

Bishops Stortford 4ths 28 V March Bears 12

March travelled to Bishops Stortford with the expectation of winning this encounter, but March came up against a side strengthened with players from their 3rd Team.

March started well with their pack dominating the opening exchanges, but as the game progressed it was Bishops Stortford who opened the scoring with a converted try. This was quickly followed by an unconverted try, to put the home side 12 – 0 in front.

March for the rest of the first half were continually on the back foot defending against a home side determined to add further points, and was rewarded just before half time with another unconverted try, to go in at half time 17-0 in front.

2nd half saw a greatly improved performance from March, whose slick handling and passing started to trouble the home side, who were unable to contain the more quicker March backs

With the home side defence being stretched March's Jason (Rambo) Rainbow rounded off a brilliant move created by Jamie Kerse, which opened the home side defence for Jason to score, Capt Matty Day converted to reduce the arrears to 17-7.

Confidence started to show in March's game, with opportunities opening up for March to increase their score, share determination; saw young scum half Karl Cook pick up the loose ball at base of a ruck, to sprint in from 40 yards out for a unconverted try.

Being 17-12 down March felt that they could and should have increased their point tally, but for some dubious decisions they were unable to, the home side converted 2 penalty's and scored another unconverted try to win the game 28 –12. March can take heart that they won the 2nd half.

It was a game that could have been won, but March did not wake up until the second half, all players lifted their game.

This coming Saturday, March are at home to Saffron Waldon 2nd XV.

March are also in two semi-finals, IPA Premiere plate competition, will be playing St Neots 2nd XV on March 22nd 2008 at home. They are waiting to see who their opponents will be in the semi-final, of the Camb's Jnr Cup Competition, which will be either Wisbech 2nds or Newmarket 2nds.

IPA Premiere Plate Competition

<u>Quarter</u> <u>Finals(2/2/08)</u>	<u>Semi-Finals</u>	<u>Final</u>
Cambridge 7 Exiles		
Vs	St Neots 2	
St Neots 2 15	Vs	_____
Cantabs		
Vs	March Bears	
March Bears		
Saffron Walden 2		
Vs	_____	
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