



Match Report

13 April

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Cantabs 2

Won 42:10



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell 2) Ren Pesci 3) Tom 'Fat Tom' Powell
- 4) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes 5) Chris Leith
- 6) Chris Machin 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne 8) Daniel 'Ginger Dan' Leith
- 9) Rolando Pesci 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Reggi Campbell 12) Jack Cowley 13) Ben Powell 14) Peter Waples
- 15) Jeff 'Medic' Mercer

Replacements

- 16) Dan Jerred 17) Rik Relph 18) Graham 'Beaky' Beckford 19) Rufus Ashley
- John 'JB' Bateson, Dave Steward, Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

The winter finally finished a few days before this game and the sun shone brightly as the Renegades gathered to prepare for the warm up. By the time the game started a sizable (by Renegades' standards) crowd had gathered to enjoy the sunshine and what promised to be a good game.

Renegades stamped their authority on the game from the kickoff moving continually forward and threatening a try in the first minute. This didn't come off but it was a close thing. Cantabs steadied but Renegades kept the pressure up forcing Cantabs to concede two kickable penalties in succession. Bas was on target for both and Renegades were 6-0 up.

Cantabs rallied again and entered the Renegades half where a penalty was conceded and their kicker turned out to be pretty good too (6-3). This put a spring in Cantabs step and they took the attack back to Renegades, picking and driving with great effect. This was rewarded with a converted try (6-10).

Renegades decided that they needed to come back and drove into the Cantabs half where a scrum was taken against the head and Ginger Dan made short work of securing the five points. Baz added another two (13-10).

Rejuvenated by regaining the lead, Renegades took the game back to Cantabs. A steady period of play was rewarded by a swift feed of the ball along the line to Reggi who took his Indian Ocean tan for a very fast run past the Cantabs defence and back around to place the ball near the posts. Baz's boot was good again (20-10).

It wasn't long before a similar try came again, this time with Ben Powell making the unstoppable run and Baz supplying another perfectly struck conversion (27-10). There it remained until the break.

The second half started positively again from Renegades, but the Cantabs defence had rallied and were putting up stern opposition. The hoped-for early score was not to be as both sides slugged it out. Eventually, Cantabs were ground down by the pressure and conceded a kickable penalty which Baz slotted over with ease (30-10).

Not content with racking up the points with his boot, Baz decided to go for a run himself, breaking the Cantabs Defence and scoring near the posts. He slotted the conversion over (37-10).

Not long after the ball came across to the right wing where Rufus was waiting. After a brilliant flash of speed he claimed the undisputed doughnut by dropping the ball after he had crossed the line. Fortunately, a few minutes later he got another go and this time the ball was grounded according to the laws (42-10).

All credit to Cantabs, despite trailing by 32 points, their heads never went down. The final 10 minutes of the game consisted of them throwing everything they had at the Renegades. This attack prompted some of the most effective physical tackling Renegades have ever produced. The defence held and the final whistle blew – not a moment too soon under the warm sun on hard ground.

Scores

Tries: Daniel 'Ginger Dan' Leith, Reggi Campbell, Ben Powell, Andrew 'Baz' Mackay, Rufus Ashley

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (4)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' Mackey (3)



Baz for try, boot and great leadership



Rufus – for dropping the ball when over the line.

Report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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