



The SIN BIN!

Cambridgeshire
Junior County
CUP
Special Edition!

Welcome to edition seven of The SIN BIN! The Renegades RUFC information newsletter.



Cambridgeshire County Junior CUP CHAMPIONS! 2012-13



8/9/12 Cambride Exiles Home.

First 'friendly' game of the season against Cambridge Exiles on our new pitch and recently erected posts. Strong Cambridge team that included Ben Powell turned the Gades' over for a 5:50 loss.



15/9/12 Newmarket Development. Away.

Overall a great start to the season, Big Steves first game for the club, Chairman Jonathan's and Gladstones first try's for the club and revenge was gained after our mishap in the last game of last season. Win 58:14



22/9/12 Shelford 4. Away.

Good Renegades performance against the ever changing Shelford teams. 2 tries from Ginger Dan, one from Jack and Glove. Win 24:7.

29/9/12 Ely Development. Home.

29 Renegades turned up to play this league and cup double so the pressure was on the starting XV. Ben Powell returning to the Gades scored a brace as did Rolando and Pyscho scored one. Darey gave a gay slap and poor drop goal attempt. Win 38:0. Beaky announced his retirement.

6/10/12 Biggleswade 2. Home.

A young Biggleswade team turned up to face a dominant Renegades side. Handful of scorers including a double from Glove. Won 50:7

13/10/12 Harlow 4. Away.

Peter opening the scoring with a well worked try. Fabio's grass cutter conversion Daniels yellow for a tip tackle. Billbob replacing Harry who replaced Jack all in 5 mins. Loss 5:17

20/10/12 St Ives. Away.

15-0 Walkover

03/11/12 Cantabs 2 – Friendly – Away.

Not quite a 'friendly' against the opposition we would face a few times this season. A mahoussive kick from Baz in their half and Pyscho try. Loss 10:23

10/11/12 Cambourne Exiles –Friendly – Away

Josh's first try of the season, Tom Powells 50m run and Baz's ever reliant boot. Won 24:17

17/11/12 Saffron Walden 3 – Home

Very close game played by title contenders in the best spirit but unfortunately Gades were pipped to the post and lost 13:16.

24/11/12 March Bears – Away.

Poor first half performance from the Gades against a very strong March team. Baz scoring and converting. Loss 7:27

8/12/12 Cambourne Exiles – Away.

An improved renegades side from the previous friendly. Dominant performance from Renegades including 4 tries from Ginger Dan and a second half hat trick from Ben Powell. Baz scored all the conversions. Won 63:12.

15/12/12 Newmarket Development – Home.

Hanky's all around for Billbobs birthday. Apart from a bloody nose he had a great day. Renegades were down by 7 points with 10 mins to go. Glove found a gap in the defence to make it 10:10 with a minute to play. From the kick off Renegades hit back and ball went across the line to Jack who scored in the corner in the last play of the game. Renegades stole the win 15:10.

22/12/12 Wendons Ambo – Friendly – Away.

Christmas friendly with our old friends Wendons. Alex Burch scored with his first touch for Renegades. Win 33:0.

05/01/13 Shelford 4 – Home

Renegades went down early. Kick from inside our half from Baz that bounced off the crossbar. Tom Wykes first ever try for Renegades. Ginger Dan scoring 3 pushover trys caused by the impact of Big Steve off the bench. Win 44-14

12/01/13 Ely Development – Away

Renegades ground out the win 12:0

02/02/13 Biggleswade 2 – Away

Dominant Biggy scrum and good backs were too much for a weakened Renegades side. Loss 0-38

09/02/13 Saffron Walden 2 – Cambridge Junior Cup.

Five well worked trys. Good performance from all the team especially in the rucks. Win 25:14

16/02/13 Harlow – Home.

Renegades scored in first few minutes from a quick tap from Rolando but Harlow's big physical presence turned the game and they came out victorious. Lost 14:22

23/02/13 Cantabs 2 – Greene King Cup ¼ final – Home.

Renegades Super Saturday. 15 mins before Baz put the first points on the board. 2 tries and a yellow from Fabs. Great quick ball game from Renegades. Won 36:0

02/03/13 St Ives – Home.

Walkover. Win 15:0

09/03/13 Saffron Walden 3 – Away.

Cold, muddy and played between the 22's. Thanks to the Walden guys for running into each other chasing a ball down to stop a certain try. Draw 0 : 0

16/03/13 Harlow 4 – Greene King Cup Semi final – Away.

