

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

October 27

Home March Bears

Won 87-0



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Elliot 'Elbow' Roberts
- 2) Callum Wilkins
- 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Dave Cook
- 5) Aaron Stevens
- 6) Chris 'Machine' Machen
- 7) Ollie Witt
- 8) Harry Mills
- 9) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 10) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 11) Will Blackwell
- 12) Jack Weatherly
- 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote
- 14) Dave 'Capt Dave' Morris
- 15) Toby Rayner

Replacements

- 16) Rolando Pesci
- 17) Jack Branton
- 18) Ren Pesci
- 19) Jack Mills
- 20) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Played for March

John 'JB' Bateson, Dave Cook, Callum Wilkins

Report

The much-promised arctic blast from the north arrived on the morning of the game making a dramatic contrast with the weather the previous weekend. The result was it was significantly colder in the afternoon than it was the previous Friday evening.

March kicked off and Renegades took the ball solidly. A bit of to-ing and fro-ing happened before Harry broke through the defence and gave to Callum who made many yards before putting the ball through the hands to Jack Weatherly who scored. The wind made the conversion and it pulled to the left, 5-0. From the kickoff, Callum bashed his way through the March defence and made a good 50m. Play stopped while Machine limped off with a twisted ankle. Jack Mills came on as prop, moving Elliot to the back row. Renegades applied the pressure and advanced towards the March line. Eventually a through the hands saw Elliot score. This time the line of the conversion was good, but it fell short of the posts, 10-0.

Renegades advanced towards the March line again from kickoff. A driving maul got close to the line before Dan went around the corner. The conversion missed, 15-0. This was followed in short order by a second try for the Weatherman without a conversion, 20-0. At this point, March became a bit

more organised and managed to take the game into the Renegades half. They were approaching the Renegades 22 when they lost the ball and Tucker broke through the defence before embarking on a very long run to the try line. Dan converted and celebrated like a footballer, 27-0. Renegades advanced again and from a scrum about 5m from the line, Harry picked up from the back of the scrum and powered his way over the line. The conversion missed, 32-0.

A second period of March pressure went unrewarded and when Renegades regained the ball, BFT kicked the ball down the middle of the pitch and then went and regained the ball himself. He popped up to Ollie who fired the afterburners and sped down the middle of the pitch to score under the posts. He drop-kicked the conversion himself, 39-0.

That's how it remained until the interval. Jack Branton came on for Dave Cook who changed shirt and joined March. Ren replaced Callum who did the same. Fabs came off and the back line moved in to make space for Billbob on the wing. As the second half began, the weather took a significant turn for the worse with driving rain/sleet and freezing winds.

Renegades re-started and won the ball. Tucker broke and scored under the posts. Dan converted, 46-0. A short while later, Renegades won a penalty on the March 22 and opted to go for the corner. Harry got the ball in the line out and powered his way over the line. The conversion missed, 51-0. This was followed by a brace of tries from Jack W, the second of which was converted by Dan, 63-0.

A while later Renegades had a penalty on the March 22. Harry charged for the line but was stopped. Tucker dropped the ball, but Renegades kept up the pressure and despite dogged defence from March, Harry crossed their line again. The conversion was good, 70-0. A couple of minutes later Toby got the ball in the Renegades half and ran to the March line, he powered over the line with a couple of March players hanging off him. The conversion was good, 77-0. The re-start saw Dan take the ball near the touchline and make yards before offloading to Harry who ran half the length of the pitch to score again, 82-0. The conversion missed. And finally, Harry made a strong run before offloading to Ollie who scored. The conversion messed, 87-0. The final whistle went, and everyone headed for the dressing room as quickly as the formalities would allow.

It was a good game to watch. There was plenty of skilful rugby. It wasn't much fun for March, but they stuck at it and were very sociable afterwards. The weather was some of the worst ever.

Scores

Tries: Jack Weatherly (4), Harry Mills (4), Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote (2), Ollie Witt (2), Elliot Roberts, Dan Stickbridge, Toby Rayner

Conversions: Dan Stockbridge (5), Ollie Witt



Harry Mills for an outstanding performance.



Dan Stockbridge for not being Baz.

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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