

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Nov 23

Home Shelford 3

Won 28-7



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Michael Goode 2) Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins 3) Jack 'Chinese' Mills
4) Aaron Stevens 5) Sam Jones
6) Jake Sweet 7) Ryan Cox 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
9) Craig Simpson 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
11) Jon Farrer 12) Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Michael Did-Dell
15) Tobi Rayner

Replacements

- 16) Jack Cowley 17) Ren Pesci 18) Geoff Kirby 19) Ryan 'Shep' Shepperd 20) Rolando Pesci
21) John Bateson 22) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

It was a mild afternoon with no wind to speak of. Plenty of rain over the preceding few days made the ground very soft. Light was in short supply and that would prove to be an issue as the game drew to a close. Still, the conditions were good and both teams seemed up for a good contest.

Shelford kicked off and the opening minutes saw both teams probing. Shelford gained an initial upper hand and moved towards the Renegades line. A penalty against Renegades was taken quickly and then another was awarded and taken quickly. Renegades were in disarray and Shelford capitalised by scoring close to the posts. The conversion was straightforward, 0-7.

This was not the scripted start to the game and Renegades upped their effort and attacked Shelford with vigour. Possibly a little too much vigour as there were significant numbers of errors including dropped balls that gifted possession back to Shelford. Patience paid off eventually with a scrum inside the Shelford 22. BFT picked the ball off the back of the scrum, drew a defender and offloaded to Craig, who fed Harry making one of his trademark blistering runs. He was unstoppable and scored to the right of the posts. Stockers added the extra two, 7-7.

Shelford responded taking the game back to Renegades. They were well into the Renegades 22 when they were awarded a scrum. They fumbled the ball at the back of the scrum and the knock on reversed the scrum. Dan picked the ball from the back of the scrum and made a lovely break cutting straight through the Shelford line. When caught he managed to offload the ball to Harry who made



some yards before feeding Tucker. He in turn passed to Tobi who, while still in the Renegades half, ignited his afterburners and tore down the pitch leaving defenders in his wake to touch down between the posts. Dan made light work of the conversion, 14-7.

As half time approached, Tucker broke through the Shelford line and made yards before dinking the ball ahead over the Shelford full back. He was cruelly chopped as he tried to follow the kick. Others however, chased and put Shelford defence under pressure and forced a penalty. Most people expected a scrum to drive over, but quick thinking saw a quick tap and long pass to BFT who powered over the line. Dan converted with ease, 21-7.

Half time saw a change of wings (Jack Cowley for Michael Did-Dell and Geoff Kirby for Jon Farrer) and a change in the middle with Shep coming on for Callum.

The second half started well with improved handling and some very enthusiastic rucking and it looked like the momentum of the first half would continue to grow. Shelford had other ideas and gradually came back into the game with good defence and attacking play that tested the Renegades defence. However, the defence was good and a fallow scoring period occupied much of the second half as two well-matched sides battled it out.

It looked like the game might end with a scoreless second half when the ball was passed to Geoff Kirby. Geoff accelerated from zero to astonishing speed in the twinkling of an eye. He broke through two Shelford defenders and screamed past a number of other tackle attempts to touch down with a flourish between the posts. It was an astonishing debut performance for which he was deservedly awarded man of the match.

The game continued as the light began to seriously fail. It was almost dark when the referee eventually blew the final whistle.

Scores

Tries: Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills, Tobi Rayner, Tom 'BFT' Powell, Geoff Kirby

Conversions: Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge (4)



Geoff Kirby for an astonishing debut try.



Tobi for letting a ball bounce and liking a free pint.

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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