

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

September 9

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Bury St Edmonds Rovers

Lost 5:17



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknel 2) Graham 'Beaky' Beckford 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
4) Aaron Stevens 5) Adam Lane
6) Tom Procter 7) Ren Pesci 8) Dan Stockbridge
9) Rolando Pesci 10) Rhys Stevens
11) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy 12) Ben Powell 13) Ross Catchpole 14) Jake Sweet
15) Will Blackwell

Replacements

- 16) Adam 'Speedy' Richards

Report

As the teams gathered for the opening match of the season, the clouds gathered too. As the teams warmed up it began to rain heavily with thunder and lightning. Bury sensibly went back in to the dressing room. Renegades flew in the face of all sensible advice and gathered under a tree to shelter from the deluge. We were only one lightning strike from total annihilation. Fortunately, the strike never arrived and the game was kicked off by Renegades.

The rain bucketed down as Bury attacked and camped in the Renegades half. The defence was solid for a few minutes but then Bury made full use of a dog leg in the Renegades line and went over for a soft try which they converted, 0-7.

Renegades defensive resolve strengthened and it withstood sustained attack from Bury without so much as a foray into the Bury half. Eventually, the punishment took its toll and Bury drove over the Renegades line. Unfortunately, the referee didn't see that the ball was dropped in the act of scoring and the try was allowed. The conversion missed, 0-12.

The shock of the second score seemed to ignite some fire in Renegades. The game moved into the Bury half and into the Bury 22 from time to time. The dominance that Bury showed in the first thirty minutes was being eroded. Eventually Renegades pressure delivered with Rolando feeding Will who

scored in the right corner. The conversion, which was a big ask in difficult conditions, missed, 5-12. And that's how the score remained until half time.

The second half opened with Renegades sustaining the pressure and taking the game to Bury. Again and again Renegades attacked but the Bury defence was solid. The pattern of the second half was mainly Renegades attack with occasional breaks back into the Renegades 22 by Bury. Eventually one of these breaks yielded fruit with a try being scored near the right touch line. The conversion missed, 5-17. And that's how it stayed.

It was a good game of rugby against a quality opposition. It's worth remembering that the last time the two sides met at CVC, the final score was 0-55.

Scores

Tries: Will Blackwell



Beaky for his response to Ren's appeal to play and the way he employed his experience on the pitch.



Ollie, for going to Amsterdam when there was a game.

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Photos by Peter Haigh (you can see the full selection at [Peter's Facebook Page](#))





