# Match Report

**Feb 18**　　　　　**Away　Fakenham**　　　　　　**Lost 22-43**

**Team**

*Starting Lineup*

1) George Collett 2) Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins 3) Michael 'Big Mike' Goode

4) Aaron Stevens 5) Jack 'Chinese' Mills

6) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard 7) Jake Sweet 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell

9) Doug Ellis 10) Tom 'Proccy' Procter

11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Harry Mills 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Josh 'Slugz' Vail

15) Ross Catchpole

*Replacements*

16) Dan Stockbridge 17) Fraser 'Spongebob' Johnson

**Report**

The weather was relatively pleasant for the first ever visit by Renegades to Fakenham Rugby Club. The game was preceded by a lunch and so there was an actual crowd for the game. Overhead, red kites battled in spectacular displays of aerial aggression. A challenging game was anticipated as Fakenham are third in the league.

Renegades kicked off and for once did not concede a try in the first minute of the game. It took four minutes for Fakenham to open their account with a well taken line break by their talented number 10. The conversion pulled left and wide, 5-0.

Ten minutes later they were looking threatening again with two penalties kicked to the right corner. Off the second lineout, they spread the ball very wide to the other corner where they scored. This time, the challenging conversion was spot on, 12-0. Three minutes later, one of the Fakenham props crashed over the line to build on the lead. The conversion pulled left again, 17-0.

Renegades went on the offensive from the kick off. They advanced up the field and a penalty saw them kick for the right corner. The lineout was over-thrown but the ball ended up with BFT who powered his way over the line to get Renegades on the scoreboard. The conversion missed, 17-5.

As half time approached, Fakenham managed another two tries, one when a good clearance kick from Ross saw Fakenham take a quick lineout and attack Renegades who were unprepared. The conversion missed, 22-5. Almost on the 40 minutes, Fakenham broke through the middle again and scored under the posts. This time the conversion was true, 29-5.

Half time and things were looking a bit grim. Fakenham had had most of the play and were taking their opportunities. Handling errors and set pieces not going the way of Renegades didn't help either. It looked like Renegades were in store for a long and painful second half.

However, things looked up from the start. Fakenham kicked off and Renegades advanced. A penalty saw Renegades put the ball into the right corner. The lineout was taken well and set up a driving maul which powered over the Fakenham line with Shep touching down at the back of the maul. The conversion missed, 29-10.

A couple of minutes later, Renegades got a penalty deep in the Fakenham 22. They opted to tap and go. BFT tapped and charged forward. He was brought down. Doug passed the ball to Aaron who was charging for the line at full speed. The defence didn't have a chance and he crashed over. The conversion was good, 29-17.

From a pretty hopeless situation at half time, the game was beginning to look retrievable. Fakenham, however had other ideas and managed to stem the Renegades tide. Over the course of the next half an hour they managed two lengthy runs to score under the posts both times and both were converted, 43-17

The game was lost, but the four try bonus point was still a possibility and Renegades threw all they had into trying to get it. Eventually, it paid off as the ball went through hands to Proccy who barrelled over in the left corner. The conversion missed but the bonus point was in the bag. The small but vocal contingent of Renegades supporters howled with delight, 43-22.

It was great to come away from Fakenham with something to show for the effort put in by every player on the pitch. Definitely a game Renegades can be proud of.

 Shep for great carries and harrying the opposition.

 Stockers for pulling up in warmup.

**Scores**
Tries: Tom 'BFT' Powell, Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard, Aaron Stevens, Tom 'Proccy' Procter
Conversion: Tom 'Proccy' Procter

*Pictures by Peter Haigh. See Peter's Flickr page for the full set*