

March Bears 19 Ely Tigers 5

Last Saturday, the Bears had a rearranged league fixture at the Elm Road sports field against local rivals Ely. The match was a home fixture for Ely but due to a waterlogged pitch it was hastily changed to be played at March.

In near perfect conditions, the game started with March on the attack from the whistle. Strong running from the second row pair of Martyn Rose and Ian Raynor put dents in the Ely defensive line and clever kicking from March fly half Daryl VeenadahI had the visitors pinned back firmly in their own half for most of the opening exchanges.

March got onto the score sheet first with a fine solo effort from Liam Siddons playing at the back of the scrum, but without the conversion March were still happy with their five point lead. Ely having won the first of the two league fixtures earlier in the season by thirty five points were clearly rattled by the March dominance and started to lose their discipline. A yellow card for the Ely fly half saw them go down to ten men for the remaining ten minutes of the half. A missed penalty by March should have given them a more comfortable lead.

At the restart, March continued to enjoy the lions share of possession and territory. But by taking their foot of the pedal let Ely through to level the scores. Jamie Kerse, a constant fly in the ointment of the Ely defence responded well by bursting through the back line to touch down to again put the Bears in the driving seat.

With time running out for Ely to repair the points deficit, Daryl VeenadahI's chip over the top gave him a well earned try to finish the game.

Next week the Bears take a well earned rest while the Legends take centre stage with a friendly match against Bourne. Kick off at 2:15.