



Match Report

27 September Home Saffron Walden 2 Lost 5:56



Team

Starting Line-up

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

4) Ben Philips 5) Ren Pesci

6) Chris 'Glove' Milne 7) Dan Poucher 8) Tom 'Fat Tom' Powell

9) Rolando Pesci 10) Steve Marsh

11) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy 12) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 13) Ben Powell 14) David Young

15) Richard 'BTW' Fickling

Replacements

16) Graham 'Beaky' Beckford

Report

September 27 was unseasonably warm – the sun shone strongly and the temperature was far too warm for playing rugby. There was lots of activity on and around the pitch as the rascals and youth teams trained in advance of the game, hoping to see some inspirational rugby to go with the BBQ ably manned by JB – the vegetarian who seems to get off on cooking meat!

Saffron Walden 2, who won every game they played in the Greene King Premiere League last year, were unlikely to be easy opponents. However, things got off to a good start. Renegades moved close to the Saffron Walden line on a number of occasions and a lovely forward drive from a lineout nearly went the whole way. Unfortunately, Renegades pressure on the left hand side was intercepted inside his own 22 by a Saffron Walden back who ran the length of the pitch to score under the posts. The conversion was simple 0 – 7.

Renegades came back and sustained pressure on Saffron Walden was eventually rewarded by a strong break from Fat Tom, who was brought down short of the line but who managed a nice offload

to Dan Poucher who was not going to be stopped. Unfortunately the conversion went awry (5 – 7). Half way through the first half and we were coming back at them.

Unfortunately, Saffron Walden backs had other ideas and within five minutes had run back two breakaway tries touched down under the posts and converted with ease 5-21. This brace was joined by another before half time 5-28.

The half-time talk was about intensity and playing our game plan.

Within minutes of the restart the Walden backs were at it again with a quick breakaway try touched down under the posts followed by an unchallenging conversion 5-35. Renegades fought back, holding Walden out for the best part of half an hour. Unfortunately, Chris Edwards was on the receiving end of a yellow card for handling on the floor but really for a series of offences by the team. In the 10 minutes he was off, Walden ran in another two converted tries 5-49 and then rounded off with a final converted try 5-56.

It was a long afternoon.

Scores

Tries: Dan Poucher



Dan Jerred – for winning numerous scrums against the head.



Bev – for forgetting his kit!

Report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy