

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

22 February

Away

Shelford 3

Lost 5:62



### Team

#### Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 2) Dan Jerred
- 3) Dan 'Ginger Dan' Leith
- 4) Jonathan 'Goodluck' Burch
- 5) Chris 'Ginger Chris' Leith
- 6) Ren 'Almost Prolific' Pesci
- 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne
- 8) Dan Poucher
- 9) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 10) Andrew 'Baz' Mackay
- 11) Josh Scudham
- 12) Jack Cowley
- 13) Dave Steward
- 14) Phil 'Pork pie' Hepworth
- 15) Dave Parkes

#### Replacements

Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy, Rik Relph, Richard Cowley

### Report

It was always going to be a tough fixture. Shelford 3 were bound to be keen to avenge their defeat by Renegades in the final of the County Cup last May. Injury and work commitments also took their toll with key players either resting an injury or forced to work. The gap of three weekends without a game affected both sides. However, the weather was much improved and the sun shone although there was a stiff breeze along the pitch. It was good to see Dave Parkes wearing the red and black again. We could have used his brother too – he was too busy working on his tan.

Renegades started playing into the wind. It wasn't long before Shelford opened their account with a blistering run through the middle by their inside centre. The conversion was straightforward (0-7). Before Renegades had a chance to settle down, Shelford scored again, this time the conversion went away. Before the end of the first quarter, Shelford had scored and converted again (0-19).

At this point Renegades seemed to wake up and came back into the game. Play moved into the Shelford half and Renegades came close to the Shelford line on a number of occasions. Eventually, a line-out on in the Shelford 22 was taken by Glove and a maul walked determinedly towards the Shelford line. Despite frenzied opposition the walk continued and when the line was reached Glove broke from the maul to touch down right under the referee's nose (5-19). The conversion was a big ask with a narrow angle and into a stiff breeze. It was well struck but pulled wide.

Psychologically, it was a good time to score. Shelford came back on the offensive but no further scores were conceded. At half time the mood was not bad. Renegades felt back in the game with the wind to their backs in the second half.

There is little point in dwelling on the pain that was the second half as a resurgent Shelford romped around the pitch and scored try after try. The Shelford backs were everywhere and outplayed Renegades pretty much the whole time. They kept stealing the ball from attacking Renegades and running to the other end of the pitch to score. There were some flashes from Renegades but these were rare and un-sustained. One worth mentioning was from Dan Poucher who managed a great run along the right touch, barrelling through tackles and handing off with strength and style.

There were some positives. The set pieces were good and Renegades lineout and scrum captured the ball on quite a few occasions when Shelford put in.

### Scores

Try: Chris 'Glove' Milne



Dan Poucher for many things – particularly that handoff



Phil for trying to go alone in the first half when he had a two man overlap

*Report by: Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*