

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

December 10 Away Ely 2

Won 26:0



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 2) Harry Cowley
- 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Dave Cook
- 5) Daniel 'Last game as a free man' Leith
- 6) Tom 'New Tom' Procter
- 7) Daniel Stockbridge
- 8) Ollie Witt
- 9) Jack Cowley
- 10) Jamie Faed
- 11) John 'JB' Bateson
- 12) Ben Powell
- 13) Tom 'Strong Tom' Heathcote
- 14) Matt Faiers
- 15) Gav Reid

Replacements

- 16) Chris 'Ginger Chris' Leith
- 17) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

It was a dank miserable afternoon as the Renegades gathered at Ely. We arrived in dribs and drabs as Ely prepared in a drilled manner. As the kickoff approached, 15 Renegades were not available although the late arrivals were in the changing room at least. When kickoff happened, Renegades only had 14 players on the pitch although, Psycho joined not long after kickoff.

The general lack of preparation showed as Ely took the game to Renegades and some strong defence was required to stop them scoring. However, Renegades gradually composed themselves and the ball moved towards the Ely goal line. A superb rolling maul looked very threatening as Renegades advanced towards the try line. However, it was not to be on that occasion. Nevertheless, Renegades were finding form and it wasn't long before the ball found its way to Matt Faiers in the middle of the field near the Ely 22. Matt startled everyone by powering through five tackles to score under the posts. Jamie Faed made short work of the conversion, 7-0.

Ely attacked from the kickoff and were rewarded with a kickable penalty. From the strike it was clear that the three points were not going to Ely. Renegades rallied and a powerful run by BFT got

Renegades into the Ely 22 forcing a penalty. Renegades opted for a scrum. The pushover didn't come off and then Harry was sinbinned for 'over-enthusiastic rucking'.

Jack Cowley put a lovely testing kick into the corner of the Ely 22, and the support running forced a penalty from Ely. The pressure was intense but Ely eventually cleared after a lineout. Gav led the charge back with a fantastic run 2/3 the length of the pitch along the right wing. In the play that followed, Jamie went over to score near the right touchline. The conversion was a big ask given the conditions, 12-0. That's how it stood at half time.

Renegades kicked off and drove forward winning a quick penalty. Unfortunately, the kick was too long, letting Ely off with a 22-drop out. However, Renegades came again with some powerful running by Ben, looping with Matt. Matt mistook the 5-metre line for the tryline and touched down just over it. However, the attack continued and Renegade drove over the Ely line but were judged to have been held up. The resulting scrum saw Renegades drive over for a try from Dan Stockbridge with Jamie adding the conversion, 19-0.

With the bonus point in sight, Renegades piled on the pressure. A fantastic break and run from Jamie resulted in a knock on. Some great rolling mauls gained many precious metres. Ely did manage one good counter attack with a kick to the right-hand corner. Gav coolly watched the ball go out as an Ely attacker came within nanometres of scoring.

As full time approached, Renegades attacked again. Ben Powell broke through on half way and backed himself all the way to the Ely line giving Jamie a simple task to bring the final score to 26-0.

Scores

Tries: Matt Faiers, Jamie Faed, Dan Stockbridge, Ben Powell.

Conversions: Jamie Faed (3).



Matt Faiers for scoring a magnificent first try for Renegades.



Matt Faiers for mistaking the 5-metre line for the tryline. Should have gone to Specsavers.

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