



Match Report

15 November

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Sawston

Won 31:7



Team

Starting Line-up

1) Carl Hulyer 2) Graham Beckford 3) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell

4) Andy Caruana 5) Scott Cantabs

6) Ben Powell 7) Brad Cantabs 8) Tom Powell

9) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 10) Steve Marsh

11) Russell Attle 12) Dave Steward 13) Josh Scupham 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

15) John 'JB' Bateson

Replacements

16) Ren Pesci 17) Rik Relph

Report

Caught out again as this intrepid reporter is informed "match report is down to you", just as the referee blows the whistle to start the match, and with no twitter to help later.

A dank November day, overcast but no rain at least a game this week.

The 17 players (really for a home game) ready against the 14 of Sawston but no referee until the last minute. The 14 of Sawston without a front row so un-contested scrums from the off.

The first 15 minutes or so we camped in their half and a score was inevitable, a sudden turn of pace from Brad (number 6) a few ineffective tackles and he crashed over the line. Extras for Fab (7-0) Up to fifteen for Sawston, a line out on their 22 a rolling maul from the line out and the pack crashed over the line with Beaky last up having touched down, Fabs again (14-0) we were playing fast, and I have to admit good to watch attacking rugby. Sawston lose a player (concussion) and RBC steps into the fray for the opposition.

This doesn't stop our momentum and after another boring scrum Fabio finds himself with a break from 30 yards (showing my age ?metres) out, shrugs off a couple of tackles rounds another, no stopping him (21-0) another quick break and Fabio again scores this time under the posts but alas no conversion. Half time 26-0.

Keep up the pressure and we will continue to thrive

The only playing Pesci arrives on the pitch to enable the willing but injured Booeey a rest .Ren no doubt thinking more tries for last season's top scorer. Sawston's now 14 again, score a converted try. (26-7) Ren's enthusiasm lets him down as he chases the ball, after the ref had blown for a scrum, kindly removes the opposition's hand with his boot and gets yellow carded along with the Sawston skipper for a few choice words after he caught Ren up. The second half ebbed and flowed with the Sawston players holding their own with some good defensive kicking ably assisted by our lack of catching ability. The touch line saves us a couple of times but Renegades have the last try as a kick forward isn't dealt with by the opposition, Ben Powell kicks ahead again and wins the race for the touchdown. Conversion missed (31 – 7). A draw for the second half, much to say about the robust Sawston defence as about our attacking ability which was so good in the first half.

Game over but a major problems as Dawn informs me she can't change the barrel or gas, this would have been a disaster but fortunately James Jerrard was on hand to help out.

A win is a win, so much too look forward to after the tour to Twickenham next week with the marauding Scots the week after (must make sure Dawn has enough beer), league fixtures resume against Shelford in December

Scores

Tries: Stuart Fabio Faben (2), Brad, Graham 'Beaky' Beckford, Ben Powell,

Conversions: Stuart 'Fabio' Faben (3)



Man of the match The industrious number 5 – Andy Caruana



Ren for his yellow card with Ben a close second for retrieving the ball on Sawstons behalf at a quick penalty

Report by Shaun Clark