

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Dec 7

Away Bury St Edmunds 3

Won 61-0



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Josh Cox 2) Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins 3) Jack 'Chinese' Mills
4) Sam Jones 5) Jake Sweet
6) Dan Stockbridge 7) Ollie Witt 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
9) Morgan Stephens 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
11) Jon Farrer 12) Ross Catchpole 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Geoff Kirby
15) Tobi Rayner

Replacements

- 16) Jack Cowley 17) Ryan Cox 18) Aaron Stevens 19) Rolando Pesci 20) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

It is always a pleasure to visit Bury St Edmunds RUFC. The pitches are good, the changing facilities are excellent (and large enough to accommodate an actual rugby team) and the clubhouse is pleasant and well run. In addition, the weather was unseasonably mild and the sun shone which made for a pleasant afternoon for players and supporters alike.

Bury kicked off and faced an onslaught of Renegades pressure immediately. They held out for a while but after a few minutes a Renegades scrum saw the ball swung across to the left of the field and then back to the other side where it reached Geoff. He accelerated from 0 to 60 in the twinkling of an eye and went over to open the Renegades account. The conversion missed, 5-0.

Bury responded and applied some pressure themselves. They camped in or near the Renegades 22 for a while and were given a penalty which missed. They subsequently got a lineout which was overthrown and Chinese said thank you before gaining twenty yards or more before being taken down. The ball went to Ross who added another 10 yards before delivering a beautiful back-inside pass to Ollie. Well, Professor Witt needed no further assistance; he broke several tackle attempts before gassing around the Bury full back to score under the posts. The conversion was simple for Baz, 12-0.

A short while later, a Renegades scrum just outside the Bury 22 fed Baz who delivered a beautiful long pass to Geoff on the right wing. He exploded across the 22, crossed the line and ran back to touch down behind the posts. Baz, slotted the conversion, 19-0.



There followed a period of intense Bury pressure. They camped in the Renegades 22 and fired everything they could to narrow the gap. Renegades stood firm and at least one try-saving tackle from Tobi made sure the slate was kept clean. As half time approached, Renegades broke out of their 22 and advanced into the Bury half. A flurry of hands on the left side of the pitch saw Ollie burst past the Bury Line and power through the 22 to touch down under the posts. Baz added the extras, 26-0.

That's how it stayed until the interval. Half time changes: Jack Cowley on for Jon. Ryan Cox on, Dan S to 10, Baz to 12, Ross to 13 and Tucker off to protect his ankle.

The second half saw another period of intense Bury attack. They persisted doggedly but met even more dogged defence. Another try saving tackle by Tobi was a feature, as was a clearout by Geoff where he smashed three Bury players off the ball allowing Renegades to turn over.

Eventually, Renegades worked back into the Bury half and towards their 22. Good hands fed Ollie who needed no second bidding. He crashed over and Baz added to the total, 33-0. Aaron came on for Sam.

A Bury lineout was captured by Ryan who burst through the Bury line. When caught, he was able to offload to Ollie who set off on another blistering run, breaking tackles and scoring under the posts. The conversion was no trouble for Baz, 40-0.

Renegades attacked again and as they approached the Bury line Ross was chopped and the Bury player concerned earned himself 10 minutes in the bin. The penalty was taken as a scrum and the ball found Ollie who dived over the line for his fifth try of the afternoon! Baz added the two, 47-0.

A Renegades lineout went through the hands to Ross who powered over the line to score. Baz converted, 54-0. As the game was drawing to a close, Ryan made another break and was brought down by Bury just outside their 22. Bury captured the ball but Ollie stole it back. The ball went through to Tobi who danced over the line, paused and gave the ball to Callum who touched down. That try will be credited to Tobi at Callum's insistence after the game. Baz finished off the afternoon with another two points, 61-0. And so, the Ollie Witt show drew to a close.

Many thanks to Bury for the delicious bangers and mash we enjoyed after the game.

Scores

Tries: Ollie Witt (5, yes 5), Geoff Kirby (2), Tobi Rayner, Ross Catchpole,

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (8)



Ollie Witt for an outstanding try-fest



Baz for a miss-pass (harsh, but DotD was always going to be a tough call)

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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