

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Apr 6

Away Sudbury 2

Lost 43-14



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) George Collett 2) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Nic Mainero 5) Fraser Johnson
- 6) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers 7) Ryan Cox 8) Aaron Stevens
- 9) Doug Ellis 10) Tom 'Proccy' Procter
- 11) Dan Phillips 12) Ollie Witt 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Michael 'Dids' Did-Dell
- 15) Josh Vail

Replacements

There were no replacements.

Report

The main surprise about this away fixture against was that Renegades were able to assemble a team of 15 to travel, having recently failed to get 15 for a home game. However, 15 did travel and Sudbury appreciated the effort. The day was windy, but surprisingly warm as storm Kathleen delivered warm air from North Africa.

Sudbury kicked off and regained the ball quickly. They advanced up the field into the Renegades 22. They won a scrum and went off the back of the scrum to score a rather soft opening try under the posts. The conversion was good 7-0.

A little while later, Renegades were awarded a scrum for a Sudbury lineout not being straight. The Renegades scrum shoved Sudbury back mercilessly and off the back of that dominance, Renegades advanced up the field of play. A knock on saw Sudbury win a scrum. They put it through fast before Renegades could get a shove on and one of their fast players cut through the Renegades line and sped towards the left corner. Sluzg caught him just short of the line and it looed like he got him into touch. However, the flag (held by a Sudbury supporter) stayed down. Sudbury managed to recycle the ball and had another couple of stabs before crossing the Renegades line to score in a more kickable position for the conversion, which was good, 14-0.

There followed a sustained onslaught of Sudbury attack with resolute defence from Renegades. Eventually the pressure told and a Sudbury scrum in the Renegades 22 saw some good attacking hands from Sudbury and they scored their third try. The wind blew the ball over after the Sudbury 10



had begun his run to kick the conversion. He picked the ball up and attempted a drop kick, but missed, 19-0.

Sudbury came again and things looked worrying as one of their props crossed the Renegades line but dropped the ball before touching it down.

A short time later Proccy made a heroic break through the Sudbury line advancing more than half the length of the pitch before being brought down. Sadly, Sudbury recaptured the ball and went on their own offensive. They advanced up the pitch and spun the ball wide right inside the Renegades 22 and scored in the right corner. The challenging conversion was well struck and succeeded, 26-0.

As half time approached, Renegades worked their way into the Sudbury half and then into their 22. A Renegades scrum inside the 22 gave Doug the opportunity to one two with Ryan Cox and out to Aaron who made yards before offloading to Dids who powered along the touchline towards the line but was forced into touch just short of the line. The referee blew for half time.

Renegades kicked off the second half and the Sudbury 10 ran the ball back deep into the Renegades 22. A Sudbury scrum saw them spin the ball to the left. They crossed the Renegades line but were held up. The referee took the game back to a Sudbury penalty on the other side of the pitch. This time when they crossed the line, they weren't held up. The conversion attempt missed, 31-0.

A while later, Sudbury were camped on the Renegades line battering against solid defence. However, the defence was ceding too many penalties, and the Referee was forced to issue a warning. The more cautious defence was overwhelmed by Sudbury, and they scored again to the right of the posts. The conversion missed, 36-0.

Renegades went on an offensive of their own and managed to advance into the Sudbury 22. A Renegades scrum saw a good shove forced Sudbury into reverse and then to concede a penalty. Proccy took a quick tap but was forced into touch just short of the line. A Sudbury knock on set up another scrum and another good shove forced Sudbury backwards. Renegades broke from the moving scrum and Aaron carried the ball over the Sudbury line to score to the right of the posts. Proccy slotted the conversion, 36-7.

Heartened by the score, Renegades attacked again with Slugz making many yards before being chopped. Support meant that Renegades retained the ball but then knocked it on. Sudbury put a quick ball through the scrum and fed the ball to their 11, who screamed along the right touch line at a speed which was impossible to match. He cut back in to score under the posts. The conversion was straightforward, 43-7.

As full time approached, Renegades were well inside the Sudbury half. The scrum was being effectively used to advance and Renegades were well into the Sudbury 22 when a break to the left corner was foiled. The ball was retained and shipped across the pitch to the right to Proccy who crashed over for a second Renegades try. The conversion was good, 43-14.

It was a challenging game which was won by Sudbury, not lost by Renegades. It was a brave effort by all players who at the end of eighty, were dead on their feet. Sudbury used their interchanges to the full to rest players, a luxury not available to the bare 15 that Renegades had. To come back and score twice at the end of such a hard game is a testament to the character of all 15 players on the pitch. It was a fitting swan song for Renegades at level eight.





Michael Did-Dell for brilliant defence and sacrificing his crown jewels for the Renegades.

Proccy for a great shift scoring most of our points, making a great break through the middle of Sudbury, and making many crunching tackles.



No dicks – everyone on the pitch worked their butts off.

Scores

Tries: Aaron Stevens, Tom Procter

Conversion: Tom Procter (2)

Match Report by Eddie Murphy