



## Match Report

2 February

Away

Biggleswade 2

Lost 0:38



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Rik Relph 2) Ren Pesci 3) Richard Cowley  
4) Jeff 'Medic' Mercer 5) Tom Wykes  
6) Ritz Steytler 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne 8) Chris Machin  
9) Andy Mildenhall 10) Andrew 'Baz' McKay  
11) Peter Waples 12) Steve Mildenhall 13) Reggie Campbell 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy  
15) John 'JB' Bateson

#### *Replacements*

- 16) Daray Horn 17) Rolando Pesci

### Report

There are days you'll remember forever and there's those you'll hope you forget. Perhaps writing it down will act as therapy and this match report will confine the 2nd February to forgettable history, rather than "horrible history."

Apart from noticing that the sun had disappeared behind thick cloud and that there was a chill wind blowing you couldn't help but see that Renegades looked different and yet familiar. There were some new faces and some returning old ones but possibly just not enough faces on the sideline. With a squad of 17 Renegades looked light compared to a generally tall and muscular Biggy side, with a few of the more familiar old timers included for good measure. Ritz was back, the front row had a combined age of in excess of 150 including Ren, Rolando was back, there were new faces at scrum half and centre and Medic found himself in the back row! This lack of familiarity certainly had an impact on the outcome.

What happened was certainly not a spectacle. The Biggleswade scrum was dominant more or less throughout and this immediately put the 'Gades on the back foot. Regular possession going forward meant that the Biggleswade backs, who appeared capable, were able to run pretty much at will.

Combined with the wind on their backs they were able to score three tries in the first half, converting only one to make the score 17:0 at half time.

After a few changes and a reshuffle at half time the Renegades side was a mere 20 years younger. It all looked good and perhaps Renegades could have been the first to score in the half had they taken advantage of a two man overlap that was squandered five yards out on the left. Biggleswade cleared their lines and from the resulting scrum in the Renegades half managed to snaffle possession from the back of the Renegades scrum and score a try. Wisdom on the side line suggested that Renegades had to score next.

Sadly this was not to be the case. Passes were being sprayed around and spilt by the Renegades yet almost everything that Biggleswade did resulted in increased pressure. It wasn't all bad; Baz continued to win ball on the floor; Pete's tackling was awesome; Glove was what he always is despite several knocks and it must be good for the Pescis to blow away the cobwebs. Credit to Richard and Rik for the whole match in the front row and Chris Machin looked to be wanting the ball.

Perhaps the final scoreline of 38-0 to Biggleswade wasn't truly reflective, it certainly hurts not to score, but perhaps a one team club was shown to be just that for just one day.

As Bill Bob said, "There's no point putting lipstick on that pig, it won't make it any better looking!"

### Scores

Sadly none to report



Tom Wykes for his tireless effort, mobility, yards gained and tackles made.



Daray Horn – he knows why.

*Report by Flora*