

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

23 November Away Sawston

Won 31:12



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 2) Ren Pesci
- 3) Tom Wykes
- 4) Brian Smith
- 5) Dave Cook
- 6) Ritz Steytler
- 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne
- 8) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 9) Rolando Pesci
- 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) John 'JB' Bateson
- 12) Jack Cowley
- 13) Lloyd Smart
- 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
- 15) Matt 'Paperboy' Turner

Replacements

Lee Bryant, Matt 'Stan' Hughes, Richard Cowley, Rik Relph, Darey Horn

Report

Winter is definitely closing in and showed on a cold Saturday afternoon in Sawston, staying mainly dry with a few spots of rain later on in the game.

Baz insisted in a good warm up and even used the email communication system to ensure everyone was ready for Sawston - a team that had only lost to Cambridge and Saffon Walden.

A solid warm up was delivered by Baz and it showed after a good catch from their kick off and quick ball from the ruck allowed Baz to kick up field to test their back three straight away, Renegades backs were chasing hard and the ball nicely popped up for Jack Cowley and he galloped into the corner with barely a minute gone. Baz converted of course.

Renegades were looking dangerous and playing up hill in the first half, a penalty Renegades way was not successfully converted. With Sawston on the attack the ball was stolen by Ren, turned into quick ball across the backs and into Matt Turner's hands and he managed to get past three defenders and score. Baz converted. 14-0

Baz slotted an easy penalty to extend the Renegades lead. 17-0

Good strong runs from Ritz and glove followed by Jack colliding with their fullback who was looking dangerous and forcing him off the pitch.

Renegades were putting pressure on the Sawston backs and a penalty was kicked into touch by Baz on the 22. Renegades secured the lineout and started a drive, Ren controlling the ball at the back, broke off and went blindside and two defenders had no chance of stopping Ren from 15 yards out stretching his lead at the top of the try scorer's table. 24-0

Renegades kept attacking through the backs and a good break from Lloyd up the right flank, was it a bird? Was it a plane? Noooo it was our very own Tommy 'Billbob' Bowe flying up the wing and for the first time in four seasons he charged over the line to score. The crowd of four went wild! High fives from the sidelines and Baz converted. 31-0

Half time 31-0 - Glove came off for Lee and Stan came on for Brian and Darey replaced Billbob.

The second half saw Renegades playing downhill. Sawston started with a lot of pressure and playing in Renegades half. Rik came on for Tom in the front row. Richard came on for the dizzy Stan. Renegades finally got into their half and the ref decided enough was enough and issued a yellow card against Sawstons number eight. This temporarily helped renegades scrum that was struggling under pressure.

Renegades poor discipline gave Sawston many penalties and they decided to use their scrum advantage and take the scrums, Renegades scrum was going backwards and sideways and the referee decided we were doing this on purpose and decided to discipline our disciplinary officer and awarded Richard a yellow card and a rest for ten minutes. There was outrage from the side lines.

Sawston finally decided against the scrums and kicked for the corner. A good catch and drive and they pushed over to score their first try. 31-7.

More extended pressure from Sawston saw a clever kick over the top and fumble from the renegades and Sawston claimed a second try. Unconverted. Final score 31-12

Good first half from the Gades and shows what a good warm up can do.

Scores

Tries: Jack Cowley, Matt 'Paperboy' Turner, Ren Pesci, Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (4)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay



Glove – managed to play a full game in just the first half



Richard (to add insult to injury)

Report by Harry Cowley