

March Bears 3 V Old Cantabrigians 13,

March knew that this game would be a tight tussle, with both sides occupying places in top half of table. From the kick off Cantabs received the ball and set out their intentions, with their forwards running the ball straight at the heart of March's defense.

What Cantab's did not take into account, was a defense that was well organized, well drilled, and refused to be breached. When March did eventually venture into Cantab's half their discipline let them down on several occasions giving away needless penalties.

But five minutes from half time, they took the opportunity of a penalty to take the lead when Skipper Matty day slotted over the ball.

This lifted the Bears and could have increased their lead but for the odd forward pass, and further indiscipline with the try line beckoning. Bears went in happy at half time 3 – 0 in front.

Second half Cantabs increased the tempo of their game with their forwards asserting more of dominance over the March forwards, and were rewarded when March again conceded a penalty, which Cantabs converted to level the game.

March's defense again came under considerable pressure, but yet again refused to buckle, with tackle's pushing Cantab players backwards.

March found it frustrating, as the penalty count kept rising, sometimes to the bewilderment of the opposition, March found it hard to get continuity into their game, with strange decisions going against them.

Cantab's was awarded a scrum five yards out from the March try line, managed to push March's pack backwards with the ball over the try line March player touched it down, and to the amazement of the Players and watching crowd, it was awarded to Cantab's, who then converted to give them a 10 – 3 lead.

With time ticking away, March was now chasing the game, and the error's kept creeping into their game. Cantab's further increased their lead with another penalty to win the game 13 – 3.

Credit must go to March for showing great restraint at a continuous flow of penalties being given against them, for reason's unknown to them. Special mention to march's pack who were seconded best to a better drilled pack, but refused to cave in, with Veteran No 8 Shaun O'Neil leading by example playing one his best games for the club, but was just edged out as March's man of the Match by young scrum half Karl Cook.

March in are in action again next week away to Welwyn 3rds. Will all players pleased be at BRAZA sports field at 11.45am Sharpe.

Training will be on Thursday evening all players' old and new welcome.