

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

November 7

Away

Saffron Walden 2

Lost 7:34



Squad

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 2) Dan Jarred
- 3) Tom Wykes
- 4) Henry Wilson
- 5) Doug Smith
- 6) Dan Stockbridge
- 7) Ryan Logan
- 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 9) Harry Cowley
- 10) Tom Cowley
- 11) Josh Scupham
- 12) Ben Powell
- 13) Tom Heathcote
- 14) Mitchell Stanley
- 15) Lloyd Smart

Replacements

- 16) Ross Catchpole
- 17) Ren Pesci
- 18) Alex Sears
- 19) Tim Hutchison
- 20) Terry Hills
- 21) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

The day was mild but the rain came down in sheets as the Renegades warmed up for a game that was sure to be a tough one. The Henham grass looked in great condition if a little on the long side. For once Renegades warmed up reasonably well and were warming up significantly longer than the opposition. The rain eased off before the game started and held off for the rest of the afternoon.

From the kick off it was apparent that this was a full strength Saffron Walden 2 side. They attacked with energy and kept breaking the Renegades line making their lives easier and ours considerably harder. The pressure was relentless but the Renegades defence held for a while and the dominance of Saffron Walden was not reflected in the score.

Eventually, Walden broke their duck with a kickable penalty which was taken well (0-3). It wasn't long before they increased that lead with a try under the posts which was converted with ease (0-10). Shortly after this, Tom Powell went down and didn't bounce back in his usual manner. He hobbled off the field and Rolando diagnosed medial ligament damage. That's him out for a while.

A few minutes later, we saw Tom Wykes out cold on the ground having taken a knee to the side of the head. He came to but was very shaken and had to be assisted to the sideline where he waited (and waited) for an ambulance. This was a 'Tom attrition rate' of 50% in the space of a few minutes.

The damage to morale and performance from the loss of two key forwards was significant and Saffron Walden managed to rack up another two converted tries before half time leaving the score 0-24 at the interval.

The second half started well with some fresh legs bringing a bit of spring back into the Renegades' step. Moves began to be strung together that took the game to Saffron Walden. It wasn't long before Ross Catchpole broke four of five tackle attempts to score under the Walden posts. Tom C converted (7-24).

Renegades maintained the pressure and advanced to the Walden line again where they were held up and Walden were able to win the resulting scrum and clear the pressure. Walden reacted to the increased pressure from Renegades and counter attached. The rest of the second half saw both teams attacking but Walden re-established their dominance taking two tries in the last quarter. Both were unconverted so the final score stood at 7-34.

It was a tough game and an expensive one in terms of injuries. We go back at the end of the month to play them again in the County Cup.

Scores

Try: Ross Catchpole

Conversion: Tom Cowley



Ross Catchpole for scoring a brilliant try and breaking tackles for fun! Good performances too from Ben Powell and Alex Sears



Billbob – even more at sea than usual as a blood replacement for Ren at Flanker

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy