

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Dec 16

Away Shelford 3

Won 24-34



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Tom 'BFT' Powell 2) Ryan 'Shep; Sheppard 3) George Collett
- 4) Nic Mainiero 5) Jack 'Chinese' Mills
- 6) Matt 'Fairersey' Faiers 7) Ollie Witt 8) George 'Buttons' Mills
- 9) Doug Ellis 10) Tom 'Proccy' Procter
- 11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Harry Mills 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Twill 'Topknot' Blackwell
- 15) Ross Catchpole

Replacements

- 16) Josh 'Slugz' Vail 17) Geoff Kirby

Report

It's funny, going to Shelford doesn't really feel like an away game it's so close to Cottenham. However, away it was, and the Renegades even had a bench! Such luxury.

Renegades kicked off and Shelford responded with a 50-22. Good defence from Renegades and Harry launched a great mid-field kick. Shelford broke along the touchline and Proccy smashed the Shelford player into touch. The Renegades lineout was looking good, but Shelford intercepted a loose pass and ran it back to score. The conversion missed, 5-0.

A few minutes later, a great break by Tucker made many yards taking Renegades into the Shelford 22. Hands to the right were followed by hands back again to the left. Harry offloaded to Ross who wasn't going to be stopped. The conversion missed, 5-5.

Shelford responded with a quick attack and managed to cross the Renegades line, but the try was not awarded. They kept the pressure up and advanced into the Renegades 22 again. Good defence from Renegades held them out but they passed to their large prop who was impossible to stop. This time the Shelford conversion attempt was good, 12-5.

As half time approached, a great driving maul by Renegades advanced from well outside the Shelford 22, deep inside it. A penalty was conceded by Shelford and Renegades opted for another scrum reflecting the complete dominance of the Renegades scrum. It looked like Renegades might just push Shelford back over their line. However, Dougie picked the ball from the back of the scrum and passed to Harry who was howling along the blind side. The defence had no chance and Harry



scored in the corner. The very challenging conversion missed, 12-10. That's how it stayed until the referee blew for the interval.

Half time changes: Slugz on for Dids and Geoff on for Nic.

Shelford kicked off the second half with Ross responding with a fantastic 50-22 kick. Unfortunately, Shelford stole the lineout, and the opportunity was lost. Some nice flowing Renegades play saw them advance up the field again and into the Shelford 22. The ball was lost, and Shelford put it out. Renegades won the lineout, and the ball went through the hands across the field to find Ross at full speed along the left touchline. He scored in the left corner. The, again, difficult conversion attempt missed, 12-15.

A couple of minutes later a great break by Geoff made many yards before offloading to Ross. Through hands again to find Geoff again and he made more yards. Geoff offloaded and the ball went through hands to Harry who picked up the loose pass off the floor and did well to stay on his feet to cross the line for his second try. Proccy made short work of the (at last kickable) conversion, 12-22.

Another bout of Renegades pressure saw them back inside the Shelford 22. A penalty was awarded to Renegades who opted for another scrum. As the shove was made and Shelford began to go backwards, Dougie picked the ball and fed a speeding Tucker who scored. The conversion missed, 12-27.

Things were going nicely now and a great kick to the right corner by Proccy from halfway was chased with fierce determination by Buttons and Fairsey. They managed to catch the Shelford defender behind his line and forced him to touch down for a 5m scrum. The ball went in and came out again and Shelford were up on the attackers rather too enthusiastically. The referee awarded a penalty try, 12-34.

Dazed by the Renegades onslaught, Shelford began to work their way back into the game. They crossed the Renegades line but were held up. Another attack was thwarted when Topknot knocked on a pass to the Shelford winger and received a yellow card for his trouble.

As full time approached, Shelford managed a converted try and an unconverted one before the referee blew for full time, 24-34.

It was great for Renegades to have a bonus point win. The points take Renegades points total back into positive numbers for the first time this season. Thanks to Shelford for a good game played in a good spirit. Merry Christmas!



Everyone put in a great performance.



Geoff 'Lord of the Ring' Kirby

Scores



Try: Ross Catchpole (2), Harry Mills (2), Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote, Penalty Try
Conversions: Tom 'Proccy' Procter, Penalty Try

Match Report by Eddie Murphy and Aaron Stevens.

Pictures by Peter Haigh. For the full set go to [Peter's Flickr Page](#)