Renegades up at halftime 14-7 through Darey and Pyscho. Dominant Harlow pulled it back and won. 'Gades were awarded a last minute penalty try. Renegades out of the Greene King Cup. Loss 21-33

23/03/13 March Bears – Home.

Slow start from a strong Renegades team in horizontal snow, 10-0 up at halftime from a Fabio pick and go try and Baz penalty. Quick thinking from Baz lead to a tap penalty and good hands saw Peter Waples cross the line in the corner. Fab rounded off the game with a solo try.

Win 25-0.



30/03/13 Cantabs 2 – Friendly – Home.

Dominant performance from the games in another 'friendly' game against Cantabs. Win 33:12

06/04/13 Hallamshire RFU – Tour Game – Away.

Tour game – full of hangovers and depleted Renegades side went down to Hallamshire's 32 man squad. Lost 21-0

13/04/13 Cambourne Exiles – Home.

Ben Powell opening the scoring the night after his 21st birthday. Gloves silky backhanded pass to Darey to score was a contender for try of the season, Darey finished with a hatrick. Won 27:7

20/04/13 Cantabs 2 – Semi final Junior Cup – Home.

Slow start for the renegades before Reggi, Ginger Dan and Ben Powell scoring in quick succession just before half time. Baz and Rufus scoring in the second half to put Renegades into the cup final. Won 42:10



04/05/13 Shelford 3's – Final Cambridgeshire Junior Cup – Saffron Walden.

The biggest game of Renegades history. A dream start with Ben Powell crashing over for the first try – converted, Shelford were quick to reply with an unconverted try. Great defence from Dave and Glove on the wing to stop Shelfords wingers scoring. Reggie made a great break down the wing to score in the corner. Ben Powell doubled his tally after a break and offload from Ginger Dan. Halftime score of 21-5. Shelford started the second half like a different team and 3 immediate tries saw them take the lead at 21-24. Baz kicked a penalty to draw the teams level just before Shelford then scored another converted try and made the score 24-31. Baz kicking against a strong wind added another penalty and Renegades were 4 points behind. Renegades took a scrum against the head and the ball was forced out wide to Reggi to score in the corner to make the score 32-31. In a tense last few mins Shelford missed two penalties that would have won them the game. Renegades became Junior County Champions 2013.



Presidential address

It is with some sadness I write my final President's report, however as I now have a reputation for "going on a bit" then I'm sure it's a huge relief to many! This immediately illustrates one of the things that makes Renegades what it is, the tell it like it is culture we have has become central to the club. There is no room for ego or self importance and no one is better or more important than the next man, thus everybody is equal and everybody is fair game. This leads to a level of banter and humour that is unrivalled, but is as much self-deprecating as it is

Although my old body has had a season off I have missed few games or club events and it has been one of the most enjoyable seasons ever. The mix of youth and "experience" has been a key factor in this enjoyment. It has been a privilege to spend time with the Leiths, Ben, Josh, Reggie, Alex and the younger Cowleys watching them enjoy their time on the pitch but possibly having more fun off it!

The organisation of tour may have appeared relaxed as Fabs was involved but Harry's input ensured success. It was a team effort and thanks to JB and Richard for driving, Yet again I returned from the weekend with aching muscles from laughing so much.

The advent of Rascals, our children's section, has been a major triumph this season and hopefully in a few years will mean our own home grown talent stepping out on to the pitch. Congratulations to everybody involved here it really is a great community venture.

