

# Shelford 32 V March 20

March Bears returned to action traveling to Shelford, after several games being cancelled due to opposition calling off. They started the game brightly having most of the play for the first 15 minutes of the game encamped between Shelfords 10 metre and 22 metre lines. Unfortunately couldn't make the pressure pay. At this point Shelford scored 2 quick opportunist unconverted tries from their own 22 metre area.

The Bears lifted their game to mount another period of sustained pressure, which resulted in a penalty, which Colin Buck converted. Shelford then scored another unconverted try just before half time making the score 15 to 3

The 2nd half started much the same as the first with some good open running play from the Bears but again not turning pressure into points, as the Shelford defense stood firm.

Shelford then scored 2 more try's making the score 25 points to 3 at this point March lost a player to the sin bin, this galvanized March who started putting in even bigger hits than they already had been. Especially from another debutant Graeme Bristow who playing at hooker picked up the opposition 2nd row carry him backwards 5m and dumped on his backside.

Being down to 14 men only made the Bears more determined, again sustained pressure resulted with prop Aubrey Thomas powering over for his first try of the season, frustration at some decision made by the referee let the Bears down as another player was sin-binned.

Being two men down did not deter The Bears as they defended as if their lives depended on it, and denied the opposition any opportunity to score.

On the return to full strength March played some of the best rugby of the game scoring 2 try's after good open field running and support play both the try's were scored by Andy Donoly of which 1 was converted by Colin Buck making the score 25 to 20 to Shelford with 2 minutes to go.

With The Bears playing expansive rugby and again well into Shelfords half trying to get the winning try Shelford intercepted a pass touching down for a converted try under the posts, to give Shelford a flattering score line 32 to 20

Congratulations to March Bears, for playing some good open rugby and playing with total commitment. With shortage of props Colin Buck made his debut in the front row.

Next week March are away to Newmarket training is taking place on Thursday evenings at 7pm all players old and new welcome.