



Match Report

20 December Away Wendens Ambo Won 21:10



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell 2) Harry Cowley 3) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 4) Dan 'Cupcake' Poucher 5) Rob 'Bev' Bevington
- 6) Russell Attle 7) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 8) Tom 'Fat Tom' Powell
- 9) Mark Lush 10) Steve Marsh
- 11) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy 12) Josh Scupham 13) Tom Heathcote 14) Judo George
- 15) Richard 'BTW' Fickling

Replacements

- 16) Rik Relph 17) Richard Cowley 18) Dan (Tom's Mate) 19) Phil (Judo's Dad)

Special Mention

The Choristers on the side-lines who sounded awful but delivered a nice tray of shots at the interval.

Report

Unusually, it was a nice sunny day as the Renegades gathered at Cottenham Village College to board the 'Fun Bus' to Wendens. Always one of the most-anticipated fixtures, this year we assembled a good crowd of players, non-players and might-be players if things turned desperate.

We arrived at Carver Barracks to find the gates locked but they were soon opened and we parked the bus in the usual with a good view of the pitch. This year there was almost no standing water on or around the pitch, just one small swamp.

Gades kicked off into the wind and against the slight slope. The game seemed to go Gades way and good attacking rugby saw many encroachments into the Wendens 22. Eventually, a nicely judged kick over the defence saw Tom Heathcote prove his football skills followed by a closely won touchdown battle to open the Renegades account. Bev managed to convert by when the post shepherded his wild kick in the right direction (7-0).

Renegades continued to attack but Wendens made a good break along the left wing and scored in the left corner. The conversion was not on target (7-5). Neither side progressed until the interval when a lovely tray of rum and cloves shots was delivered to the players. The rest of the afternoon's recollections are a bit hazy as a result.

There was a second half. We scored twice with Judo George and Fabio scoring tries and Fabio converting both. Wendens never let their tails drop and scored another unconverted try. The final score was 21-10 to Renegades – a scoreline which was probably harsh on Wendens who harried and fought all the way.

Post-match festivities were at the Fighting Cocks this year: a welcoming and more spacious hostelry than the Bell of times past. The food was excellent. The atmosphere was friendly and raucous. A veil is best drawn over the more disturbing entertainments but to recollect that mayhem increased for a short time when we were joined by Bishop's Stortford (in their very smart striped blazers).

Eventually the 'Fun Bus' returned to Cottenham. It is safe to say that a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Wendens who are always such good hosts.

Scores

Tries: Tom Heathcote, Judo George, Stuart 'Fabio' Faben.

Conversions: Stuart 'Fabio' Faben (2), Rob 'Bev' Bevington



Fabio for a great try and two lovely conversions and all overall workrate.



Billbob for having to dive on the ball in the only patch of standing water/mud on the pitch (nomination from Mrs K Murphy)

Report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy