

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

21 February

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Cantabrigians 2

Lost 0:31



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Josh Rix 2) Rob 'Bev' Bevington 3) Tom Wykes
- 4) Andy Caruana 5) Doug Smith
- 6) Richard 'BTW' Fickling 7) Dave Steward 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 9) Sam Brown 10) Steve Marsh
- 11) Jake Sweet 12) Ben Powell 13) Tom Heathcote 14) John 'JB' Bateson
- 15) Darey Horn

Replacements

- 16) Mark Lisher 17) Ben Yates 18) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

The game was preceded by the President's Lunch which was attended by more than 30 people at the Cottenham Club. An excellent time was had by all and reports were that the food was superb and plentiful. Rik cut a very presidential figure in his leather cape coat and wide-brimmed leather hat.

The weather was cold and windy with the strong breeze blowing from end to end away from the college. The wind favoured Cantabs in the first half. A fairly even first few minutes came to an end when, ten minutes in, Cantabs stole a Renegades lineout and broke through to score under the posts. The conversion was good (0-7). This try was followed by another within five minutes, this time on the left wing and the conversion pulled wide despite a good attempt (0-12). Cantabs kept piling on the pressure and had some close run attempts but the Renegades defence was strong for the remainder of the half and the score remained at 0-12 at half time.

The Renegades mood was upbeat during the interval and the view was having the wind to our backs in the second half was an advantage. However, given the lineout performance, the plan was to keep the ball in hand and let the forwards battle in the middle where Renegades had the upper hand.

Sadly, Cantabs hadn't read the script and within minutes of the restart, they executed another of their trademark breakaway tries on the left wing. The conversion was never on against the wind (0-17). Five minutes later they did it again, intercepting an offload and touching down under the posts. The conversion was straightforward (0-24). Things got a bit tedious when they scored a third try a few minutes later with another straightforward conversion (0-31). For the rest of the half, Renegades dug deep and the defence held against the Cantabs onslaught. Towards the end Ben Powell had a great break and, with one defender to beat, offloaded to Tom Heathcote who could only get fingertips to the ball and watched in frustration as it fell for a knock on.

The scoreline was very harsh on Renegades, the performance was much better than it indicates. The forwards were more than a match for the Cantabs forwards in play, the scrum was good in parts. The lineout was a struggle as, with only one jumper, it was easy for Cantabs to predict the throw and steal the ball. The Cantabs backs were where they won the game. Having had a big influx of players this year, many of these players were recently playing for the Cantabs first team.

A very big thank you to the Sam, Josh, Ben and Mark from Cambourne who helped us to field a team and all of whom made a big contribution.

Scores

Sadly no Renegades Scores to report.



Sam Brown for a fantastic all-round performance at number 9.



Tom Heathcote for destroying the team water bottle carrier

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy. Photos by Andy Caruana.



