



Match Report

January 23

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Shelford 3

Won 27:7



Squad

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 2) Harry Cowley
- 3) Tom Wykes
- 4) Doug Smith
- 5) Henry Wilson
- 6) Dan Tiezzi
- 7) Ren Pesci
- 8) Chris Machen
- 9) Steve Marsh
- 10) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 11) Ross Catchpole
- 12) Ben Powell
- 13) Tom Cowley
- 14) Jack Cowley
- 15) Lloyd Smart

Replacements

- 16) Rolando Pesci
- 17) Tom Heathcote
- 18) Adam Richards
- 19) Richard Fickling
- 20) Chris Edwards
- 21) Dan Stockbridge
- 22) Tim Hutchison

Report

Well, it was a big game for Renegades never having beaten Shelford 3 in a league game, but followers of Renegades will remember our win in the County Cup final against them. It was a good day for rugby with a soft pitch little wind, and not too cold. Renegades were possibly fielding the strongest team we have had all season.

The first 20 minutes were quite uneventful with lots of scrums and lots of possession by Renegades. However, Shelford had a big strong pack that was getting the better of our pack in the scrum. 21mins in saw Renegades really putting pressure on Shelford with some great runs and recycling of the ball. Shelford won a scrum 10 yards from their try line and Gades put in a bit hit with Harry winning the ball against the head. Ball out to Ross on blindside who gets tackled. It is then recycled to Ren who makes a few yards before passing to Fabs who pops a pass to Ben who takes on full tilt crashing through three Shelford players to score under the posts. Great try from start to finish. Fabs converts 7-0.

24 mins in, Chris Machen damages his shoulder had to come off; Dan Stockbridge took his place.

31 minutes in and Gades have scrum in own half , ball out to backs , couple of recycles out to Jack on the wing who thunders along and kicks through, good pressure chasing the ball by Jack and Ben . Ben gets ball and another try, no conversion 12-0.

Half time comes and Gades are dominant, Shelford have not looked like scoring. Gades scrum is holding firm and doing a lot better holding Shelford. Backs are making great yardage and making holes in the Shelford defence. Change of personnel: Psycho on for Tom Wykes; Adam R on for Doug; Elliott on for Dan T; Rolando on for Steve Marsh; Tom Heathcote on for Jack.

Second half: Shelford have regrouped hitting the breakdowns hard disrupting Gades ball. 52 mins Gades get penalty 30 yards out and Fabs slots it over 15-0. Shelford were starting to get rattled moaning about everything.

50 mins in, Tom Cowley was forced off with a leg injury. Richard Fickling came on as wing and Tom Heathcote moved to outside centre.

Shelford come right back at Gades with good pressure driving us back onto our try line but Gades turn the ball over to Fabs who kicks for touch narrowly missing the upright. The ball bounces short onto arms of the Shelford winger who beats two Gades players to score and conversion 15-7.

The game continues to go back and forth into each half with great tackling and pressure by both teams.

60 mins in, a Gades scrum saw Fabs and Rolando do a switch pass out to Ben who breaks through the line thundering along with only the full back to beat tries a side step and loses footing. Could have been a third but that would mean buying a jug of beer with three tries, maybe not a loose foot.

64 mins Henry off with shoulder Doug back on.

70 mins in Gades scrum 25 yards out Rolando out to Ross on the blindside, smashes over the Shelford winger in the corner for another try, and great conversion by fabs, 22-7. Gades in commanding position now with 10 mins left and Shelford pressure has worn off. Gades very dominant again.

73 mins Gades good pressure in Shelford half, Fabs kicks to touch and lineout to shelford 10 yards from their try line. Lineout won by Shelford but Gades really pressure hard and Shelford try to play through their backs and Gades put them out of touch for another lineout this time to Gades 15 yards out.

Gades had good lineout all day call goes in and straight to Booley at the front. A rolling maul develops, Gades drive hard, Shelford hold first of all but Gades keep driving and over the try line with Elliot scoring the bonus try no conversion 27-7.

That is how it ended a great victory for Gades against a strong Shelford team who were one place above us in the league. We have now leapfrogged them into fourth position!

A great game to watch with both sides playing good rugby, making strong tackles and played in a good spirit.

Pack and backs were awesome with everyone putting in a massive effort.

Scores

Tries: Ben Powell (2), Ross Catchpole, Elliott Roberts

Conversions: Stuart 'Fabio' Faben (2)

Penalty: Stuart 'Fabio' Faben



Ben Powell for two great tries, great tackling and just all round determination



No doughnuts

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