



## Match Report

September 5

Away

Sawston

Lost 10:29



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell 2) Adam Lane 3) Matt Bullen
- 4) Henry Wilson 5) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes
- 6) Daniel Tiezzi 7) Tom 'Blond Tom' Hillier 8) Tom 'Fat Tom' Powell
- 9) Steve Marsh 10) Tom 'Young Tom' Cowley
- 11) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy 12) Ben Powell 13) Tom 'Strong Tom' Heathcote 14) Cormac Starling
- 15) Josh Scupham

#### *Replacements*

- 16) Adam Richards 17) Doug Smith

### Report

Well, after the hordes of players at training, Old Tom and I were looking forward to making brief cameo appearances for the opening game of the season. However, only 17 showed up at Sawston and everyone was on for a good stint. One in three players in the starting line-up was called Tom – a potential source of confusion which didn't materialise. Sawston had a similar number of players and were their usual enthusiastic selves. To give a slightly gentle introduction to the season each half consisted of 20 minutes play, five minute break and 15 minutes of play.

From the kick-off, things looked evenly balanced with the line moving back and forth fairly evenly. Eventually Renegades broke through on the right hand side and the ball found its way to Cormac Starling, on the right wing, who scored in the corner (5-0). The conversion was a big ask and went astray.

Shortly after the opening score, Tom Cowley had to limp off with a damaged ankle. Ben Powell stepped in at number 10 and there was a general shuffle of backs with Doug Smith coming on in the unfamiliar position of winger. Sawston stepped up the pressure and using the wind kicked down to the Renegades right hand corner where their big centre crashed over the line for their first try which

was also unconverted (5-5). The kicking game seemed to work well for Sawston and they used it to good effect with another (unconverted) try resulting before the first interval (10-5).

The second 'quarter' was fairly evenly matched and finished without further scoring leaving Renegades with a deficit of five points as they faced into the second half, this time with the wind and the slope to their advantage. The half time chat was upbeat.

The second half started well with Renegades attacking. Steve Marsh carried the ball for a very long way along the left wing but failed to touch down when he crossed the Sawston line. Sawston then reversed the trend and scored a third try which was converted (17-5).

My recollection of subsequent events is even more hazy and I am not sure of the order of Ben Powell's try and the next two tries (one converted) from Sawston. The final score was 29-10. An impressive performance from Sawston who dominated the set pieces. Renegades played well in some respects with good rucking and ball stealing, but it is hard to play a coherent game when you keep losing your own ball.

### Scores

Tries: Cormac Starling, Ben Powell



Cormac Starling for scoring a try and playing brilliantly in a variety of unfamiliar positions.



Steve Marsh, despite having a really good game at number 9 stealing the ball repeatedly and harrying his opposite number, for forgetting to ground the ball when over the Sawston line.

*Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*