

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Mar 30

Home Hadleigh

Lost 13-46



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Michael Goode 2) Callum Wilkins 3) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 4) Adam 'Speedie' Richards 5) Jack Branton
- 6) Ren Pesci 7) Ollie Witt 8) Harry 'H-bomb' Mills
- 9) Dan Stockbridge 10) Jack Weatherly
- 11) Jake Sweet 12) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 13) Tom Procter 14) Tobi Rayner
- 15) Ross Catchpole

Replacements

- 16) Dave Steward 17) John Bateson 18) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy (combined age 165)

Report

Spring had well and truly sprung as the Renegades gathered for their home game against Hadleigh. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon, comfortable temperatures and a light breeze. Proccy had called in sick in the morning but was subjected to intense moral blackmail to which he succumbed.

Hadleigh kicked off and they went straight into intense attack. The first 10 minutes of the game saw enormous pressure by Hadleigh, mostly inside the Renegades 22. The defence was solid and although there were squeaky bum moments, Hadleigh did not manage to convert pressure into points. Tobi set out his stall in this period making some good tackles that helped deny Hadleigh.

Renegades managed to break out of their own half with a good run, spreading the ball wide to the right with Ross and Tobi making many yards and taking the game into the Hadleigh 22. Hadleigh responded with a counter attack which saw them cut through the Renegades defence and score to the left of the posts. The conversion was straightforward, 0-7. Only a few minutes later, they managed another try, this time the conversion missed, 0-12.

Shortly afterwards, Proccy managed a great break and run gaining many yards before offloading to Ross who continued the charge. Ross had no choice but to kick ahead and Hadleigh regained possession.

Renegades advanced again into the Hadleigh 22. A Renegades scrum was lost and Hadleigh captured the ball. Jack Weatherly had other ideas though, he ripped the ball back and stormed over the Hadleigh line to open the Renegades account. The conversion was well struck but clipped the outside of the post to go wide, 5-12.

The score lifted Renegades and they went on the offensive again. A nice through the hands came to Mikey well inside the Hadleigh 22. He delivered a cheeky dink through for Tobi to follow. It very nearly came off. The referee called play back for an offside infringement by Hadleigh. Stockers slotted the penalty, 8-12. That's how it stayed at half time.

Hadleigh started the second half with style. From the kick off they regained the ball and scored close to the left 5m line. The challenging conversion missed, 8-17. Renegades came back and worked hard in the Hadleigh 22 setting up some promising mauls that made yards but were stopped short of the line. Hadleigh rewarded all of this effort by stealing another breakaway try which was not converted, 8-22.

Hadleigh applied pressure again and had a good through the hands move to see their winger cross the line in the right corner and make quite a long way, back towards the posts before touching down. His efforts were rewarded by a successful conversion, 8-29. A few minutes, Hadleigh managed another unconverted try, 8-34.

Renegades came back with a lovely episode of play with Proccy making another break, (ill, really?) feeding Ross who made many yards before passing to Jake who crossed the line and headed towards the posts before being chopped, but safely touched down. The conversion was pulled across the posts, 13-34.

Renegades came again and advanced into the Hadleigh 22. Tobi did a Riverdance tribute as he jiggled through the Hadleigh defence and crossed the line but was deemed to have been held up. Let's not dwell on the rest of the game. Hadleigh scored another two tries, the first one was converted,, the second not leaving the final score to be 13-46. Sadly, no second half comeback for Renegades this time.

Scores

Tries: Jack Weatherly, Jake Sweet

Penalties: Dan Stockbridge



Tobi for all round great performance, particularly in defence



Harry Mills for spilling the ball spectacularly near the Hadleigh line

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Pictures by Peter Haigh (for the full set of pictures see [Peter's Flickr Page](#))

