



Match Report

September 22 Away Cantabs 2

Won 44:3



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 2) Ren Pesci
- 3) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards
- 4) Aaron Stevens
- 5) Jack Branton
- 6) Dave Cook
- 7) Elliot Roberts
- 8) Chris 'Machine' Machen
- 9) Dan Stockbridge
- 10) Ross Catchpole
- 11) Michael Did-Dell
- 12) Ben Powell
- 13) Tom Heathcote
- 14) Will Blackwell
- 15) Tobi 'TNT' Rayner

Replacements

- 16) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 17) Jon Farrar
- 18) Harry Mills
- 19) John 'JB' Bateson

Report

A dank day in Cambridge but *it will clear up in 10 minutes*; forever the optimist Peter Haigh!

Cantabs restricted the squads to 18 so JB missed out this time. On a seemingly narrow pitch, but not as much as last week, we received the kick off, a few mistakes from both sides before a break from Ben P saw him carry a couple of Cantabs across the line (5-0), a high tackle from us and then not retreating 10 saw a penalty easily scored (5-3) game on, this spurred the team on.

Next something out of the Exeter ruby manual, we won the line out and progressed the 20 odd metres for Elbow to come off the back and score in the corner, 10-3.

We then developed a bit of white line fever as too many players tried to run through without support, however after ten minutes of banging on the door Ross went over for Stockers to convert, 17-3.

TNT jinked his way through a couple of times with only a high tackle stopping him. However, 10 minutes later, Ross gave a flat pass to Elbow who broke the tackle, ran forward, before passing back to Ross in support who scored under the posts. Stockers converts half time 24-3. Fabs mis-heard the score and remarked 44-3; little did we know!

Substitution, topknot off for Jon and Machine off for Harry. For some reason Cantabs always seem to rally in the second half and they came out of the blocks stronger than the first half. However, once we had possession, we kept the ball for Fireman Dave to score in the corner, 29-3.

Again Cantabs came back at us, great defence, before from the side lines confusion, a break by us, then a penalty before Sir awarded the try to Elbow in the distant corner, 34 -3

More replacements as Fabs goes on for Psycho, Stockers is injured and back on for Topknot, the next 20 mins was spent in between the two 22 metre lines but eventually a turn over from Harry together with a great offload saw Ben crash over, 39-3

Still time for BFT on a storming run only he can do ably supported by Ross before Mike DD goes over to score. Not wanting to get his prediction wrong Fabs misses the conversion. Full time 44-3.

It's difficult not to mention the whole squad as they all played their part in this victory, Great defence when needed, with good attack. Can't resist mentioning David Leith's shorts either.

Scores

Tries: Ben Powell (2), Elliot Roberts (2), Ross Catchpole (2), Dave Cook, Michael Did-Dell
Conversions: Dan Stockbridge (2)



Elbow for his tackling and two tries



TNT more concerned about his eye than the fact he couldn't breathe properly

Fabs was awarded dick of the day by Cantabs (predictable!)

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