

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Oct 8

Home Sudbury 2

Lost 0-67



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Michael 'Big Mike' Goode
- 2) George Collett
- 3) Ryan 'Duff' Duffy
- 4) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 5) Nic Mainiero
- 6) George Mills
- 7) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard
- 8) Joe Paddison
- 9) Doug Ellis
- 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 11) Josh Vail
- 12) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote
- 13) Jon Farrer
- 14) Fraser Johnson
- 15) Ollie Witt

Replacements

- 16) Gwilym Philips
- 17) Daniel Philips

Report

It was a lovely afternoon as Renegades and Sudbury gathered for the game. Renegades, resplendent in their new home kit, looking particularly smart. However, the game was not so much of a spectacle from a Renegades point of view.

The first half was a battle and both sides seemed well matched. In fact, just like the previous Saturday, Renegades dominated the possession but failed to convert that into points. The first half was punctuated by Sudbury ill-discipline with many penalties being awarded to Renegades for their persistent breaches.

Renegades had some opportunities and failed to capitalise. As Rolando observed at half time, Renegades entered the Sudbury 22 nine times in the first half and ended the half with no points. There were some serious attacks that came very close, but no cigars were had.

As the half drew to a close, the Sudbury 15 took one for the team as the referee's exasperation with the penalty count, boiled over into a yellow card.

The second half turned into a descent through the nine circles of Hell for Renegades. Having held Sudbury to a 12-point lead at half time (seven in the dying minute of the half), the Sudbury tries came occasionally at first, then relentlessly. As Sudbury found their rhythm, Renegades were put to the sword; the score line looked more and more terrible, the injury count became a cause for concern with George Collett, Duff and Jon F all having to leave the field.

There were some flashes of brilliance through the fog of defeat. Ollie's magnificent runs seemed to increase in intensity as the Renegades went further and further behind. Shep's belligerent onslaughts kept challenging the Sudbury defence throughout the game. Nic had some really determined carries. Josh Vail had flashes of brilliance and occasional mistakes which he put right immediately with determination. BFT executed a magnificent steal in the tackle.

And spare a thought for the new boys. Gwilym, playing his first game ever and Fraser putting in his first 80 minutes. What a baptism that was! In the words of D-Ream from the late 1990s, *Things can only get better!*

It finished Sudbury 67, Renegades 0. Thank goodness their conversion kicking was sloppy!



No MoTM



Double dick day: Shep for wild throwing and Tucker for being late.

Scores

Sadly, no scores to report.

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Pictures by Peter Haigh (see Peter's Flickr page for the full set)