



## Match Report

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### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknel 2) Ren Pesci 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Aaron Stevens 5) Adam 'Speedy' Richards
- 6) Elliot Roberts 7) Ollie Witt 8) Dan 'the player formerly known as Barrel' Stockbridge
- 9) Jack Cowley 10) Harry Cowley
- 11) Jake Sweet 12) Ben Powell 13) Rhys Stevens 14) Will Blackwell
- 15) Ross Catchpole

#### *Replacements*

- 16) Adam Lane 17) Rolando Pesci

### Report

The sun was beaming down as Renegades took to the field for a pre-season friendly against the mighty Cambridge. It was a game of four quarters because of the heat and, even then, it was a draining affair.

Renegades kicked off and Cambridge came back strongly. They drove forward relentlessly and kept Renegades camped in their 22. A good driving maul by Cambridge was deprived of points by good defence by Renegades, particular credit to Elliot who was central to keeping the ball off the floor.

However, Cambridge kept up the pressure and eventually they crossed the Renegades line. The conversion, despite the attempt by the kicker to move it closer to the posts (hauled back by Sir) missed, 0-5.

Play continued with both teams hammering away until the whistle went for the start of the first quarter break. While hydrating, Rolando urged the team to carry on – the performance was looking good.

Encouraged by his words, play resumed in the second quarter and it wasn't long before Ben broke through the Cambridge line and ran the length of the pitch to score under the posts. The conversion was straightforward for Harry, 7-5.

It wasn't long before he did it again. This time some lovely passing to and fro with Will saw Ben break through again and hammer down the pitch with several Cambridge players in hot pursuit. Jake went with him in support but Ben made the line before they caught him. The conversion missed, 12-5. That's how it remained at half time. The talk from Rolando was upbeat. The offloads were working and we were getting behind Cambridge.

The second half was a less cheerful affair. Cambridge stepped up the pressure and their fresh legs, as the rolled player on, began to make a real difference. In all they ran in five tries in the second half, with three of those converted. The final score was 12-36.

It was a really good test of the Renegades and just the preparation needed to face Bury St Edmonds Rovers next week. The work rate by everyone was first class and the heat was gruelling. A satisfactory performance despite the final score.

### Scores

Tries: Ben Powell (2)

Conversions: Harry Cowley



Ben for his two tries and crushing tackles.



Baz, for going on holiday when there was a game.

*Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*

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