



## Match Report

Mar 23

Away Beccles

Lost 15-71



### Team

#### Starting Lineup

- 1) Michael Goode 2) Callum Wilkins 3) Michael Denman
- 4) Aaron Stevens 5) Jack Mills
- 6) Ren Pesci 7) Craig Simpson 8) Harry 'H-bomb' Mills
- 9) Dan Stockbridge 10) Ross Catchpole
- 11) John 'JB' Bateson 12) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 13) Callum L 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
- 15) Tobi Rayner

#### Replacements

There were no replacements

### Report

It was a beautiful spring day as Renegades travelled the substantial distance to Beccles. A nice day for a white wedding as someone once said. Best wishes to BFT on his wedding day – it was a perfect day for that too! What with weddings, injuries, unscheduled trips up north and the like, numbers were very tight. In fact, precisely 15 Renegades turned up to play (with Fabs, Elbow, Diddley Dell and Richard to offer some support). The combined age of the two wings was 116! There was no room for injuries.

From the kickoff, Renegades played well and advanced into the Beccles half. The game was only a few minutes old when a kickable penalty was awarded to Renegades. Stockers slotted the kick with confidence, 3-0. Sadly, Beccles response to this was two converted tries in quick succession, 3-14. A great run from Tucker saw him cut through the Beccles line and run half the length of the pitch, only to be chopped a couple of metres from the line. Renegades maintained pressure on the Beccles line and eventually Harry crossed the line but was held up.

As the first half wore on, Beccles managed another brace of tries while Renegades dominated possession and played mainly in the Beccles half of the pitch. After their fourth try, Ross set the target of getting one back before half time. Renegades drove forward again, and the ball went right to the corner where Billbob passed to Ross and together they drove over the Beccles line. The referee was having none of the Beccles claims to have held the ball up. The challenging conversion was close but no cigar, 8-28.

Despite the score, the half-time talk was positive. A win might be a tall order, but it was not inconceivable.

Sadly, the early minutes of the second half saw Beccles score a converted try and then another one, 8-42. A period of sustained Renegades pressure was rewarded by a try for Harry, seconds before he had to leave early to attend a family commitment. Stockers struck the conversion beautifully, 42-15. Now down to 14 and with several players out on their feet, Beccles were able to play expansive rugby and scored a succession of further tries, mostly converted. The final whistle went when their tally had reached 71! The final whistle was greeted with relief by Renegades. Enough had been had by then.

Craig Simpson and Michael Denman both had excellent debuts. They were assured by everyone that Renegades games are usually more fun than that one was.

### Scores

Tries: Ross Catchpole, Harry Mills

Conversions: Dan Stockbridge

Penalties: Dan Stockbridge



Craig Simpson for a great battling Renegades debut.



BFT for getting married during the rugby season.

*Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*

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