Renegades Rugby

Match Report

November 5 Home Shelford 3

Lost 14:41



Team

Starting Line-up

1) Tom 'BFT' Powell 2) Dan Jerred 3) Tom Wykes 4) Elliott Roberts 5) Ren Pesci

6) Tom Procter 7) Ollie Witt 8) Chris 'Glove' Milne

9) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 10) Andrew 'Baz' Mackay

11) Richard 'BTW' Fickling12) Ben Powell 13) Gavin Reid 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
15) Johb 'JB' Bateson

Replacements

16) Karl Hulyer 17) Rob 'Bev' Bevington

Report

The strong northerly wind was always going to have a big influence on this home clash against Shelford 3. Renegades kicked off into the wind and Shelford brought the ball back into the Gades 22 where they camped for some time before going over for their first try which was converted, 0-7. The pattern of the opening minutes was repeated and Shelford again broke through the Gades defence to score a a second converted try, 0-14. It wasn't that long before the pattern was repeated again as every time Renegades advanced up the field, the Shelford boot brought them back to their own 22. The inevitable third converted try took the score to 0-21. This was followed by two further unconverted Shelford tries to leave the half time score at 0-31. Quite a mountain to climb. The mountain was made bigger by the loss of both Tom Procter to suspected concussion and Ben Powell who succumbed to hamstring problems.

The half time team talk was about how we would do to Shelford what they had just done to us – using the wind to keep them pinned in their own 22.

Sadly for Renegades, Shelford hadn't read that script and it wasn't long into the second half before they scored again – the conversion went adrift, 0-36. There followed a period of dogged attack by Renegades which eventually saw Elliottt cross the Shelford line for a well-deserved try with Baz adding the two points, 7-36.

A few minutes later, Shelford added another unconverted try, 7-41. In the dying minutes, Bev crossed the line for a try and Baz added the two points, 14-41. The referee blew full time immediately after the conversion.

The winning streak was lovely while it lasted. Time to start another one with Saffron Walden on the 19th.

Scores

Tries: Elliott Roberts, Rob 'Bev' Bevington

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' Mackay (2)



Ollie Witt for dogged determination in the face of adversity



Tom Powell for messing up the lineout calls (self-nominated).

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
Pictures by Peter Haigh.





















