



Match Report

19 October

Away

Cambridge Exiles

Lost 41:7



Team

Starting Line-up

1) Tom 'Fat Tom' Powell 2) Ren Pesci 3) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell

4) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes 5) Brian Smith

6) Chris 'Machine' Machen 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne 8) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben

9) Rolando Pesci 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay

11) Matt 'Paperboy' Turner 12) Tom Heathcote 13) Dave Steward 14) Peter Waples

15) John 'JB' Bateson

Replacements

16) Jonathan Burch 18) Matt 'Stan' Hughes 19) James Jerred 20) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy 21) Richard Cowley

Report

As I drove into CRUFC with the rain pouring down I was more than pleased, that from a spectator's point of view, the game was to be played on the sacred first team pitch. This was one of many small changes I noticed during the afternoon.

The rain stopped before the game started and after twenty minutes I was asked to do the match report, as I hadn't been paying too much detailed attention until then, I wasn't sure about the starting 15 but I recall at the beginning thinking we can match them up front but they look a bit keen, young and eager in the backs. Unfortunately I was right.

The first ten minutes were played at break neck speed with both sets of forwards testing each other out, Exiles defence was very solid and the speed from defence to attack undid us after 10 minutes try and conversion 7-0, a further fast and furious (thanks Twitter) 20 minutes with Renegade's close to their try line but no score. However an Exiles interception, kick and catch, Fly half in the corner missed conversion. Still lots to play for, half time arrived down 12-0.

The second half was much the same, plenty of possession for the Renegades to start, but lightning breaks with slick hands from Exiles as they slowly took command. Defending our hearts out injuries abounded, with Jonathan now in the backs and James Jerred (from the stand)volunteering to replace a broken "Glove", Exiles scored four more tries before an outstanding dummy from Baz took him through a large gap and over the line under the posts (36-7) , still time for the Exiles to score in the corner. Final Score 41-7.

The score was slightly flattering although we were well beaten, the size of the pitch and fitness of the Exiles shown through. The Renegades never gave up and this was clearly shown by the Man of the Match, Matt Turner, who in the last five minutes, chased a winger back 50 metres and tackled him on the line in one corner before being last man of defence and tackling again in the other corner.

Scores

Tries: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay



Matt Turner again!



No Doughnuts

Report by Shaun 'Il Presidente' Clark

