

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

23 February

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Cantabs 2

Won 36:0



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### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

1) Rik Relph 2) Dan Jerred 3) Daniel 'Ginger Dan' Leith

4) Chris Machin 5) Tom Wykes

6) Ren Pesci 7) Chris Leith 8) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben

9) Rolando Pesci 10) Daray Horn

11) Matt 'Paperboy' Turner 12) Jack Cowley 13) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay 14) Jeff 'Medic' Mercer

15) Tom Cowley

#### *Replacements*

16) Tom Powell 17) Peter Waples 18) Rufus Ashley 18) Brian Smith

19) Jonathan Burch 20) Richard Cowley

### Report

It was Renegades Supper Saturday which must have been what attracted such a big crowd on a very cold day for this eagerly anticipated cup clash with Cantabs. There was confidence in the team due to increased availability this week, but nobody was assuming anything about the Cantabs team as old friends and opponents jogged out on to the pitch. Both teams put in thorough warm ups and from the off it was a fast and furious game played between the twenty twos. Both teams were testing each other out and the referee. Penalties were awarded to both sides in the first ten minutes and both teams missed, it was fifteen minutes before Baz's Boot of Thunder put three points on the board for Renegades to take the lead.

Renegades seem to have developed a knack of winning quick ball, passing through the hands and getting players through gaps. I can only assume it was some youngster (see last week's match report for him that we do not mention) as he was just a blur that sprinted through such a gap and passed to Medic for him to touch down. Young Thunder Boot Baz converted and the score was 10 - 0 to Renegades and the crowd's delight.

What happened next couldn't have been anticipated. Fabio learned that he was unable to float like a butterfly but he was certainly stung by the referees yellow card. He had tried to charge down a kick and like the lumbering bullock that he is clattered into the kicker after the ball had gone, it was his first career sin binning and he wasn't happy. Nobody lost their heads however and Rolando was able to scamper in from a quick short penalty converted by Baz to make it 17 - 0. The newest piece of Renegade equipment was brought into use to fish the ball out of the ditch, never before has a huge fishing net been greeted with such excitement. It didn't go unnoticed either that Cantabs were unable to make the man advantage count. Once Fabio returned it has to be said that Renegades went about the business of destroying the Cantabs pack with some aplomb. It had been a memorable half and Renegades were unbelievably but understandably up 17 - 0 at the break.

The second half began in much the same way as the first. Hard scrums and big tackles were the order of the day. Many of these collisions involved Chris Machin or Fabio, it was difficult to tell as we seem to have triplets now if I'm included. Fabio was out to make a point against his old club and to make up for his yellow card, the 'Gades scrum was so dominant that he was able to score two tries off the back of 5m scrums one of which was a pushover. One was converted by Baz making the score 29 - 0.

There was to be one last score form Renegades debutant Rufus. In a Magic Boomerang moment the rest of the world stood still as he ran half the length of the pitch in what surprisingly appeared slow motion to very casually cross the line, Baz added the two points and the job was done 36 - 0 to Renegades.

As Fabio said afterwards it was like having the old 'Gades back. Training helps, let's get there!

The pack was awesome and all get honourable mentions as they were the platform for this win. Go forward ball gives the whole team a platform and has to be what we need to aspire to in every game.

### Scores

Tries: Medic, Rolando Pesci, Stuart 'Fabio' Faben (2), Rufus Ashley

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' Mackay (4)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' Mackay



Fabio and/or Chris Machin were immense. So Chris gets Man of the Match



because of his inability to hover Fabio will have to accept the Doughnut!

*Report by Flora*