

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Feb 3

Home Fakenham

Lost 19-62



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard
- 2) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers
- 3) Geoff Kirby
- 4) Nic Mainiero
- 5) Fraser 'Spongebob' Johnson
- 6) Ben Molyneaux-Heatherington
- 7) Adam Lane
- 8) Ollie Witt
- 9) Doug Ellis
- 10) Tom 'Proccy' Procter
- 11) Michael Did-Dell
- 12) Harry Mills
- 13) Ross Catchpole
- 14) Dan Phillips
- 15) Josh 'Slugz' Vail

Replacements

There were no replacements.

Report

An unseasonably mild afternoon saw Renegades and England take to the Rugby pitch. Renegades were hosting Fakenham, having given them a decent game when they went to them earlier in the season. Numbers were tight and Renegades needed Nic to volunteer to play with a broken hand to make the bare 15. Very few players were occupying their regular positions, so it was going to be a challenging afternoon. Particular credit to the front row (Shep, Faiersy and Geoff) who stepped up when the need was apparent.

Renegades kicked off and an early scrum saw Renegades going backwards. A few minutes in and Fakenham opted to take a penalty as a scrum. They didn't realise that Nic had arrived, and the seven man scrum they had dominated had a little more power with his arrival. They still won the scrum, but things were a little more evenly balanced. They shifted the ball left to their full back who crossed the line and set up a straightforward conversion which was good, 0-7.

Renegades responded from the kickoff stringing some nice passes together. Ross made many yards before offloading to Harry who screamed into the Fakenham half, cutting back in and drawing the defender before offloading to Dan, who juggled it a bit before putting his head down and belting for the line. The wrong-footed defence couldn't get to him. Proccy's conversion strike was good but just wide, 5-7.

This was followed by a strong advance up the pitch by Fakenham who then conceded a penalty. The clearance kick found touch, but Fakenham won the resulting lineout and some good through the hands running saw them score under the posts. The conversion was simple, 5-14.

Fakenham came again and a timely tackle into touch by Slugz stopped a certain try in the left corner. However, Fakenham won the lineout and moved the ball across the pitch to score in the right corner. The challenging conversion missed, 5-19. The restart went out on the full and Fakenham built again from the resulting scrum to score again in the right corner. As with the previous attempt, the conversion missed, 5-24.

A counterattack by Renegades saw the ball flow beautifully through many hands with Ross managing to cross the line and score. Proccy's conversion attempt sailed between the posts, 12-24. Fakenham responded by giving the ball to their 15 who cut through Renegades and scored again, and this was converted, 12-31.

As half time approached, Fakenham were on the attack again when Ollie intercepted a pass near the halfway line and hurtled towards the Fakenham line. He was chopped 5m short of the line. Renegades spread the ball wide left and back again before getting a penalty to the right of the posts. It was quickly taken by Proccy who crashed over to score Renegades third try. He then converted his own try, 19-31.

The second half began with some fierce defence from Renegades as they faced waves of attack from Fakenham. At one point Fakenham crossed the line but dropped the ball attempting to touch down. The defence held well into the second half but once Fakenham got their first try of the half, the floodgates opened and they went on to score four more, with three of the five being converted to give a final score of 19-62.

The first half was a good battle, butt the second half with most of the team playing out of position was only ever going to go one way. As they left the club, one of the Fakenham lads commented that we are the happiest rugby club he has ever met. He should see us when we win!



Ollie Witt for a barnstorming performance.

Nic Mainero for playing with a broken hand and only screaming like a girl once.



No dicks today. Everyone played with great heart.

Scores

Tries: Dan Phillips, Ross Catchpole, Tom 'Proccy' Procter

Conversions: Tom 'Proccy' Procter (2)

Match Report by Eddie Murphy

