

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

31 January Away Mildenhall/Red Lodge Won 15:14



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Rik Relph
- 2) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 3) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 4) Andy Caruana
- 5) Phil from Mildenhall
- 6) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 7) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes
- 8) Graham 'Beaky' Beckford
- 9) Richard 'BTW' Fickling
- 10) Rob 'Bev' Bevington
- 11) Jake Sweet
- 12) Tom Heathcote
- 13) Josh Scupham
- 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
- 15) John 'JB' Bateson

Report

The weather was the outstanding contributor to this short game. As we were leaving Cottenham the snow started and kept falling all the time we travelled to Red Lodge. It continued while we changed so that when we got to the pitch it was covered with enough snow to make the pitch markings invisible. There was debate as to whether the game should proceed. The ref decided that the conditions were unsuitable for a league game but offered to referee a friendly if both sides wished. It was agreed by all (except Dave Steward) that we should play a 20-minute-a-side training game.

Relatively early in the first half Bev broke through the Mildenhall defence and crossed the line to touch down. His drop-kick attempt at the conversion was wide (5-0). Mildenhall reacted by piling on the pressure and it wasn't long before their number 12 was clear and touched down for a try which was converted (5-7). The first half closed with Mildenhall getting another converted try (5-14).

The interval was kept very short as hypothermia was spreading. Shortly after kickoff, Bev lofted the ball into the Mildenhall 22. In a triumph of optimism over expectation, Billbob chased the ball and was rewarded when the Mildenhall full back sliced the clearance attempt and the ball ended up on the deck. Sadly, Billbob's attempts to pick the ball up provided light relief for everyone before a scrum was awarded against Renegades. Fortunately, Renegades took the scrum and drove forward allowing Richard BTW to peel off and score. Bev's conversion was wide again.

Renegades continued to pressure Mildenhall throughout the second 20 minutes. It was not until the period was up that the effort was rewarded when another drive towards the line saw Psycho peel off

and slide around 10 yards to the Mildenhall line (15-14). Bev's conversion drop attempt was the wildest of the three. However, it didn't matter as the final whistle blew and everyone headed for the warmth of the clubhouse as quickly as post patch rituals allowed.

Scores

Tries: Rob 'Bev' Bevington, Richard 'BTW' Fickling, Chris 'Psycho' Edwards



Richard BTW had a very good all round game and a nice try.



Billbob for being unable to pick up a ball.

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy. Photos by Rolando Pesci.

