

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

April 14

Away Diss 2

Lost 29:51



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 2) Callum Wilkins
- 3) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 4) Adam Richards
- 5) Aaron Stevens
- 6) Ren Pesci
- 7) Ollie Witt
- 8) Chris 'Machine' Machen
- 9) Rolando Pesci
- 10) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 11) Mat Faiers
- 12) Tom Heathcote
- 13) David 'Capt Dave' Morris
- 14) Will Blackwell
- 15) Ross Catchpole

Replacements

- 16) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

Spring had arrived – the weather took a serious turn for the better as the Renegades made their way to Diss. Better is a relative term, because it was too bloody hot for rugby. Still because of the recent rains the ground was nice and soft. Renegades arrived at a nice clubhouse with a good-looking pitch. The numbers were limited but there was not a bad squad available, so feelings were quite positive. When Renegades arrived, they heard that the first team had to plunder the seconds because of a stomach bug and they in turn had to pull in some colts – that could always be worrying.

Diss kicked off and Renegades responded well. A nice box kick from Rolando saw Faiersy bundle the catcher into touch to gain good yards. The lineout went awry and Diss won a scrum. From there they fed the ball wide to their 14 who screamed along the left wing, before cutting inside to score. The conversion missed, 0-5. The less than desirable start put some life back into Renegades. They advanced along the field from kickoff and a penalty gave Stuart a chance to narrow the gap which he duly did, 3-5.

Diss responded by passing wide to their pesky 14 who had another gallop along the left wing before dinking the ball over the defence. The ball landed just short of the dead ball line and seemed to roll parallel to it forever giving a Diss player a chance to get a hand to it. The conversion was good, 3-12.

Again, Renegades advanced into the Diss half and, again managed to get a kickable penalty which Stuart slotted, 6-12.

From the kickoff, Renegades advanced and looked promising but the ball was spilled and Diss spun it out to their ever-annoying 14 who put on the afterburners and scored. The conversion was good, 6-

19. This try was followed by a two-minute water break. Shortly after the break, Stuart dispatched another penalty, 9-19. Diss replied with a penalty of their own, 9-21. Renegades had another stab at a penalty which unfortunately missed.

Diss drove into Renegades territory and while defending, Tucker failed to release the tackled player despite several warnings from the Referee (he didn't think he was the tackler). He complained loudly about the yellow card he got for his troubles. Despite being a man down, Renegades advanced back up the field and, a few minutes later, a Diss player got a yellow for being miles offside and deliberately knocking on a pass which could have seen a Renegades try. With the balance restored, Renegades piled on the pressure and advanced towards the Diss line. Rolando managed to shepherd the ball over the line. The conversion missed, 14-22. That's how the score remained at half time.

In the early minutes of the second half, Diss got the break that Renegades didn't need as they spread the ball wide to their 15 who ran around the Renegades defence to score under the posts. The conversion was good, 14-29.

This was followed by a very impressive delayed pass from the Diss 10 which set their 13 clear of the Renegades defence to score under the posts. The conversion was added without difficulty, 14-36. Diss piled on the pressure again and were soon camped close to the Renegades line in the left corner. Their right winger called for a cross field kick which was perfectly executed for him to collect and fall over the line. The conversion was less straightforward and missed this time, 14-41.

Although winning the game was looking a bit hopeless at this stage, Renegades rallied and put some pressure on Diss. A good driving maul in the left corner looked threatening and the ball was spun out to Fabio who was not going to be stopped. Sadly, the conversion went awry, 19-41. This seemed to give Renegades some heart and they advanced again to see Ross break through and score although the conversion missed, 24-41.

Diss responded with a penalty, 24-44. Then Psycho took a knock which meant that he had to leave the field to be replaced by Billbob (here endeth the notes so it's all a bit sketchy from now on). Ross managed to touch down despite about four Diss players trying to haul him back from the line. The conversion missed, 29-44. Diss managed a final try which they converted, 29-51 – Final score..

It was a good game played in a good spirit. Diss were very good but Renegades worked hard to get the bonus point. Those young players from the colts were impressive – the future looks good for Diss.

Scores

Tries: Rolando Pesci, Stuart 'Fabio' Faben, Ross Catchpole (2)

Penalties: Stuart 'Fabio' Faben (3)



BFT for all round work rate and leadership



Tucker for whining post-yellow-card.

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