



Match Report

December 9

Home Cantabs 2

Won 31:17



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Jamie Cohen 2) Ren Pesci 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Aaron Stevens 5) Adam 'Speedie' Richards
- 6) Tom Procter 7) Ollie Witt 8) Elliot 'Elbow' Roberts
- 9) Rhys Stephens 10) Tom Cowley
- 11) Matt Faiers 12) Tom Heathcote 13) Jake Sweet 14) Dylan Paul
- 15) Will Blackwell

Replacements

- 16) Ben Powell 17) David Fletcher Morris 18) Rory Naylor
- 19) Dave Steward 20) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

The sun shone as the howling arctic wind swept across the pitch. It was very, very cold. Following the great performance against Thurston a week earlier, could the Renegades brave the cold and take on Cantabs in similar style?

Renegades kicked off and piled on the pressure from the start. A few minutes in and the ball went through the hands to Matt F on the left wing. He passed it back in and the ball was lost to Cantabs who knocked on. From the ensuing scrum, Rhys fed Tom Cowley who danced across the line to open the Renegades account and then slotted the conversion for good measure, 7-0.

From the restart, Cantabs advanced and spent some time in the Renegades 22 putting pressure on the defence which held solid. Eventually, Rhys broke out and made a long run taking play well into the Cantabs half. There things went back and forth before an attempted clearance kick by Cantabs was blocked by Tom Heathcote who gathered the ball and scored under the posts. Tom C made short work of the conversion, 14-0.

Not long after kickoff, Ollie got the ball in the Cantabs half and went for a run along the right touchline. Cantabs kept tackling him but he kept breaking the tackles until he crossed the line and scored. The conversion went astray this time, 19-0.

This score seemed to wake Cantabs up. They drove up towards the Renegades line. Sustained defence held them out for a while but eventually, they scored under the posts and the conversion was straightforward, 19-7.

There it remained until half time.

Cantabs kicked off the second half and won the ball, running along the right touchline to score in the corner. The conversion was close but no cigar, 19-12.

This was a shock to the Renegades and the game was duly raised. Play camped in the Cantabs half for a while and eventually, Tom Heathcote broke through a gap to score under the posts. Tom Cowley converted easily, 26-12.

Shortly after, Tom C twisted his ankle forcing him to retire from the game.

Continued pressure from Renegades kept advancing and intense activity to the left of the posts saw Speedie score his first try. The conversion eluded Rhys, 31-12.

Cantabs stepped up their game and shortly afterwards, they scored in the left corner but the conversion missed, 31-17.

The last quarter of the game was a period of intense Cantabs pressure where they came close on a few occasions. However, the Renegades defence did what was required and no further scores were made.

It was a good performance. The forwards were magnificent. The scrum was immense. General off-side discipline was dramatically improved from the Thurston game. Only three offside penalties in the game and Rolando reckons each of those was pretty borderline. Roll on Cambridge on the 16th.

Scores

Tries: Tom Heathcote (2), Tom Cowley, Ollie Witt, Adam 'Speedie' Richards

Conversions: Tom Cowley (3)



Elliot for all round work rate in attack and defence.



Captain Dave for no reason other than BFT had a chair to fill – again!

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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