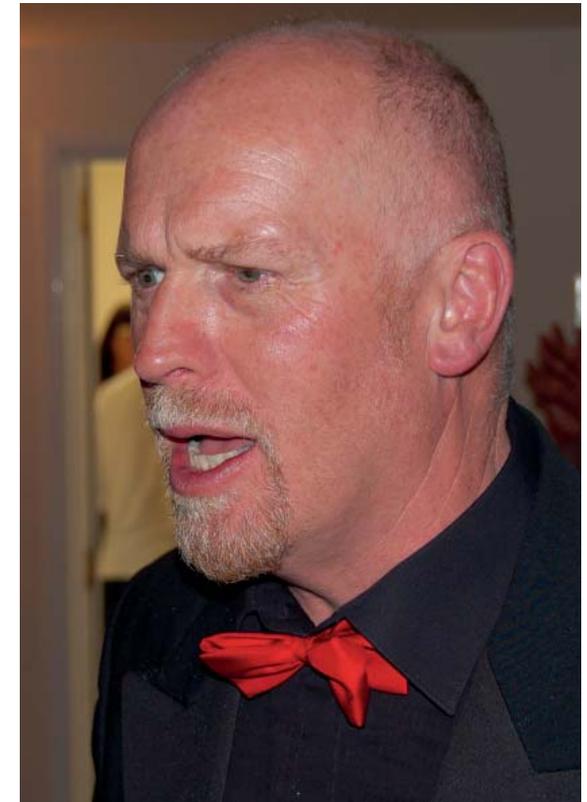
On the pitch there have been many notable performances from the old brigade of Pete, Tom, Rik and Richard combined with slightly pacier contributions from Baz, Reggie, Jack and the Leiths, I think most of these have been inspired by the commitment and effort of Glove our skipper. He may not have been able to give too much time in the week, but he has laid his body and soul on the line at the weekends. There has been county recognition for our players too with Fabio leading the county side where he has been injured more than ever before.

I must also mention Sam's contribution over the last few seasons. No one has done more work in the background for Renegades. We turn up on Saturday to meet the opposition and a referee on a pitch, all arranged by Sam. Thanks to him from us all.

Few can dispute however that the highlight of the season was the very last game. Winning the Junior County Cup against Shelford IIIs is the pinnacle of our success thus far. It wasn't just the result but the nature of the performance and the reaction of so many rugby colleagues across the region that made it all the sweeter. This was celebrated in reckless abandon at yet another fantastic end of season dinner, thanks to Sally and everyone for their organisation.

I look forward to being repaired and strong next season and playing alongside a great bunch of like minded comedians, winning games of rugby as well as hearts and minds with Renegade charm and hospitality. Have a great summer.

Originalmanlove
Flora



Captains report

Starting the season as league champions really showed the consistent progress made at the club under the stewardship of Beaky and Fabio and left some daunting acts to follow.

Strangely nobody thanked me for introducing a bit of fitness into pre-season: initial numbers were great but for some reason not everyone came back after session one. We kicked off the season with a rusty hammering by a well drilled Cambridge Exiles. This saw the debuts and re-debuts of a number of 'Gades. We said goodbye to Fat Tom, Young Tom, Little Fabs, Ben Kenobi but shoes were filled with the welcome of a bumper crop of new Renegades both old and young:

Dave Cook, Peter Waples, Baz, Reggie, Dave (Rodney), Rufus, Big Steve all made an impact this season and strengthened the core Renegades.

As champions we were there to be shot at and after some great initial wins found that when our commitment dwindled there were teams desperate to pick us off. It is a sign of the respect we've gained as a club when others in the league are pinpointing our game on the fixtures list and targeting us in advance.

There were some brilliant results in the early part of the season – a couple of great wins against Ely and Shelford and a real close fought game with Newmarket which ended with a length of the pitch try to sneak the win. Who could forget the 0-0 draw at Saffron Walden?

As I've said via a few forums, I owe a lot of the success of this year to 'The Gaffer' Ren Pesci who took over the organising of the team when I couldn't pick up the slack and who is also throwing himself into securing the future of the Renegades team in coaching the Rascals.

There were also disappointing results at March and at Biggleswade. The Biggleswade game served as the ghost or Renegade past as we turned up without a full team and had to rely on favours and dragging a few 'Gades out of retirement.

Thankfully this was a minor blip and May 4th 2013 will go down in Renegades lore as the day we conquered Cambridgeshire.

As I write almost a month to the day, I still am having flashbacks: Ben and Reggie's tries, going through a gap and thinking I could make the line then being cut down, Pesci ignoring red ball call in the last 2 minutes and us gifting them the ball back, Chris Machen's shirt pull, Dave Cook in at the side, both penalties agonisingly missing the post. The most common out of all of these though is seeing Flora jumping onto the pitch after Reggie's decisive score. Hopefully when the concussion fades I'll only be left with the images of the celebrations.

