



Match Report

Oct 16

Away Bury St Edmunds

Won 28-44



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Michael Goode 2) Ryan 'Shep' Shepperd 3) Ryan Duffy
- 4) Aaron Stevens 5) Sam Jones
- 6) Ollie Witt 7) Dan Philips 8) Ryan Cox
- 9) Dougie Ellis 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Jon Farrar
- 15) Will 'Topknot' Blackwell

Replacements

- 16) Doyle Onley

Report

The weather was perfect as Renegades gathered at Bury St Edmunds having had a weekend off following the defeat against Shelford. It was busy at Bury with their first team entertaining Barnes on the main pitch. The second pitch was in lovely condition and the ground was nice and soft without being too soft. Once again numbers were tight with Doyle comprising the whole bench.

Renegades kicked off and the two sides ebbed and flowed for a few minutes getting the measure of each other. Big Mike put a nice little kick over the top, taking the ball close to the Bury line. One of their defenders carried the ball over and touched down. The goal line drop out was taken quickly as a short tap. The ball did not go the required 5m and Renegades were awarded a penalty under the posts. Baz slotted with ease, 0-3. This was followed a couple of minutes later by a penalty about 30m out. Baz again had no trouble adding three points, 0-6.

It wasn't long before a scrum just inside the Bury 22 saw Dougie pass to Baz who passed to Harry who made ground before passing to Topknot who crashed over in the right corner. The challenging conversion was made to look easy by Baz, 0-13.

At about this point in the game Bury seemed to wake up and took the game back to Renegades. They very nearly opened their account in the left corner, forcing a try-saving tackle from Tucker. The home side persisted and a few minutes later they got try under Renegades posts. The conversion was good, 7-13. A very short time later they repeated the exercise with another converted try under

the Renegades posts, 14-13. This was a bit of a shock to all Renegades, on and off the pitch. Having dominated most of the game, Renegades were now trailing. However, as half time approached, another penalty for offside against Bury was punished by Baz, 14-16. That's how matters remained at the interval.

Early in the second half, a penalty put Renegades in the left corner near the Bury line with the put in. The lineout was good, but the attempted drive over was repulsed by Bury who eventually cleared their line. However, Renegades came back and a scrum from a similar position saw Baz feed Harry who crashed through the defence to score. Baz added the extras, 14-23.

The restart was taken by Ollie who charged through the Bury making lots of ground before offloading to Will who barrelled along the right line before passing back inside to Harry, who was stopped just short of the posts. However, great support running from Dougie allowed Harry to pop the ball to him and Dougie scored under the posts. Baz converted, 14-30.

Renegade dominance of the game seemed to have resurfaced. A kick into space over the Bury defence saw Ollie chase. A defender fumbled the ball allowing Ollie to kick the ball on towards the Bury line. Ollie just had to pick the ball and dot it down to add to the Renegades mounting total. Baz made easy work of the conversion, 14-37. Sam Jones was forced off with a hamstring injury allowing Doyle to have a go at being a second row.

Renegades advanced into the Bury 22 and were awarded a scrum. Dougie fed Baz who executed a dummy pass to Harry but then passed to Tucker who cut through the defensive line to score under the posts. Baz converted, 14-44.

As the second half drew to a close, Bury came back to life and fought their way back into the Renegades half. They got a converted try and then their number 10 managed a great solo-effort-try, kicking into space over the Renegades line and then taking it on a good bounce to speed his way to the Renegades posts, before adding the conversion himself, 28-44. That's how it remained. It was a very entertaining game to watch. Renegades had total dominance of the set pieces but Bury looked very dangerous when they got the ball to their very rapid wingers and full back.

Scores

Tries: Will 'Topknot' Blackwell, Harry Mills, Dougie Ellis, Ollie Witt, Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (5)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (3)



Dougie Ellis for giving Baz excellent service under a lot of pressure from the Bury scrum half and for a try resulting from great support running.



Harry Mills for not being man of the match (harsh!).

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