

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

22 March

Away

Bury St Edmunds 3/4

Lost 14:59



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

1) Rik Relph 2) Harry Cowley 3) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell

4) Tom Wykes 5) Lee Bryant

6) Rob 'Bev' Bevington 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne 8) Graham 'Beaky' Beckford

9) Rolando Pesci 10) Darey Horn

11) Jonathan Burch 12) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 13) Dave Steward 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

15) Peter Waples

#### *Replacements*

Richard Cowley

### Report

It was a lovely afternoon as a small but numerically adequate band of Renegades gathered in the palatial facilities provided by Bury St Edmunds RFC – the nicest club most of us have ever had the pleasure to play at. It was lovely to see Harry Cowley back in the red and black after a prolonged absence.

After kickoff, things looked good as Renegades took the first scrum against the head. The ball was moved around well by both sides with Bury coming at Renegades on a number of occasions but failing to convert. Gradually, Renegades gained in confidence and took the game to Bury. An attack to the right of the posts which saw Dave Steward over the Bury line was held up. This was rapidly followed by another attack to the left of the posts where Dave was held up again. Sustained pressure paid off and from the five metre scrum a lovely move with quite a few hands involved saw Beaky flick the ball up for a charging Glove to crash over for the opening score. The conversion was straightforward for Bev and Renegades were in the lead, 7-0.

At this point Bury woke up. The lead was preserved for a few minutes but Bury launched attack after attack. Eventually a brilliant individual run by their scrum half was rewarded with a try which he converted himself, 7-7. It was a foretaste of what was to come.

The rest of the first half consisted of strong drives by the Bury forwards, breaking the gain line and spinning the ball out to their devastatingly effective backs with particularly star turns from their scrum half and full back. At the interval, Renegades trailed 26 points to seven.

Harry retired at half time bringing on his old man as replacement hooker. The team talk had to recognise that recovering against this team wasn't going to happen. Rolando set an objective of creating and taking two tries of our own making.

From the restart it was clear that Bury had other ideas. The tactic that was employed so effectively in the first half was deployed with equally clinical results in the second. Within minutes, their number 15 was up to his old tricks and burst through the Renegades to score under the posts. His partner in crime, the number nine, slotted the conversion.

After that it was a case of soaking it up as wave after wave of green and yellow swamped the Renegades defences and romped home. Renegades kept trying to counter attack but spilled the ball at the vital moment on a couple of occasions. When it got to 7-59, things were looking bleak indeed. However, there was still some gas in the Glove's tank which powered his snake through the Bury defences to make tens of metres before offloading to Bev who fed Fabio who was unstoppable. Bev slotted the conversion.

That was it. Renegades had a good first and last 10 minutes. The 60 minutes in the middle were good practice in trying to contain a superior side. The half time objective was half met and with a bit of luck could have been met or even exceeded. It was a good game played in a good spirit. Many thanks to the Bury guys for their excellent hospitality.

### Scores

Try: Chris 'Glove' Milne, Stuart 'Fabio' Faben

Conversion: Rob 'Bev' Bevington (2)



Rolando for coping very well with a backwards-travelling pack. Honourable mention also to Peter Waples for brilliant tackling.



Beaky for far too many passes between his legs. However, he shares the doughnut with Rob Bevington who is awarded an unprecedented double roll-over doughnut for his flying attempt against Cambridge. This is the doughnut that just keeps giving!

*Match report y Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy. Thanks to Flora for tweets.*