

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Oct 22

Home Wisbech

Lost 5-70



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) George Collett 2) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard 3) Ben Molyneux-Hetherington
- 4) Jack 'Chinese' Mills 5) Fraser Johnson
- 6) Joe Paddison 7) Ollie Witt 8) Tom 'BFY' Powell
- 9) Doug Ellis 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 11) Dan Philips 12) Aaron Stevens 13) Geoff Kirby 14) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote
- 15) Josh Vail

Replacements

- 16) Gwilym Philips 17) Rory Dixon 18) Michael 'Big Mike' Goode

Report

It was a beautiful warm autumn Saturday which saw Wisbech come to Cottenham for the first time. The league leaders and the first time that Renegades have met them in any competition. The game was preceded by a very tasty and convivial President's Lunch, organised by Stuart and delivered by Dawn, Christine and their team at the Club. We were joined by Leonard Veenendaal and Richard Pluck from Wisbech as our guests.

Renegades kicked off and faces an immediate onslaught of pressure from the league leaders. Lineouts were stolen and at one time a driving maul got such momentum, it looked like it might travel half the field. Wisbech drove up to the Renegades 22 and skilful hands saw them over to score in the right corner. The conversion crept over the crossbar, 0-7. It wasn't long before Wisbech came back again and demonstrated good hands in the Renegades 22 to score to the right of the posts again.

Renegades went on the attack and a penalty took them deep into the Wisbech half. The lineout set up a nice driving maul which trundled nicely into the Wisbech 22. As the maul approached the 5m line, Dougie broke and had a go. He was brought down but well supported and the ball went through some hands to Ben MH, who used his considerable strength to power over the line to score his first Renegades try on his debut game! The conversion pulled just to the right of the right post, 5-15.

Wisbech responded to the Renegades try by scoring two converted tries in quick succession, 5-28. Shortly later, Fraser was instrumental in turning over the ball. He seems to be more at home in the



pack. Sadly, a couple of minutes later, someone landed on his foot and his claim that he heard a crack seems to have been verified by the swelling that developed over the course of the rest of the game. Rory came on in his place. This was followed shortly by Joe having injured his shoulder being replaced by Gwilym. Wisbech managed another try in the closing minutes of the first half, 5-35.

Ollie was forced to withdraw at half time – a chest injury sustained against Woodbridge made continuing too painful. He was replaced eventually by Big Mike, but for the first 10 minutes of the half, Renegades were down to 14. As sometimes happens, this numerical disadvantage stiffened their resolve and for the first 15 minutes of the second half, Wisbech were held at bay. But the Wisbech tide was irresistible, and they scored again, 5-42.

In the last quarter, Wisbech really found their stride and they ran in another four converted tries to bring the final score to 5-70. They were a well-drilled team that played a very physical game and had some great runners that were very difficult to catch. Despite the scoreline, it was an enjoyable game to watch. A full-strength Renegades team probably wouldn't have won the game, but it would have been a much closer contest.

The downside was the addition of what looks like two serious injuries to the ever-expanding injury list. Fraser and Joe are two of the best attenders for games and training. We wish them a speedy recovery.



Aaron for a great performance in an unfamiliar position.



Gwilym for excessive scrum cap usage when acting as waterboy.

Scores

Tries: Ben Molyneux-Hetherington

Conversions: Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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