



Match Report

Mar 5

Away Sudbury

Lost 83-7



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Michael 'Big Mike', Goode
- 2) Callum Wilkins
- 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Aaron Stevens
- 5) Chris 'Machine' Machen
- 6) Jake Sweet
- 7) Ryan Cox
- 8) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 9) Dougie Ellis
- 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Michael Did-Dell
- 12) Harry Mills
- 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote
- 14) Jon Farrar
- 15) Will Blackwell

Replacements

- 16) Matt Turner
- 17) Matt Faiers
- 18) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard

Report

The last time Renegades played at Sudbury it was a Friday night game under lights on March 6 2020. That was the last game played by Renegades before Covid lockdown. Sudbury won then. It was nice to return to the club one day short of the second anniversary of that game to have another go.

This is a non-standard match report. To go through everything that happened on the pitch would be far too painful. Sudbury were brilliant. Their defence was impressive and in attack they were hugely effective. They were fast and coordinated and very good at both cutting through gaps and breaking tackles when no gaps were to be found.

Having said that, Renegades completely dominated the scrum, and the lineout performance was very good although at a few critical moments, the ball was dropped.

There were flashes of brilliance too. Ryan Cox was everywhere when not dominating the lineout. Those who know about these things tell me that Big Mike dominated the scrum. Callum charging down one of the conversion kicks from Sudbury, the two Matts doing sterling work in the second half covering back in times of crisis. And of course, the whole team for the determination to avoid the zero. It was a close shave! Congratulations to Aaron for touching that down and Baz for adding the extras; it was a great team effort.



Two nominations: Ryan Cox for sheer work rate and Big Mike for dominating the scrum for 80 minutes.



Two nominations also: Ollie Witt for skiving the game and then going out partying and Tucker for a Cowan-Dickie tap down instead of catching the ball.

Scores

Tries: Aaron Stevens

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Pictures by Peter Haigh (for the full set of pictures see Peter's Flickr Page)