

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

September 16 Away Saffron Walden 2

Won 18:34



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes 2) Ren Pesci 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
4) Aaron Stevens 5) Adam Richards
6) Tom Procter 7) Ollie Witt 8) Dan Stockbridge
9) Rolando Pesci 10) Tom Cowley
11) Will Blackwell 12) Ben Powell 13) Ross Catchpole 14) Jake Sweet
15) Rhys Stephens

Replacements

- 16) Dave 'Oh Captain my Captain' 17) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

Another wet Saturday afternoon arrived as the Renegades gathered at the Saffron Walden Club in Henham (a Cambridgeshire club representing an Essex town with a pitch in Herts – thank you Jake for informing me of that). The dressing room was cosy after we managed to retrieve it from Colchester who were playing Saffron Walden firsts.

Disclaimer: The following is based on my best memory of what happened and is probably wrong but probably not as wrong as the referee got it.

Shortly after kickoff, Tom Powell got the ball and crashed through several Walden players in the course of a long run to score under the posts. Tom Cowley converted, 7-0.

There followed a frustrating period where Renegades totally dominated play and scored twice but both tries were disallowed. The first was Ben Powell who touched down on the try line under the Walden posts but the referee judged there was a double movement (not many Renegades agreed). The second saw a nice move out to Tom Procter who crossed the line and definitely grounded the ball. Unfortunately, the referee was on the wrong side of the pile of bodies to see the grounding and by the time he got around there were several Walden arms under the ball.

Then the Walden fly half broke through the Renegades line and ran 2/3 the length of the pitch to score under the Renegades posts. The conversion was good although the referee didn't write it down so the score was officially 7-5.

This caused Renegades to spring back into action and it wasn't long before Ross scored on the left side. The conversion was a big ask and missed, 12-5. Walden came back and were awarded a penalty within kicking distance of the Renegades posts. The kick was good, 12-8.

From now on my recollection is a bit hazy. I think Renegades scored again before half time benefiting from a one-man advantage after a Walden player was yellow carded for a spear tackle on Stokkers. Fortunately, Dan was able to continue.

The second half saw the Renegades playing with the slope in their favour. Renegades ran in another four tries in the second half although I cannot remember the order. I think all the scorers are acknowledged in the Scores section below. One conversion was successful. Sadly, the referee didn't record all four tries leaving Renegades 5 points down on the official score. Walden managed another two unconverted tries.

When all the scores are recorded the final score was Walden 20 Renegades 39. The official score was Walden 18 Renegades 34.

It was a good game played in a good spirit.

Scores

Tries: Tom Powell (3), Ross Catchpole (2), Ben Powell, Ollie Witt

Conversions: Tom Cowley (2)



BFT for an outstanding performance everywhere



Billbob for not having a shirt on when called on.

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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