

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

28 September

Home

March Bears

Won 54:10



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell 2) Ren Pesci 3) Tom 'Even older Tom 'cos it's his birthday' Wykes
- 4) Russell Attle 5) Daniel 'Ginger Dan' Leith
- 6) Chris 'Glove' Milne 7) Tom 'Fat Tom' Powell 8) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 9) Rolando Pesci 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Matt 'Paperboy' Turner 12) Jack Cowley 13) Tom Heathcote 14) Geoff 'Medic' Mercer
- 15) Lloyd Smart

#### *Replacements*

- 16) John JB Bateson 17) Dan Jerred 18) Lee Gawthroup 19) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
- 20) Richard 'I was on the radio' Cowley

#### *Turned out for the Bears*

Jonathan Burch

### Report

The sun shone on a very pleasant late-September afternoon for what was to be Renegades first home league game of the season. Numbers were good and a very strong side took to the pitch for kick-off.

Despite the strength of the side, the first few minutes were scrappy and a number of conceded penalties saw the Bears advance well into Renegades half and grab three points from the fourth penalty (0-3).

This early setback seemed to stun Renegades into action. In short order the tide was turned by a rampant Renegades scrum and Tom Powell crashed over to open the Renegades account, swiftly added to by Baz's boot (7-3). From the kick-off, Renegades were on the attack again with a well-

disciplined maul advancing through the Bear's 22 with the touchdown by Ren Pesci. Baz's boot was on target again (14-3).

Shortly afterwards, everybody had a rest as unfortunately one of the Bears broke a wrist after landing awkwardly from an encounter with Fabio. It took a while to splint the break and Medic escorted the injured player off the field to await the ambulance. Enter JB, who with his first touch of the ball following nice hands through the backs, stormed over to score. Baz was spot on again (21-3).

Tom Powell soon scored again and Baz kept his kicking record intact (28-3). This was soon followed by a great break by Matt Turner who was brought down over the line only to have Ren steal his try. No controversy about the conversion though – it was all Baz's (35-3).

This seemed to put fire in Matt's belly and it wasn't long before he crossed the line again to claim a try of his own (not a Pesci in sight!) (40-3). That's how it stayed until half time when a few changes were made bringing on some new blood. It was an outstanding display in the first half, playing to the game plan and keeping it simple.

The second half began with a blistering counter attack by the Bears proving that, whatever the score, they were very much still in the game. This tested the Renegades defence for the first time and it withstood the onslaught. Renegades came back at the Bears but without the devastating performance of the first half. Eventually, Jack Cowley broke through and was followed by yet another conversion from Baz (47-3).

The bears came launched another counter attack, this time more sustained and eventually broke through the Renegades line to score under the posts. The conversion was a formality (47-10).

A try from Dan Jerred and his final conversion of the afternoon from Baz, brought the final score to 54-10 to Renegades.

Did anyone mention that Ren's the tries (one and a half tries more like) makes him the top try scorer of the season so far. I mentioned it once but I think I got away with it.

### Scores

Tries: Ren Pesci (2), Tom Powell (2), John 'JB' Bateson, Matt Turner, Jack Cowley, Dan Jerred

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (7)



Baz for his kicking and leadership.



I wouldn't dare call anybody else a doughnut so it must be me for spending 30 minutes on the pitch without touching the ball.

*Report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy.*