Match Report

Feb 12   **Away   Wymondham 2**   **Won 12-24**

Team

Starting Lineup

1) Josh Cox 2) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell

4) Aaron Stevens 5) Adam 'Speedie' Richards

6) Ollie 'Mad Dog' Witt 7) Ryan Cox 8) Tom 'Proccy' Procter

9) Dougie Ellis 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay

11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Harry Mills 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Jon Farrar

15) Matt Green

Replacements

16) Matt Turner

Report

It was a glorious, but very windy, February afternoon that saw Renegades travel up the A11 to Wymondham to play their seconds in the opening salvo of the second part of the league. A new club to add to our repertoire – always interesting to meet new clubs. Wymondham had a superb setup with four lovely, dead flat pitches and a clubhouse that would turn heads at the highest levels of the game.

Renegades kicked off and the catcher knocked on. The Renegade scrum looked strong. Wymondham applied early pressure and were rewarded by an early try to the right of the Renegades posts. The conversion came back off the left post, 5-0.

Most of the rest of the first half consisted of attempted attacks by both sides hampered by swirling winds leading to multiple ball spills. The teams both struggled with the conditions. As half time approached, Matt Green made a fantastic break and travelled at least 50m before offloading to Ollie who added some more yards before offloading to Dougie who was travelling on a brilliant line which saw him to the Wymondham line. Baz made short work of the conversion, 5-7. The half time whistle followed the conversion.

Matt Turner came on for Jon and the second half began with Wymondham kicking off. The second half was only a couple of minutes old when Matt Green made another spectacular break through the Wymondham defence. He offloaded to Ryan Cox who stampeded along the left touch line and was

chopped just before he crossed the line. The ball was recycled and dropped over the line. The resulting scrum was taken by Renegades and the ball went through hands to Josh Cox who powered over the line to score to the left of the posts. The conversion was no trouble to Baz, 5-14.

It wasn't long before Renegades were attacking again. Baz got the ball and hoofed a lovely kick to the left wing for Matt Turner to run on to. He did what was required. The conversion was swallowed by the wind, 5-19.

Renegades continued to apply pressure and a scrum inside the Wymondham 22 was taken against the head. Ryan Cox had another go and was chopped just short of the line. The ball was recycled, and Baz finished the job. The conversion went awry again. 5-24.

As the final quarter of the game began, Wymondham came back to life. The first 20 minutes of the second half, which was entirely Renegades way, changed and they came very much back into the game. After about 30 minutes of the second half, sustained pressure was rewarded with a good try about 5m from the left touch. The conversion attempt was well struck and sailed between the posts, 12-24.

Shortly after, Matt Turner had to come off having sustained a head injury. Jon came b Wymondham back on to replace him. As the second half drew to a close, Proccy broke through the Wymondham defence and kicked a beautifully judged grubber through past the remaining defenders. He chased with impressive speed, but the ball ambled over the dead ball line as he was within a couple of meters of it. The final whistle went.

It was a good win and an enjoyable game played in a good spirit. Those of us on the side-lines were very impressed by the friendliness shown by Wymondham staff and supporters alike. We look forward to returning the compliment when they come to Cottenham.

Dougie Ellis – superb try, some excellent tackles and solid ball to Baz throughout.

He who shall remain nameless. Harsh call.

Scores
Tries: Dougie Ellis, Josh Cox, Andrew 'Baz' MacKay, Matt Turner
Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (2)

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