

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Nov 15

Away Saffron Walden 2

Won 45-7



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Michael Goode 2) Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins 3) Josh Cox
4) Aaron Stevens 5) Sam Jones
6) Jake Sweet 7) Craig Simpson 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
9) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
11) Jon Farrer 12) Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Matt Faiers
15) Ollie Witt

Replacements

- 16) Ryan Cox 17) Jack 'Chinese' Mills 18) Ren Pesci 19) Adam 'Speedie' Richards
20) Ryan 'Shep' Shepperd 21) Tobi Rayner 22) Mike Did-Dell

Report

After a two-week break, Renegades gathered in Henham for a much-anticipated Friday night game under lights. The preceding days and hours had seen a lot of rain and the ground was very soft underfoot. The heavy rain let up before warm-up and although there was some rain over the course of the evening, it wasn't enough to make things miserable.

Saffron Walden kicked off and, from the outset, Renegades declared their intent with strong attacking rugby and remarkably good handling despite the very wet and slippery conditions. They piled pressure on Walden and had a number of approaches to the line before a scrum in the Walden 22 saw the ball come through the hands to Ollie who cut back inside and evaded quite a few Walden players to score to the left of the post. The conversion was straightforward for Baz, 7-0.

Walden responded almost immediately, charging down a kick from Baz, one of their big second rows gathered the ball and charged over the Renegades line to score under the posts. The conversion was good and the sides were level, 7-7.

Renegades re-established a narrow lead after Baz slotted a penalty, 10-7. That's how it remained for a while until another scrum in the Walden 22 saw Baz feed the ball to Harry who ran a screaming line that cut through the Walden defence to score to the right of the posts. Baz, once again, added the extra two, 17-7.



Walden absorbed pressure from Renegades for a while before a good run along the left wing saw Jon cross the line, but he was deemed to have been held up. The resulting scrum saw BFT pick the ball from the back and have a go but he was stopped. He fed Harry who crashed into the defence and did very well to retain the ball but was also stopped. This time the ball went to Big Mike and the Walden defence was powerless to stop him powering over the line. The conversion missed, 22-7.

As half time approached, a good break down the right-hand side saw Harry make a lot of ground before unloading to Faiersy who, having been stopped just short of the line minutes before, was not going to be stopped a second time. He touched down in the right corner. The challenging conversion was unsuccessful, 27-7. The interval was called shortly afterwards.

The extensive bench allowed a large number of changes at half time: Jack Mills on for Big Mike, Ryan Cox on for Jake, Shep on for Callum, Speedie on for Aaron and Tobi on at 13 for Tucker.

The second half saw more determined attacking from Walden. With the (slight) slope in their favour they managed more frequent and longer incursions into the Renegades half and 22. However, the Renegades defence was resolute, and they withdrew after each attack with no points for their trouble. An early counterattack by Renegades was rewarded by a penalty which Baz turned into another three points, 30-7. Fairersey made way for Mike Did-Dell.

A while later, a good flow of hands reached Harry who crashed over in the right corner. The conversion went awry which was understandable given the angle and conditions, 35-7. This was shortly followed by a fantastic pirouetting run by Tobi, making many yards and breaking tackles before he was eventually brought down.

Minutes later, Baz took a yellow card for the team after being attributed a high tackle following a warning from the referee. After a relatively short time on the pitch, Mike Did-Dell had to come off after taking a finger in the eye and Ren came on in his place.

A break by BFT made good yards before unloading to Ollie who powered into the Walden 22 before feeding Craig who touched down in the right corner. The conversion missed, 40-7. A few minutes later Tom Powell was nowhere to be seen, but Stockers broke through the Walden line and offloaded to Craig who powered over for his second try in quick succession. The conversion hit the upright and came back, 45-7.

As the game was drawing to a close, Tobi went on another astonishing run from well inside the Renegades half managing to get close to the Walden line before getting chopped. His pass from the floor went awry. The referee signalled time for everyone to go and get warm in the clubhouse.

Scores

Tries: Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills (2), Craig Simpson (2), Ollie Witt, Mike Goode, Matt Faiers

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (2)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (2)



Craig Simpson for all round work rate and two lovely tries.





Baz for having a kick blocked and for getting a yellow card.

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