

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

29 March

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Sawston

Won 61:26



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 2) Dan Jarred
- 3) Tom Wykes
- 4) Dave Cook
- 5) Lee Bryant
- 6) Dan Poucher
- 7) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 8) Graham 'Beaky' Beckford
- 9) Rolando Pesci
- 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Peter Waples
- 12) Jack Cowley
- 13) Tom Heathcote
- 14) Harry 'Haribo' B.
- 15) Darey Horn

#### *Replacements*

Matt 'Paperboy' Turner

#### *Playing for Sawston*

Rik Relph, Jonathan Burch, Richard Cowley, Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy (occasionally)

### Report

Spring had definitely sprung for the Renegades last home game of the season against our old friends Sawston. The weather and opposition reminded us of that opening friendly of the season when Renegades were fortunate to pip Sawston in the closing seconds of the game.

Sawston were short on numbers so three Renegades started for them (Rik, Jonathan and Billbob). In the opening seconds, Dan Jarred showed the no quarter would be given to fellow Renegades by bending Billbob in half when he foolishly picked up the ball near the touchline.

It wasn't long before Sawston kicked deep into Renegades half. Pete Waples caught the ball and ran back at Sawston before offloading to Baz, who carried and off to Tom H who made many yards before passing to Fabio who made it over for the try. Baz completed the move with two points for the conversion: 7-0 to Gades. It wasn't long before Dave Cook crashed over on the right hand side for another try and Baz once again slotted the conversion: 14:0. This was followed by another blistering Renegades attack with Beaky feeding Dan Poucher who looked like he was going all the way but was brought down just short of the line. Rolando emerged from the breakdown and scored

to the left of the posts. Bas was unlucky with the conversion which was taken by the wind as it closed on the posts and bounced out off the upright: 19:0.

Sawston responded to the deficit by stepping up their attack and an excellent running try under the post was converted to narrow the gap: 19:7.

It wasn't long before Renegades were on the attack again and Dan Poucher charged up the field with Darey in close support. Again, it looked like Dan was going to go all the way but again he was brought down just short of the line but was able to feed Darey clean ball to score. Baz finished off in style 26:7.

Always the bridesmaid and never the bride. Dan must have been feeling a bit like that when a loose defensive kick by Sawston landed in his arms and he took it straight back to them, crashing over the line for a well-deserved try. Baz made the conversion look easy: 33:7, the half time score.

The second half started well for Renegades with sustained attack yielding fruit in the form of a try from Darey converted by Baz: 40-7. Sawston responded to this quickly, running in their own converted try within minutes: 40:14. Renegades responded with an attack that saw Dan Jarred cross the line but fumble the ball. However, recovery was quick and within a minute Dan got a second bite at the cherry. The ball was not dropped second time around and Baz converted: 47:14.

A brilliant attacking kick down the middle of the field from Baz was chased at blistering pace by Paperboy. He was on top of the Sawston full back in no time. The full back chose the defensive tactic of dropping the ball and running away. Matt chose the attacking tactic of ignoring the ball and chasing the full back. It was very entertaining to watch!

Sawston counter attacked again and broke through. Darey was on the receiving end of a mighty handoff before they scored and slotted the conversion: 47:21. Renegades counter attack and Ren is heard telling Paperboy not to score – he is clearly worried about his position as top try scorer. A scrum in the Sawston half gave Rolando (now playing flanker) the chance to intercept a Sawston pass and run over comfortably for his second of the day. Baz converted yet again: 54:21.

Sawston, whose heads never went down, counter attacked, and scored a final try. The conversion went awry: 54:26. Following a quick kickoff, Rolando got his hat trick. Baz was 'given' the conversion by the referee who blew the final whistle before he could set up the kick. It was a good game and a nice way to end our post-Christmas losing streak.

### Scores

Try: Stuart 'Fabio' Faben, Dave Cook, Rolando Pesci (3), Darey Horn (2), Dan Poucher. Dan Jarred

Conversion: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (8)



Dan Poucher but there were a lot of good performances (Rolando for hat trick), Tom Heathcote for great running, the back three for playing attacking rugby as a unit.



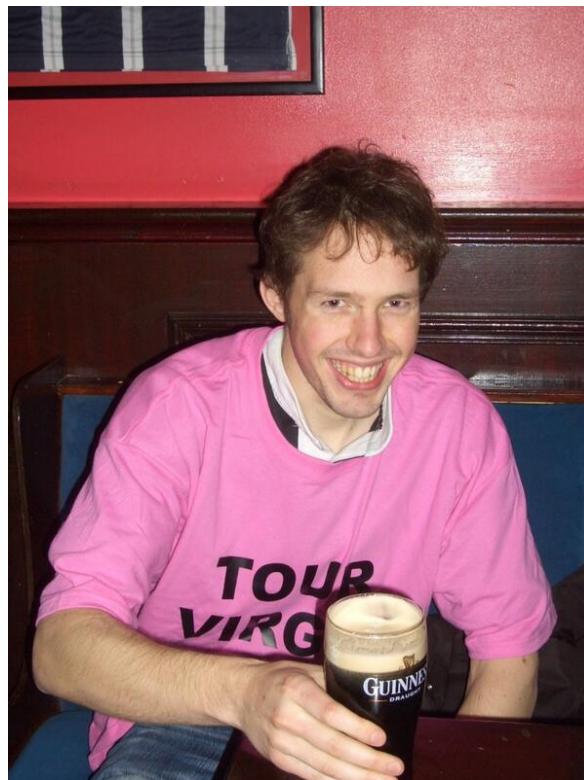
Dan Jarred for dropping the ball over the line and breaking Billbob (revenge is sweet!)

However, he shares the doughnut with Rob Bevington who is awarded an unprecedented triple roll-over doughnut for his flying attempt against Cambridge. You don't need to be there to be a doughnut.

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy. Thanks to Flora for tweets and pictures.



**Many Congratulations to Glove and Kat on the birth of their daughter.  
"More pushing than a scrum."**



Picture of Glove not long after his birth (© Flora)