

Upper Clapton 26 V March 7

## **IPA Premiere Merit Table cup competition**

Following last weeks week win against Upper Clapton at home, March had high hopes of repeating their win. But late call offs left March with 13 men and 5 changes from the previous week, traveling to Upper Clapton.

Playing conditions were atrocious, with bitterly cold strong winds and blinding rain, Upper Clapton loaned March a player, and then chose to play with the win and rain behind their backs.

This put March under lots of pressure, having to continually repel Clapton's, relentless assault to score points, eventually March conceded their first try of the game, followed by two more converted trys, The only chance off points came from a penalty, which was a yard to far for the boot of Colin Buck, and to go in at half time 19-0 down.

Come the second half Clapton loaned another player to bring March up to 15 players. With the wind and rain now behind March, they started to grow in confidence, with the boot of Andy Larham putting March in good attacking positions.

From a scrum down 10 yards out Scrum half Liam Siddons intercepted a slow pass from opposite scrum half to touch down, Colin Buck converted.

Upper Clapton lifted the pace of the game and a good move from their backs split the March defense wide open, to score a converted Try to give them a 26 – 7 lead.

Not wanting to concede any more points March's defensive, put in a Herculean effort to keep Upper Clapton out, eventually loosing 27-6.

Many thanks to Upper Clapton to loaning March players for the game.

Training on Thursday evenings BRAZA sports field all players welcome old and new. Next Saturday March away to Cambridge Exiles

Please find below Merit Table position

## IPA Premiere Merit Table

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	NR	NP	NG	F	A	DIFF	POINTS
1	Cheshunt 2	11	9	2	0	0	0	1	319	119	200	38
2	Ely 2	10	7	3	0	0	1	1	314	143	171	31
3	Shelford 3	11	7	3	0	1	0	0	236	185	51	31
4	Saffron Walden 2	11	6	4	0	1	0	1	221	153	68	28
5	Welwyn 3	9	6	3	0	0	2	0	259	114	145	27
6	Cantabrigians 2	11	5	4	0	2	1	0	166	144	22	23
7	March Bears	8	3	5	0	0	3	0	125	222	-97	17
8	St Neots 2	9	3	5	0	1	2	1	117	228	-111	17
9	B.Stortford 4	8	3	5	0	0	3	0	103	258	-155	17
10	Upper Clapton A	9	3	4	0	2	2	1	110	112	-2	16
11	Cambridge Exiles	8	2	6	0	0	3	1	81	167	-86	14
12	Newmarket 2	8	2	5	0	1	3	1	94	161	-67	13
13	Potton	7	0	5	0	2	4	1	0	75	-75	0

