

March Bears 0 St. Ives 7

Last Saturday, March Bears hosted St. Ives at the Elm Road sports field in a league and Cup double header. March were confident having won three of their previous four fixtures but knew that the visitors were bringing plenty of support from their first team squad. The only points of the day came from a freak try in the opening few minutes, a loose ball was fly hacked through, deflecting off several players into the March dead ball area. A slip by the March full back saw the St. Ives winger ground the ball leaving an easy conversion. March training on Thursday nights is going well but more players are still needed. With March playing players out of position it is even more important for as many members of the team to train.

Greg Hill has made the transition from the centres to the back row well, Stigley Roberts at full back looks more confident every game. The experience and youth combination in the rest of the back line brings a solid defence to the team. The master class of tackling by Jamie Kerse was a constant fly in the ointment of the St. Ives attack.

Throughout the afternoon, March had plenty of possession but didn't seem to capitalise on it. The opening half hour saw March pushing the scrum with apparent ease, winning line outs and securing plenty of good ball. The inability to cross the gain line was frustrating for the Bears who looked the better team for most of the game. Certainly the March defence has improved with St. Ives being kept firmly pinned back in their own half for the majority of the game. Next week, March host St. Neots in the Greene King Premier league, March have beaten St. Neots twice this season already so are hoping to get back into the way of winning. Kick off at 2.15.