wisbech good luck in the final