



Match Report

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Shelford 3

Lost 0:51



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknel 2) Ren Pesci 3) Jack Cowley
4) Rob Bevington 5) Jonathan Burch
6) Graham Beckford 7) Chris (Glove) Milne 8) Stewart Faben (Capt.)
9) Rolando Pesci 10) Daray Horn
11) Carl Goodey 12) Tom Cowley 13) Little Fabio 14) John Bateson
15) Jeff Mercer

Replacements

- 16) Tom Wykes 17) Dave Steward 18) Rik Relph 19) Richard Cowley

Report

First game back after Christmas and it was always going to be tough. A well drilled Shelford 3rds team turned up looking young, big and full of energy.

Shelford scored in the corner in the 3rd minute. In the 10th minute the Shelford pack drove a maul from the lineout and easily rumbled over the Renegades line to go 10-0 up.

Despite the early set-back, the Renegades line-out was strong as ever with Glove in total charge. The scrummaging was solid, with Booey doing well in his first game at loose-head. Fabio was able to take a few balls from the base of the scrum and crash forward. Defence was generally good with lots of gain line tackles. The biggest issue was secondary defence, when Shelford broke the first tackle the rest of the Renegades had no answers.

Then after 12 minutes of game time, the Legend of the Goodey Ankle was born. "Its broken!!" came the cry. "Get and ambulance, quick!" we heard as we saw frantic waving from the pitch. Bevington, upon seeing the horror of the break turned away to wretch, or it may just have been his lack of game fitness causing the stomach turning.

Medic, as always, was first on the scene to administer to the fallen. "It's ok, it's not broken! Cancel the ambulance!" he shouted. "It's just ligaments! We can carry him off and play on!" So we did.

Turns out, according to the A&E department, it is broken in two places and will be in plaster for six weeks! Great 12 minutes though.

Following the break, Renegades put in 20 minutes of very solid rugby. Great defence and good ball movement. Then Rolando took one for the team and was sin binned for not releasing in the tackle, despite being held down by the tackled player! Shelford took the opportunity to score again. 0-15. Medic came off injured to be replaced by Dave who went onto the wing. JB moving to FB. First half finished 0-15.

The second half was Shelford's who ran in six more tries. Mostly through breaking the initial defensive line and running free through our team. Not enough low tackling.

Rik replaced Tom and Richard came on for Boeey. On the hour mark, Renegades pressured hard and were unlucky not to come away with a try as Beaky dotted down in the middle of a maul. The referee was unighted and couldn't give it. Bev was sin binned for coming in at the side in a blatant manner. Little Fabio made a great break up the pitch but was turned over allowing Shelford to score again. Despite the score line, Renegades looked strong defensively for large parts of the match. Shelford were just younger stronger fitter and better.

Dave Steward played well, making some great tackles. Jack was busy in attack and defence, taking a lot of amber balls into contact and putting in a huge dump tackle. Man of the match was Little Fabio for his consistently good defensive tackling and some great line breaks.

Scores

Sadly, none to report.



Little Fabio



Carl Goodey

Report by Sam Vail

Photos



