

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

14 December Away

Saffron Walden 2

Lost 41:0



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 2) Ren Pesci
- 3) Tom Wykes
- 4) Russell Attle
- 5) James Jerred
- 6) Dan Pouch
- 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne
- 8) Graham 'Beaky' Beckford
- 9) Rolando Pesci
- 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Josh Scudham
- 12) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 13) Tom Heathcote
- 14) John JB Bateson
- 15) Matt 'Paperboy' Turner

#### *Replacements*

- 16) Rob 'Bev' Bevington
- 17) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 18) Jonathan Burch
- 19) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
- 20) Richard Cowley

### Report

It was always going to be a tough game. We enjoy challenging games against Saffron Walden 3, so playing the 2s was a tall order. They, very sportingly, allowed the game to be a double header for the league and cup. It was a big day at Saffron Walden with their President's lunch and a top of the league clash for their first team also.

The weather was grey and overcast with a blustery wind across the pitch. The ground was soft which was a good thing considering what was to follow.

Saffron Walden won the warm-up competition. They were energetically drilling their whole squad when the first Renegades drifted on to the pitch. The Renegades warm-up was remarkably half-hearted for such an important game. This told in the first quarter of the match when Saffron Walden ran rings around the Renegades, clocking up 12 points from two tries in quick succession with the first being converted.

In the second quarter, Renegades, the warm-up completed, came back into the game and really began to challenge Saffron Walden, moving the game into their half. In the run up to half time,

Renegades piled on the pressure and camped in the Walden 22. Eventually, Renegades did cross the line but superb defending by Walden held the ball up. It was uplifting to have won the second quarter of the game but frustrating to have nothing on the scoreboard to show for it. It was even more frustrating to have lost Rolando (knee ligament) and Fabio (torn hamstring).

It is too painful to go into much detail on the second half. Walden were quick off the blocks and scored within a couple of minutes of the restart. They kept coming at Renegades again and again and their attacking backs were too quick and skilful. They racked up a further four tries and a couple of conversions to bring the final score to 0:41. That was a spanking (as Dan P observed after one of the later tries).

Positives: I thought the Renegades forwards were a match for the Walden forwards. It was the backs that really out-performed us. The final score was probably made worse by Renegades trying to run from our own 22 instead of kicking away to safety.

### Scores

Sadly no scores to report



Fabio for great tackling and impressive work rate before hamstring went ping.



James Jerred (for sartorial incompetence, see below)

*Report by: Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*



*A doughnut in a scrum-cap and James Jerred (sorry Ren!)*