

March 36 V Cambourn 0

Having not played for a few weeks, the Bears were thrust into action against Cambourn in the 2nd round of the Cambs cup.

Putting out a side mixed with youth and experience, this was a blend which produced a display of rugby not seen for a while at the BRAZA sports field.

With the forwards dominating the majority of the set pieces, loose play which allowed the backs plenty of possession to show off their skills.

From the kick off March put Cambourn under pressure which enabled veteran No 8 Steve Howells to bulldoze his way through the Cambourn defense, to open the scoring for the Bears, Skipper Matty Day converted.

The game started to settle down, with both sides having opportunities to score but, was denied by very good defensive work from both sides.

March lifted the 'tempo' of their game and winger John Bevis powered over to increase March's lead, again converted by Matty Day.

Scrum half Karl Cook playing like a man possessed latched on to a loose pass from his opposite scrumhalf to touch down, again converted by Matty Day.

With their confidence rising, the Bears started to play some excellent rugby, a well rehearsed move enabled full back Dave Crook, to out pace the home side defense to touch down for a try, the trusted foot of Matty Day failed to convert, and March went in at Half time 26-0 up.

From the restart March forwards put Cambourn under pressure, good rucking and mauling from the forwards, enabled hooker Graham Bristow to score his first try for the club, again conversion missed.

At 31-0 in front March appeared to rest on their laurels, allowing Cambourn plenty of possession and put March's defense under considerable pressure, with all their possession Cambourn, were unable to breach the home side's defense.

With the final whistle approaching Veteran Steve Howells, showed all his experience, as he bounced off tackles to score his second try, Matty Day yet again failed to convert, March ran out 36-0 victors. Special praise for 17 year old ref Alex Woolley, excellent handling of the match.

It was a very good performance from the March players, there is still room for improvement, and hopefully with players attending training sessions on Thursday evenings, errors within their game can be put right.

Next week The Bears are back in action, in the IPA Premiere Merit Table the opposition being Cantabrigians 2s, who are one position above them in the table.

There is a players meeting **Friday** evening start **8pm** at the Club house, can all players old and new make the effort to attend

IPA Premiere Merit Table

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	NR	NP	NG	F	A	DIFF	POINTS
1	Cheshunt 2	13	11	2	0	0	0	1	383	137	246	46
2	Ely 2	13	10	3	0	0	0	1	373	160	213	43
3	Shelford 3	12	8	3	0	1	0	0	251	185	66	35
4	Saffron Walden 2	12	7	5	0	0	0	1	253	182	71	33
5	Welwyn 3	11	6	4	0	1	2	0	267	139	128	28
6	Cantabrigians 2	12	6	4	0	2	1	1	181	144	37	27
7	March Bears	11	5	5	1	0	2	0	165	232	-67	27
8	B.Stortford 4	10	4	5	0	1	3	0	146	258	-112	21
9	Cambridge Exiles	11	3	7	1	0	2	1	106	220	-114	21
10	Newmarket 2	11	3	6	0	2	2	1	109	176	-67	18
11	St Neots 2	11	3	6	0	2	2	1	127	267	-140	18
12	Upper Clapton A	10	3	4	0	3	2	1	110	112	-2	16
13	Potton	13	0	12	1	0	0	1	0	180	-180	0