

## MANOR PARK II 23 V NEWBOLD VETS 15

Bold Vets glorious run of 15 straight Warks league 3 victories came to an end in Nuneaton to second placed Manor park. It was only a matter of time before the Parkfield Road old boys surrendered their impressive unbeaten run and this came at the hands of a well organised and committed home team blessed with a good mix of experience and talented younger players.

Although nowhere near at their best, Bold could have easily won this contest. However, far too many uncharacteristic errors plus an unbelievable penalty count of almost four to one against the visitors from the unsympathetic referee, proved too much for Bold's over 35's.

The visitors actually drew first blood with a quick score in the first 5 minutes courtesy of a 'Gasman' special who chipped the full back, gathered and raced in to give Bold a perfect start. From that point on, things started to go wrong. Manor Park took full advantage of the visitors' numerous errors and generous offerings from the official to pull away to a seemingly unassailable 23-7 lead at the break.

There was plenty of effort and endeavour from Bold Vets during the second period and, with the advantage of the slope, they should have made more of their opportunities. However, the home side defence remained firm, the referee continued to baffle both sides with his penalty decisions and the visitors could only muster one try from Damo and penalty from James.

Manor Park were justifiably ecstatic of their prized scalp, but were also in agreement during the post match bar conversations that the return fixture at Parkfield Road in three weeks time would be a completely different kettle of fish. Bold will be looking to avenge this loss and beat Kenilworth the week after to finish the season as clear champions of Warks league 3.