

## Welwyn 3s 54 V March Bears 5

Having played Welwyn earlier in the season at home, and suffered a heavy defeat conceding nearly 80 points, March knew they had to continue with their much improved performance of previous weeks, to keep the score to a respectable level. Taking 18 players away on the day was also a first for several weeks.

Welwyn proved to be a well organized outfit, as their position in the IPA table suggested. Out muscling March in the pack, and having backs that exposed March's mix of youth and experience, by out pacing them.

From the kick off March were forced to defend their line, from sustained periods of pressure from the Welwyn forwards, who at times appeared to have try line fever, going for individual glory.

March's defense again stood firm from the onslaught, with Jamie Kerse in the Backs putting in thundering tackles. Knocking the opposition backwards, but was only a matter of time before March conceded the first of 4 try's to give Welwyn a lead of 20 points.

Full credit to the March side as they battled back into the game, and were rewarded for their effort when Jason (Rambo) Rainbow showed his great pace to touch down in the corner, for an un converted try, Welwyn completed the first half with another try to go in at Half time 25-5 in front.

Seconded half March made Welwyn work hard for their eventual victory of 54 to 5, March's heads did not drop, all 18 players used by March played as if their lives depended on.

Plus side of the game was the line outs, which March dominated, to pick out a player for March's man of the match would be unfair to the other players within the team, it was a commendable performance against a side that can boast putting out 5 sides week in week out.

## IPA Premiere Merit Table

Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	NR	NP	NG	F	A	DIFF	POINTS
1	Ely 2	14	11	3	0	0	0	1	393	172	221	47
2	Cheshunt 2	13	11	2	0	0	1	1	383	137	246	46
3	Welwyn 3	13	9	4	0	0	0	0	379	145	234	40
4	Saffron Walden 2	13	8	5	0	0	0	1	268	182	86	37
5	Shelford 3	13	8	5	0	0	0	0	282	237	45	37
6	Newmarket 2	13	7	6	0	0	1	1	183	202	-19	34
7	Cantabrigians 2	14	6	6	1	1	0	1	199	196	3	31
8	March Bears	12	5	6	1	0	2	0	165	249	-84	28
9	B.Stortford 4	11	4	6	0	1	3	0	153	269	-116	22
10	Upper Clapton A	12	4	5	0	3	1	1	125	184	-59	21
11	Cambridge Exiles	12	3	8	1	0	2	1	106	235	-129	21
12	St Neots 2	12	3	7	1	1	2	1	139	293	-154	21
13	Potton	14	0	13	1	0	0	1	0	195	-195	0