



Match Report

Oct 5

Home Bury St Edmunds 3

Won 70-22



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Jack 'Chinese' Mills 2) Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins 3) Michael 'Big Mike' Goode
4) Aaron Stevens 5) Adam 'Speedie' Richards
6) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard 7) Ryan Cox 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
9) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge 10) Ross Catchpole
11) Sam Weatherall 12) Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills 13) Tobi 'SP' Rayner 14) Mike Did-Dell
15) Ollie Witt

Replacements

- 16) Josh Cox 17) Will 'Topknot' Blackwell 18) Jon Farrar 19) Will Parker 20) Morgan Stephens
21) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 22) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay

Report

It was an absolutely lovely afternoon for rugby, particularly because heavy rain during the week had softened the ground from its previous concrete-like consistency. A good Renegades run could be overturned by a quality outfit like Bury, so pre-match nerves were definitely there.

Bury kicked off and captured their own kick, charging up the field until a full-on slap tackle by Stockers buckled their swash. A penalty to Bury was kicked to the corner but the attempted drive over was repelled. A couple of minutes later they converted another penalty to go into an early lead, 0-3. This was followed by a blatant no arms tackle on Ollie which earned the deliverer a yellow card.

Renegades advanced and got a kickable penalty which missed. Bury counterattacked and some football saw a dash for the Renegades line with Ollie just pipping a Bury player to touch down for a 22 drop out. The drop went straight out, and a scrum resulted from where the ball was kicked. Bury retained the ball and a clever dink over the Renegades defensive line saw the Bury winger score in the corner. The conversion was challenging and missed, 0-8.

Renegades went on the offensive and Ross fed Harry who chose one of his immaculate lines to break through the Bury line and blister towards the line to the left of the posts. Bury eventually chopped him just short of the line. The ball went through hands to Ryan Cox who crashed over under the posts. Stockers converted, 7-8.

A few moments later, Ross broke through the Bury line and made many yards before the ball went through quite a few hands until it reached BFT who crashed over in the right corner. The conversion attempt was just short, 12-8.

As half time approached, Ryan Cox received the ball in the Renegades half and went on a solo run, breaking and evading tackles, effortlessly (at least that's how it looked) to score to the right of the posts. The conversion hit the upright and went wide, 17-8.

That is how it remained until half time. Rolando chose to bring on quite a few fresh legs with Will Parker coming on for Speedie, Josh Cox for Jack Mills, Topknot for Sam and Jon Farrar for Michael Did-Dell.

Renegades kicked off and were immediately awarded a penalty. Dan took the three points, 20-8. A couple of minutes later, Ollie broke the Bury line and made yards before offloading to Topknot who blistered along the right touchline for half the length of the pitch before cutting inside and being chopped short of the line. As he hit the ground, he popped up a beautiful offload to Ollie who had managed to keep up with him. Ollie made the last few yards and scored in the right corner. Dan slotted the challenging conversion, 27-8.

Bury rallied and managed to get a converted try back, 27-15. In the course of their counterattack, Tobi was left flattened and whimpering with a dead leg. He was forced off to be replaced by Morgan, making his debut appearance as a Renegade (ironically wearing the number 18 shirt!).

Renegades re-started. Bury took the kick, but great harrying by Shep forced a spillage. Morgan, with the pent-up frustration of having to watch the previous games, pounced on the ball and hared it to the Bury line to score. Not a bad first touch as a Renegade! Dan added the extras, 34-15.

A break by Ross through the middle saw him make many yards before being chopped just short of the line. He popped the ball up to Josh who obligingly fell over the line to score. Dan converted, 41-15. Bury responded with some good footballing skills to get another converted try, 41-22.

Having put in a good shift, Harry came off to let Baz have some time as inside centre. Ollie decided to have a charge along the left wing and as he approached the Bury 22, cut back in to score under the posts. Dan converted, 48-22.

Not to be outdone, Ross went on a rampage from half-way. He had a three man overlap outside him but didn't need to avail of their support, going all the way himself. Stockers made easy work of the conversion, 55-22. He then went on to slot a penalty, 58-22.

As the game entered its last minutes, Ross cut through again to score under the posts which Stockers converted, 65-22. Finally, Will decided to cut through the middle of Bury and score. The conversion missed, 70-22.

Twenty minutes into that game, the final score would have looked utterly incredible. It was a fantastic team performance with some of the best Renegades handling ever.

Scores

Tries: Ryan Cox (2), Ollie Witt (2), Ross Catchpole (2), Tom 'BFT' Powell, Morgan Stephens, Josh Cox, Will Blackwell

Conversions: Dan Stockbridge (7)

Penalties: Dan Stockbridge (2)



Aaron for all round work rate again! Massive shift. Got to recognise Morgan for first touch try too!



Tobi for whining like a girl about his dead leg (harsh Tobs – Captain's choice)

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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





