

March Bears RUFC 19 Bourne RUFC 0

Last Saturday, the March Bears played their final warm up game before the league kicks off in a few weeks.

In almost perfect conditions, March started the stronger side and soon had the visitors on the back foot, Ash Howlett was the first to break the Bourne defence with a clever chip over the top allowing him to run through and touch down between the posts. Matt Days easy conversion gave the Bears a well deserved lead after just ten minutes.

Bourne then regrouped and a spell of ill discipline from March saw the Bourne forwards edge ahead with the territory and possession. A huge kick up field from Matt Day let the March Forwards try out their pre planned line out move. Paul Galloway's jump in the four pocket was timed to perfection, the Bears pack steamrolled into Bourne and March were able to maul the ball a full thirty yards deep into the Bourne twenty two, a final twist as they crossed the line and Galloway grounded the ball for a team effort try. This time the conversion was unsuccessful with the tight angle but March were back in control.

With plenty of subs available, the second half began as the first half had done, Howlett made it two tries for himself as he powered through the Bourne line. Again, Day converted the points to take the bears clear with a 19 point lead.

The March pack continued to punish Bourne in the scrum and still with twenty minutes left to play, an injury to the visitors front row let Referee Mike Daniels blow for time in the friendly fixture.

March Captain Todd Woollard said after the game "This was a 100% improvement from last weeks game, we still need to address our discipline however as we gave away needless penalties. What we transferred from the training ground to today's game proves that we are more than capable of doing well this season."

Training continues on Thursday nights at the sports field in Elm Road, all players are encouraged to attend.