So here are the numbers behind season 2012-13:

18 League Games – 12 Wins 5 Losses and 1 Draw – 425 Points Scored

6 Cup Games – 5 Wins 1 Loss - 194 Points Scored and the Cambridgeshire Junior Cup

Many happy Referees, one not so happy referee, one angry Dave Steward and one Whistler's Trophy

15 different players awarded Man of the Match

1 Ginger who owes a group of ladies somewhere a David Brent lap dance.

All in all it has been a privilege to lead the Renegades this year. It is all change at the club but the ethos of having a beer with your mates remains central to the success of the club. I look forward to some cracking battles in the future with new and old foes and to making sure that that cup remains proudly in the Renegades trophy cabinet for another year.

Glove



Chairman's report

In addition to a number of very welcome new players, this season has brought three new things to the Renegades.

Firstly, the Rascals has been a huge success story from its beginning last summer right through to the excellently organized development festival which was held at Cottenham Village College in April. It is great to see so many youngsters enjoying rugby, and congratulations to Tony Wadd, Sally Vail, Ren Pesci and everyone else who has helped to bring the Rascals into being.

Secondly, our season began on a different patch of turf, Cottenham Village College having kindly agreed to move the rugby pitch closer to civilization thanks to Graham Beckford's negotiations at the end of the previous season. Many thanks to Ren Pesci, who project-managed the installation of the new posts, and thanks to everyone who helped on the day. Since the erection of the new posts I have got into the habit of looking at other clubs' posts with a critical eye, and I can honestly say that I have yet to see a truer set of rugby posts than ours - thanks probably to the cubic metre of concrete at the foot of each one, and the detailed calculations that went into ensuring that they were vertical. At the time it wasn't a straightforward decision to proceed with the pitch move but, looking back, I'm sure it was the right thing to do, particularly now that Dan Jerred has kindly provided the means to fish the ball out of the ditch.

Thirdly, this season has seen the introduction of a new website which, apart from its improved design, is much easier to maintain; many thanks to Eddie Murphy for all his work setting it up and administering it, not to mention keeping the match reports section up to date.

Looking back at the season, we went through a

difficult patch before Christmas, which was caused by injuries to several regular players along with some fixtures being called off by opposing teams, and then had a frustrating period in the new year when the cold weather caused more cancellations. However, the Renegades weathered these storms, and the achievements of finishing third in the league and winning the Cambridgeshire County Junior Cup (and what a match the final was) speak for themselves.

Off the pitch we have had some excellent social events; many thanks to Sally Vail for her tireless work and dependability, to Harry Cowley for stepping into the breach, and to everyone else who has helped. At the end of the day it is those who attend the events that make them successful, so thanks to everyone who has done so and let's have even more in the season ahead. Many thanks also to Harry Cowley and Stuart Faben for organizing a memorable tour, and to Richard Cowley and John Bateson for driving all the tourists to and from Sheffield.

At the beginning of the season, being new to the role of Chairman, I couldn't help fretting about the practicalities of arranging home fixtures. Would the changing rooms be available? Who would bring the balls? Had a referee been arranged? What about the Cottenham Club, not to mention the food? In the event everything worked pretty much like a well-oiled machine, thanks to the competence and diligence of the rest of the committee together with some other key individuals; winning the Whistlers' Trophy is testament to their organization as well as to the conduct of the club as a whole both on and off the pitch.

Heartfelt thanks to those committee members who are standing down: Chris Beddow, Sam Vail, Rob Bevington and Chris Milne. Much experience will be lost with their departure, and the new committee will

need to be on its toes to ensure a smooth start to the new season. Richard Cowley's continued presence will be an enormous benefit, and I would like to thank him for always being there. I'd also like to thank Ren for taking on the role of gaffer.

As always, many thanks to all our sponsors, with particular gratitude to Dave and Dawn for making the Cottenham Club such a good home for the Renegades, and to Kirsty and Maria for feeding us all week in week out.

Looking ahead, the Rascals seem set to continue to flourish in the coming season, and it is encouraging to see how many people have signed up for the Level 1 Coaching Children Rugby Union course. As for the adults, it is worth considering the new merit table structure which sees us in the upper of two divisions -

Premiere

Cambridge Exiles, Cantabs 2, Saffron Walden 2, Renegades, Shelford 4, Newmarket Development, Ely Development, March, Sawston, Royston 2

Deuxieme

Cantabs 3, Shelford 5, Newmarket 3, Ely 3, Cambourne, St Ives 2, St Neots 2, Wendens Ambo, Mildenhall, Saffron Walden 3

How will the Renegades fare in the top division of this new league, and might we at some stage be able to field a second team?

Jonathan Burch
Chairman

