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Last Saturday, March Bears played host to the Saffron Walden Development Team at the sports field in Elm Road.

The well drilled team of youngsters from Saffron Walden clearly proved their top of the table credentials with a clean sheet against the Bears. It took them over half an hour to get their first points of the afternoon however as a fine display of defending by March thwarted their every effort to score. A missed penalty after twenty minutes left them frustrated and offered March a glimmer of hope as the constant attacks came their way.

With just ten minutes of the first half remaining, the inevitable try was scored, shortly followed by two more as the half ended leaving March trailing by 17 points as the second half started.

The blistering turn of pace by both visiting wingers would have been more at home on a running track; along with a few lucky bounces of the ball and a referee unable to keep up with their sheer speed, Saffron Walden soon found themselves on the score sheet again. A sin bin for March front row, Roger Spendlow, compounded matters as playing with a man short was not the key to win.

March had few opportunities to show their talent off, excellent work from the forwards in both the scrum and line outs helped set the backs up, Man of the match, Jamie Kerse was a constant thorn in the side of the three quarter line, but as soon as they had space outside, the visitors punished March for every mistake.

The game finished with Saffron Walden worthy winners. March Captain Todd Woollard said after the game " All credit to Saffron Walden, they showed why they are unbeaten this season. March looked good in attack but there is much room for improvement with our defensive game. We have concentrated our training on Set pieces which i think are all working well, we now need to work on our tackling and defensive line to prevent another result like this."