



Match Report

October 15

Away Ely 2

Won 52:7



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 2) Ren Pesci
- 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Dave Cook
- 5) Chris 'Glove' Milne
- 6) Tom 'New Tom' Procter
- 7) Ollie Witt
- 8) Elliott Roberts
- 9) Rhys Stevens
- 10) Andrew 'Baz' Mackay
- 11) Jake Sweet
- 12) Tom Heathcote
- 13) Josh Scupham
- 14) Reggie Campbell
- 15) Richard 'BTW' Fickling

Replacements

- 16) John 'JB' Bateson
- 17) Richard Cowley

Report

Not a telly waggon to be seen at Ely – nice to be back to normal. The conditions were lovely and it was good to see Henry Wilson (late of this parish) turning out for Ely in the slightly unusual position of flanker.

Ely kicked off and the play ebbed and flowed for a few minutes before Rhys made a great break through the middle gaining a lot of ground before he was brought down. The ball found Tom Proctor who scored close to the right touchline. The conversion was wide, 5-0.

A few minutes later, a great break by Baz made many yards before Ely won a scrum. Renegades took the scrum against the head and moved the ball out blind before swinging the ball wide to Josh Scupham who scored. The conversions missed again, 10-0.

Ely piled on the pressure and moved up towards the Renegades line. Jake had to come off with a knackered shoulder. JB came on in his place. Renegades reversed the flow of play and after a period camped on the Ely line, Reggie crashed over to score and Baz located his kicking mojo and slotted the conversion, 17-0.

A little later, Baz took a quick penalty and broke through the Ely defence. As he headed for the line he considered passing to BFT but decided pressing on himself was a better option. He crossed the line and made sure the conversion was straightforward by getting close to the posts. He duly took the conversion 24-0. BFT claims an assist by being a poor alternative for the pass.

Late in the first half, Renegades were moving nicely towards half way with the ball going through the hands and a healthy overlap. However, the Ely winger had other ideas and executed a beautiful intercept, running half the length of the field to score under the posts. The conversion was straightforward, 24-7.

The referee blew for half time and Boeey had to call it a day – his shoulder had had enough. Richard Cowley began the long journey to the changing room to get kitted up.

The second half started with Renegades fielding only 14. Nevertheless, Ollie made a great break getting stopped just short of the Ely line. Ely came back and mounted sustained pressure on Renegades. The pressure was resisted and Renegades made their way back to the Ely line. Sustained pressure was rewarded when Tom Powell scored. The conversion was easy for Baz, 31-7.

Play ebbed and flowed for a while and the referee eventually lost patience with Ely for not rolling away and carded one of their players. A short while later, Tom Powell broke through the Ely defence and powered towards the line. He was brought down just short of the line but managed to set the ball up and it eventually came back to him to score his second try. Baz obliged, 38-7.

A while later, Renegades were awarded a penalty under the posts. The ball was passed to Tom Heathcote who danced through the Ely defence to score. The conversion was simple for Baz, 45-7.

Renewed pressure by Renegades saw Glove break clear to score under the Ely posts, Baz again took the conversion easily, 52-7.

In the dying minute of the game a lovely break by Ren gained many yards before passing to Richard BTW, who made many more yards before offloading to his right. The ball went through the hands out to Josh who was brought down just short of the line. The final whistle went.

It was another excellent performance by Renegades, skilled and confident play and a great team spirit. Once again Ely were stiff opposition who let nothing go. They have scored 22 of the 27 points we have conceded this season.

Scores

Tries: Tom Powell (2), Tom Procter, Josh Scupham, Reggie Campbell, Andrew 'Baz' Mackay, Tom Heathcote, Chris 'Glove' Milne.

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' Mackay (6)



Again it is really hard to allocate man of the match. Everyone played very well. Ollie Witt had a great game, breaking through the Ely defence many times and delivering a tackle that the recipient will remember for some time. Rhys also had a great game at number 9, partnering well with Elliott and Baz both of whom also had excellent games.



No doughnuts

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