

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

**September 29     Home     Cambridge 3**

**Won 47:12**



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Tom 'BFT' Powell 2) Elliot 'Elbow' Roberts 3) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell  
4) Chris 'Machine' Machen 5) Jack Branton  
6) Harry Mills 7) Ollie Witt 8) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben  
9) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay  
11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Ben Powell 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Tobi 'TNT' Rayner  
15) Ross Catchpole

#### *Replacements*

- 16) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards 17) Jon Farrar 18) Ren Pesci 19) Rolando Pesci 20) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

### Report

It was a lovely sunny September afternoon as the Renegades gathered to check the new wider blue-lined pitch and to road test the drum that Ren acquired to make our sideline presence livelier. Cambridge kicked off and the play ebbed and flowed as both sides got the measure of each other. After a while Renegades got a kickable penalty which Baz duly slotted, 3-0. The re-start was taken, and the ball fed to Ross who made a great break with support from Tucker outside and a gem of a line from Ben on the inside. He chose Ben who powered over the line to score under the posts. Baz slotted the conversion, 10-0. Tobi had to come off with a damaged knee and was replaced by Jon Farrar.

It wasn't long before Ben made another heroic run through the Cambridge defence and then broke a tackle to advance further before offloading. Some nice hands saw Harry Mills score to the right of the posts. Baz converted, 17-0. A little while later, Elbow cleared out a ruck to create a chance for BFT to charge forward. He made many yards before of loading to Fabs who broke a high tackle to score towards the left touch. The conversion missed, 22-0. This seemed to awaken Cambridge who took the game back to renegades with a well-worked try in the left corner which was too difficult to convert, 22-5. However, it wasn't long before Baz was given a pop at another penalty which he slotted with style, 25-5. Another penalty shortly after went wide. Around this time, Ollie came off with an over-stretched ankle and was replaced by Ren.

Renegades kept up the pressure and a penalty into the Cambridge 22 saw a maul set up from the Lineout which powered over the Cambridge Line. The ball was very close to the dead ball line when Fabs realised he was over the line and touched down. The conversion came back off the post, 30-5.

Just before half time, Elbow broke through with support from BFT. His beautifully timed pass set Tom up nicely to score under the posts. Baz made short work of the conversion, 37-5. That's how it remained until the interval. Psycho came on for Booe. Ollie came back on relieving Ren.

Renegades kicked off the second half and Ollie charged through and captured the ball. The pressure was maintained by the Renegades and another penalty was converted by Baz, 40-5. While the pressure was maintained, the scoring did not come as easily as in the first half. Some great breaks by Ross gained huge amounts of territory but did not result in scores. One in particular would have been a sure try if Tucker hadn't passed the ball to Ross's feet.

At one point, some good hands from the Cambridge backs saw then threaten the Renegades line but solid defence from Ben and Stockers denied them. Renegades came back and Harry took advantage of the knackered Cambridge backline to run 2/3 the length of the pitch to score under the posts. Baz converted, 47-5.

Cambridge retained possession from the kickoff and shifted it along the line to score a well-worked try which was converted, 47-12. That's how it stayed.

It was an excellent performance by Renegades. No higher praise than from Cambridge themselves who said in their match report: "Cottenham were relentless in their approach, beating Cambridge in every facet of the game. With controlled aggression, they set a platform of good, clean ball to run in some very impressive tries." That is high praise indeed from respected opponents.

### Scores

Tries: Harry Mills (2), Stuart Fabio Faben (2), Ben Powell, Tom Powell

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' Mackay (4)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' Mackay (3)



Jack Branton for all round great play– not bad for game number 4!



Tucker for passing to Ross's feet.

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