



Match Report

10 September

Away

St Ives

Won 13:8



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Rik Relph 2) Ren Pesci 3) Richard Cowley
4) Chris Leith 5) Brian Smith
6) Jonathan Burch 7) Chris (Glove) Milne 8) Stuart Faben (Capt)
9) Rolando Pesci 10) Daray Horn
11) Ant Brown 12) Mark Holdsworth 13) Will Cleare 14) Eddie (Bill Bob) Murphy
15) John Bateson

Replacements

- 16) Jack Cowley 17) Tom Wykes 18) Josh Coughlan 19) Dan Leith

Report

First game of the Season and a warm wind was blowing from the South West. Pitch is still hard as rock so well done for everybody who put their bodies on the line for this game.

St Ives turned up with what looked like a colts team, but was in fact the new look Seconds.

The game started at a fast pace, and then slowed after Fabio missed the first penalty kick of the day. Six scrums followed and Renegades seemed to be dominating the set piece as Ren was looking to strike against the head on every engagement, occasionally successfully as well. Then after 10 minutes, Renegades drove a maul 30 metres but gave away a stupid penalty, St Ives took a quick tap and their number 8 was able to score a try! Conversion was missed.

On 15 minutes, Daray put a huge kick into the opposition half, but the wind took it over the dead ball line. Scrum back, which Ren was able to take against the head! St Ives give away a penalty and Fabio kicks the 3 points from the half way line. St Ives then give away another penalty for losing the bind at the scrum, which Fabio misses. Then, a quick tap penalty from Ren almost puts Ant in at the corner. Good defence and strong tackling hold the Renegades back.

Fabio puts over another huge penalty to take the lead at 6-5. Pesc injures his knee, looks bad and he has to come off to be replaced by Dan. Glove makes a characteristic break up the middle and feeds wide to JB who scores a try! Converted by Fabio to put the lead at 13-5. End of the first half.

Josh comes on for Eddie, Tom on for Jonathan and Jack on for Richard.

St Ives started the second half with a lot of energy, the Renegades were already hanging on to the lead. St Ives gain a penalty from the Gades not retreating, putting it over to close the gap to 13-8. St Ives were camped on the Renegades 5 metre line for what seemed ages. Great defence managed to keep them out, but only just.

Game eventually finishes 13-8 to the Renegades. 20 scrums in the game.

Well done to everybody who took part, a tough opening game to the season. Will and Holdsy looked good, crashing up through the centre and marshalling the defence effortlessly. The Glove doing his usual business of getting right into the backs and tackling and rucking hard. Rik did a fantastic job of scrummaging and carrying and lasted well for 80 minutes.

Man of the match was Ren for his aggressive work in the loose, scrummaging and line-out duties. Doughnut moment of the match was Fabio for waiting to pick up the ball at the back of a scrum, only to be beaten to it by the St Ives scrum half.

Scores

Try: John Bateson 1

Penalty: Stewart Faben 3

Conversion: Stewart Faben 1



Ren Pesci



Stuart Faben

Report by Sam Vail

Photos

