



## Match Report

March 24

Away Ipswich 2

Lost 22:36



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Tom 'BFT' Powell 2) Callum Wilkins 3) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 4) Adam Richards 5) Ren Pesci
- 6) Tom Procter 7) Ollie Witt 8) Chris 'Machine' Machen
- 9) Dan Stockbridge 10) Jack Weatherly
- 11) John 'JB' Bateson 12) Ross Catchpole 13) Tom Heathcote 14) Will Blackwell
- 15) Rhys Stephens

#### *Replacements*

- 16) John Farrer 17) Rolando Pesci 18) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

### Report

Renegades first away day in the Eastern Counties Plate. Ipswich is a long way East and the team travelled in convoy to get there. The weather was looking pleasant and the pitch was dry but soft under a crust of dry soil – perfect conditions.

Renegades kicked off and won the ball back quickly. A relentless advance towards the Ipswich line saw Ross brought down just short, but the ensuing penalty was taken quickly by Tucker and passed to BFT who slammed the ball over the line. The conversion was close but just to the left, 5-0.

The re-start was taken by Callum and offloaded to Tucker. The ball went through the hands to JB on the right side who deftly passed back in to Ollie who bashed through a small gap and romped home to score under the posts. Jack made short work of the conversion, 12-0.

Ipswich had a more successful re-start and charged into the Renegades 22. A dink over the top saw them really threaten but a decisive tackle by Will bundled the attacker into touch close to the Renegades line. Sadly, JB had to come off with a torn thigh muscle but John Farrer came on for his Renegades debut. However, the Ipswich pressure was maintained and they crossed the Renegades line for a converted try, 12-7.

From the Kickoff, Ipswich attacked again and pushed relentlessly towards the Renegades line before breaking on the right to score in the right corner. The conversion missed, 12-12.

Ipswich continued the pressure after the re-start and nearly scored but Renegades were awarded a penalty for a forward pass just before the line (why a penalty and not a scrum is anybody's guess).

However, the penalty didn't help much as Ipswich came back and scored in the right corner. The difficult conversion was good, 12-19.

Renegades took the game back towards Ipswich and a brilliant carry by Tom Procter was unfortunately rewarded with a significant injury which saw him hobble off to be replaced by Rolando taking on 9 and Stockers moving to the back row. However, Ipswich had other ideas and came back to score a converted try shortly before the interval., 12-26.

The half time talk was up-beat but recognised that Ipswich were no push over.

Ipswich kicked off the second half and applied the pressure again from the start. Renegades had some forays into the Ipswich 22 when Will hacked the ball from just outside the Renegades 22 and also when Renegades dribbled the ball across the Ipswich line but were beaten to the touch down by a defender.

Eventually, the Ipswich pressure told and their number 11 broke through to run in a long try under the posts. The conversion was good, 12-33. Shortly after, Will, who had taken a knock to teyh head earlier came off to be replaced by Billbob.

Renegades came back and moved back into the Ipswich 22 with the ball being shipped wide to Rhys who recycled to Jack who scored in the left corner. The conversion missed, 17-33.

A kickable penalty to Ipswich was converted, 17-36.

Renegades applied the pressure again from the restart and advanbcd into the Ipswich 22. A penalty was taken quickly and rewarded with another for not retreating. The ball was passed to Machine who blasted his way through the Ipswich defence to score. The conversion missed, 22-36.

And that was it. Ipswich had avenged their defeat in Cottenham. They proved to be as sociable at home as they were away.

### Scores

Tries: Tom 'BFT' Powell, Ollie Witt, Jack Weatherly, Chris Machen

Conversions: Jack Weatherly



Machine for a solid performance featuring good carries and a powerful try.



Ross for not catching the ball 5m from their line.

*Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*

*Pictures by Peter Haigh (for the full set of pictures see [Peter's Flickr Page](#))*





