

Help for Hero's

Saturday 13th December 2008 was quite an eventful day for March Bears RUFC. Firstly there was a new team kit presentation from the clubs new sponsor Morrison Utility Services.



Area Manager Kev Cook far left, with March Bears RUFC Club President Barry Feetham and John Boyle March Bears RUFC Club Chairman along with players from the club.

The club would like to thank Morrison Utility Services for the new kit along with the new banner's and new club board, welcoming every one to the home of March Bears RUFC.

The club then hosted a "Help for Hero's" Charity match between March Bears former servicemen and RAF Brampton (Eagle's) & Wyton.

This game was the idea of club coach Mark Martin, after attending a "Help for Hero's" game at Twickenham, if the big boys can do it then why not us ?. So the wheels of motion were put in place to organise a charity match. After several weeks Marks idea came to life. December 13th 2008 the big kick off took place.



Group photo of the club officers, club sponsor, and RAF Brampton & Wyton senior officer's along with the team captains with the "Help for Hero's" rugby ball. (This took several weeks to track down).



Group Photo of both team's players and officials.

The first half was played in bitterly cold conditions, both sides played with plenty of aggression and pace, with no quarter given or expected, it was end to end open rugby with both sides' defences standing firm. This was much the pattern of the game for the first half with no side managing to create scoring chances; the score stayed 0-0 at half time which is rare in rugby matches.

Several changes to both sides at half time, saw the Eagles open the scoring, with good interplay between their forwards and backs, the conversion was missed. Not to be outdone March lifted their game after good work from the pack, No 8 Taff Howell picked up the ball from the base of the scrum and powered over the try line, conversion was kicked by Scot McMillian to give March a slender 7-5 lead.

This lead was short lived as the Eagles better fitness levels started to come into play, regained the lead with a converted try 7-12, a penalty from 30 yards out was kicked to increase their lead further to 7-15. With March's former servicemen starting to tire, the Eagles ran in another unconverted try to win the game 25-7.

The match was well supported by a crowd of about 200 people, who were treated to a high standard of rugby, many thanks to the match officials.



After the match it was down to raising money for “Help for Hero’s” charity, the club are hoping to raise approximately £1500 .Once all monies have been gathered in, it is planned to have a presentation evening in the New Year to give a cheque to “Help for Hero’s” charity representative.

Another match is planned between the two clubs in the New Year, to raise further money.

On behalf of March Bears RUFC, I would like thank all, who helped to organise and run the event, which enabled this to be a hugely successful day. A big thank you to all the Players, Club officials, Sponsors, and Individuals, who donated various gifts, towards this worthy cause.

Barry Feetham
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