

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

18 January

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Ely Development

Won 7:0



Team

Starting Line-up

1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell 2) Dan Jerred 3) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards

4) Russell Attle 5) Chris 'Ginger Chris' Leith

6) Ren Pesci 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne 8) Daniel 'Ginger Dan' Leith

9) Peter Waples 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay

11) Josh Scudham 12) Phil Hepworth 13) Tom Cowley 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

15) John 'JB' Bateson

Replacements

Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes, Tom Heathcote, Rik Relph, Richard Cowley, Lee Bryant, James Jerred, Matthew 'Stan' Hughes, Nick Ashton-Jones

Report

Funny how things pan out, having been the report writer for the corresponding match earlier in the season, a last minute comment and I was left to put together a match report again.

Sunny and windy but firm underfoot.

Ely with no first or third team game arrived in a far better mood than expected after their drubbing last week. Renegades kicked off into the wind and possession was hard to come by as the Ely team tried to find the gaps. Strong defence from all round and some interesting decisions by the Ely three quarters meant for a tight 15 minutes. Deep in our own half a chance for Ely (knocked on over the line) and at last some sustained possession, a few scrums here, a penalty or two there, and strong drives forward, left the Renegades close to the line with a penalty coming, two yards out, Renegades drove over the line with our flanker for the day Ren scoring again. A good conversion into the wind and 7-0. Game on. The Ely players were getting a little upset with the referee who I thought overall had a good game. Baz off injured, Tom on, Tom off injured Ginger Dan into the three quarters.

The rest of the first half was spirited defence from Renegades with glove in particular outstanding racing back to catch their winger and then turning the ball over as well, setting the example. Not rolling away at a maul resulted in Psycho being stamped on, the resultant retaliation thankfully only a yellow card and to even things up one Ely player decided to join him.

Half time a narrow lead 7-0, game plan kick into the corners, keep it in their half, easier said than done.

The second half was mainly played between the 22s with Ely maintaining most of the possession but the tackling Renegades stood firm, wave after wave of attacks from the Ely three quarters usually going no further than 13, and then making silly mistakes enabled the defence to stand firm. The occasion foray into the Ely 22 but no score. After yet another Ely attack, the crowd were getting concerned as time seemed to drag on but eventually the referee blew for full time, another hard fought satisfying win.

Scores

Tries: Ren Pesci

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay



Glove - for outstanding defence



Rolando for his pep talk after the game

Report by: Shaun Clark