

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

25 January

Away

March Bears

Lost 5:6



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 2) Ren 'Almost-prolific' Pesci
- 3) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes
- 4) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 5) Chris 'Ginger Chris' Leith
- 6) Tom 'Fat Tom' Powell
- 7) Jonathan 'Goodluck' Burch
- 8) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 9) Rob 'Bev' Bevington
- 10) Darey 'Howzit' Horn
- 11) Richard 'By-the-way' Bytheway
- 12) Jack Cowley
- 13) Phil 'Pork pie' Hepworth
- 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
- 15) John 'JB' Bateson

Replacements

Graham 'Beaky' Beckford, Rik 'Rik' Relph, Richard 'Flipchart' Cowley

Report

Although severely depleted by injuries from last week and from games before Christmas, a reasonable squad of Renegades players arrived to squeeze into March's palatial changing rooms (featuring carpet tiles!). The wind was blowing strongly across the pitch but at an angle which gave a significant advantage to one side. Renegades played into the wind in the first half.

From the outset, the Bears looked hungry for the ball. It wasn't long before that enthusiasm caused us problems with JB being taken out by a late follow through. Off early for JB for the second week running. On came Graham Beckford or 'supper sub' as he was christened by a twitter troll.

The first half continued uneventfully. March kept Renegades mostly in our own half without ever seriously threatening to score a try. Ill-discipline on Renegades part gave away two kickable penalties which March slotted over to lead 6-0 at the end of the first half.

The mood was good at half time. Only six points down and the wind in our favour, surely we could crank out a win.

The second half was long and frustrating. At least it was played almost exclusively in the March half of the pitch. The Renegades pack began to show some dominance in the scrum, driving March backwards and winning March Ball as well as our own. Eventually, a scrum well into the March 22 provided the opportunity for a drive over try which was taken with style, Bev making the touchdown. Sadly the conversion pulled wide (5:6).

There followed other opportunities but each time we tried to crash the ball over instead of a repeat push over try. Frustration was beginning to show and there followed a flurry of yellow cards, three for each side. Richard was particularly unlucky to be carded for being hit by the guy who high tackled him in his first run out for Renegades.

In the dying seconds, Renegades were awarded a kickable penalty. Bev bravely stepped up to the plate. The kick was good but just to the right of the right post. The final whistle was drowned out by the cheers from the March Players and supporters. It was a game we should have won but fair play to March who played with great determination and competed for everything.

Scores

Try: Rob 'Bev' Bevington



Bev – for playing scrum half, kicking and scoring a try



The referee for card diarrhoea

Report by: Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy



Renegades drive for the March line.



Bev doing an exotic brummy barn dance.

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