

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

9 November Home Newmarket Development Won 28:21



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes 2) Ren Pesci 3) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 4) Dan Poucher 5) Russell Attle
- 6) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne 8) Daniel 'Ginger Dan' Leith
- 9) Rolando Pesci 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Peter Waples 12) Tom Heathcote 13) Jack Cowley 14) Reggie Campbell
- 15) Matt 'Paperboy' Turner

Replacements

- 16) Chris 'Machine' Machen 18) Dave Cook 19) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy 20) Dan Jerred
- 21) Richard Cowley 22) James Jerred 23) Rik Relph 24) Lee Bryant

Report

Well both teams looked really good in their new kits but it was a pity the weather was not welcoming and bright: rather cold and wet with light to moderate rain; but the pitch was in good nick. Bearing in mind position of Newmarket in the league relative to us, I thought we should have an easy win; how wrong I was.

The Ref had either had a birthday recently or got an early Christmas present, because he would not stop blowing his whistle and pulled up Renegades for numerous penalties (11 in first half) which stopped momentum in our play.

There was a good turn-out of supporters and luckily Rachel Forrest was assessing the ref and some gentle words of encouragement were imparted from her to him at half time.

For the first 30 minute, Renegades did not turn up and went down 14 points from two Newmarket line outs followed by rolling mauls. Renegades were becoming very frustrated and eventually

Rolando couldn't contain his words of advice to the ref and was given a yellow card eight minutes before half-time.

Renegades knuckled down and Baz converted a penalty (3-14). Multiple Infringements by a Newmarket player gave him a yellow card with four minutes to go. Half time 3-14 down.

Baz gave a good half-time talk urging everyone to keep calm and carry on, keep ball to hand, pick and go and look for gaps. Early in second half Baz converted another penalty 6-14. Birthday boy had hardly blown his whistle, what a relief – Renegades can get some rhythm.

Ten minutes of good sustained pressure by forwards and new boy Dan Poucher scored a try and Baz converts 13-14. Renegades keep the pressure on, driving forward punching through the Newmarket defence. A wide ball out to Reggie on the left wing was rewarded with a try. The conversion was difficult; Baz was close but no cigar 18-14.

Renegades maintained the pressure and were soon awarded another penalty 20 yards out. A quick tap by Rolando saw him break the five metre line and pass out to Dan Jerred who wasn't going to be stopped. Baz slotted over the conversion 25-14.

Renegades had to then soak up some pressure from a resilient Newmarket. A counter attack out of the Renegades half led to a penalty which Baz slotted over to make the match seem safe at 28-14.

However, Newmarket had other ideas and maintained their pressure. Eventually, three minutes from full time, Newmarket scored a try and converted 28-21. The score remained unchanged until the final whistle. It was a good come back by Renegades.

No one won the best hit of the game although the pink scrum cap of Newmarket was asking for a Chris Machen special but it was not to be.

Scores

Tries: Dan Poucher, Reggie Campbell, Dan Jerred

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (2)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (3)



Dan Poucher first game for Renegades, got stuck in and scored a try .



No doughnuts

Quote of the day

Ella Cracknell (Booey's daughter) pointing to her dad said to Rachel Forrest assessing the ref: "Thats my Dad, he's not very fast!"

Report by Dave Steward