



Match Report

13 September

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Bury St Edmunds

Lost 29:35



Team

Starting Line-up

1) Carl Hulyer 2) Ren Pesci 3) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell

4) Andy Caruana 5) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes

6) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards 7) Lee Bryant 8) Tom 'Fat Tom' Powell

9) Rolando Pesci 10) Ben Powell

11) Dave Steward 12) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 13) Chris Leith 14) John 'JB' Bateson

15) Richard 'BTW' Fickling

Replacements

16) Graham Beckford 17) Phil 'Porkpie' Hepworth 18) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy 19) Rik Relph

Report

It was a lovely sunny day, not too warm with a slight breeze. Renegades were up to the necessary 15 as we stepped out to warm up, but a few late arrivals meant we even had subs!

Bury looked young and fit, but just weren't my type. The 'Australian' ref gave his instructions but these Third World Southern Hemisphere chaps all sound the same and can never be understood but he wanted a fair, clean game...so we knew we would struggle!

The kick off happened and it was obvious that Bury were strong and organised. We were losing the scrums and line outs but were holding out in defence with some scrambled tackling.

We held out for some time then kicked for territory and managed a nice move, then surprised the touch line with the first Rolando try - missed easy conversion 5-0.

Bury fought back and after a couple of high missed tackles in defence and good running and passing they scored a try out far right - missed conversion 5-5. They kept up the pressure and things looked ominous with strong forward breaks and quick backs, but we held strong. Then a run from deep by

the Bury Inside Centre, supported at a stroll on his outside, we were left isolated and the number twelve scored under the posts,12-5.

We started again and territory was gained from a penalty and good kicking for touch by Fabs but we were losing all scrums and line outs convincingly.

Strong Bury scrum and break but a try saving tackle by Rich BTW saved the score being extended.

Good kicking gets us back to their 22. We earned a penalty and retained position, great charge by Psycho and release to Lee for his first ever Renegades try 10 yards right of the posts for simple conversion 12-12.

Big break from Bury, good yards but great try saving tackle AGAIN by Rich BTW.

They spread it to the opposite side and knock on when they just had to walk over. Let off for Renegades.

Renegades hold a scrum but kicked back to Bury Centre, however, we win it back with strong tackle from Ben.

Renegades earn a penalty, good kick to touch on halfway, lose ball on the line out but Dave S and Chris tackle strong to win a line out.

Beaky comes on to hook and Pyscho makes way - Ren goes to back row we win a scrum solidly.

Game being played between 22's with no major incidents.

Ref warns both front row about engagement. Scrums are solid now.

Renegades win good scrum but after securing it we stood looking and lost it. We need to make sure when Rolando is in the ruck we take on the Red ball quicker to set up our attack again from a solid platform.

Won scrum against head but then lose ball at the breakdown where Bury are more than competent.

Bury break backs line and run in easy try. Drop goal Conversion 12-19

Half time is blown – well-earned rest and pep talk to get to the rucks quicker. Phil Porkpie comes on for Dave S.

2nd half, Fat Tom held up in the tackle, their scrum which they win but Tom makes amends by tackling into touch. We manage to win line out but hand over scrum in our 22. Defence holds out.

Knock on by Bury, their number 8 is down but unfortunately not out!

Our scrum 10m from own line, we manage to get out of our 22 but give a penalty in middle of the park, they kick for touch but their resulting line out not straight. We have a scrum but we give penalty, they opt to kick and score 22-12. Boo!

Good kick off from Fabs, they were held up, our scrum. The game becomes a stalemate in the middle. Penalty to us, Fabs kicks to 22. We can't break through.

They get up to our 22, another penalty. The Bury backs have a run and then dink a ball over our backs but Billbob catches and kicks to touch to relieve the pressure. Their line out and we defend well just in our own half.

Penalty for scuffle with Tom and Ren, Bury line out 15 yards out. We win it, then win a scrum.

Good clearance from Fabs but they take quick line out and run back. Tom W yellow card for going over the top...AGAIN! Renegades down to 14 men.

Bury line out in our corner...drive over try by Bury...10 yards left of the posts...conversion easy but missed 27-12.

Deep run from kick off from their 8 and supported by the backs. Leads to try but again conversion missed 32-12. Game looks over!

Good kick off again but they release it and start the charge again with the backs. We hold them up and win scrum.

Rich BTW comes off and Dave S back on. 15 minutes left.

Bury into their stride, we have a few walking wounded.

Bury win scrum and roll towards line. Penalty given and they opt to kick much to the disappointment of the crowd who want action, kick converted, 35-12.

The tide then turns....

First Renegade possession in their half for a while. Penalty to us 15 yards out. Throw it away but get penalty on 22.

Opt to run it but good defence keeps us out.

Their Fly half yellow carded and Tom W back on. The pendulum swings!

Few crash balls and try in far right corner (probably by Rolando as that seems the norm). Great conversion from touch line 35-19.

Few nice runs in middle of park by Lee and Ben. Penalty given. Kick to touch by Fabs to 22.

Bury lost a bit of shape and accuracy. Line out not straight. We pressure their scrum. But give penalty.

Few scrums in middle but no gains.

Kick over the top by Bury but attack snuffed out. Our line out. Few great rucks and possession kept well and strong individual run by Ben to fight off 7 tackles for best try of the game! Conversion missed.

35-24. It's getting tense!

Penalty inside their 22 to Renegades, few crashing runs by Fat Tom and then finished off by Rolando, but conversion missed. Bit too late but ends 35-29.

No shame in that performance.

Scores

Tries: Rolando Pesci (3), Lee Bryant, Ben Powell

Conversions: Stuart Faben (2)



Lee Bryant - Solid tackling, good runs and his first try.



Old Tom W for the yellow card as no one else stood out.

Report by Rob 'Bev' Bevington