



Match Report

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Home Newmarket

Lost 20-25



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Jack Mills 2) Elliot Roberts 3) Mikey Goode
- 4) Tom 'BFT' Powell 5) Dave Cook
- 6) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 7) Ollie Witt 8) Harry 'H-bomb' Mills
- 9) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Will Blackwell 12) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 13) Jack Weatherly 14) Dave Fletcher-Morris
- 15) Tobi Rayner

Replacements

- 16) Ben Powell 17) Chris 'Psycho' Edwards 18) Ren Pesci
- 19) Jack Branton, 20) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

This was the big one – the league decider. Newmarket were three points ahead of Renegades and a clear win either way would clinch the number one spot in the league. We were honoured to be provided with a referee and two line-judges from CUDRRS. Conditions were good, but a strong wind ran the length of the pitch and was likely to be a big influence on the game.

Renegades kicked off with their backs to the wind. The game was only a couple of minutes old when Newmarket conceded a kickable penalty. Baz did the honours, 3-0. Newmarket responded with a counter attack which saw them well into the Renegades 22. A knock on relieved the pressure and Renegades advanced towards the Newmarket line. Some lovely hands saw Renegades close on the try line before a lovely pass from Elliot over the head of a Newmarket player found Will who finished the job near the left corner. The very difficult conversion was struck beautifully and sailed between the posts, 10-0.

The game progressed slowly with both sides advancing and retreating. The most striking feature of this period was the frequency and length of the stoppages which happened to tend to injured Newmarket players. One could be forgiven for thinking that some gamesmanship was being employed by Newmarket to disrupt Renegades' rhythm.

As half time approached both teams were awarded and converted penalties which saw the score at 13-3 at the interval.

Just the one half-time change: Psycho on for Jack Mills.

Newmarket restarted with the kick going out on the full Renegades took the scrum and advanced. Something happened which few people saw as it was a bit of late tackle, but the upshot was a yellow card for Tobi. The second half was not very old when the Newmarket 11 had some kick and chase into the right corner where he touched down. The conversion missed, 13-8.

It wasn't long before the Newmarket 10 hoofed the ball back down the field. A knock on gave them a scrum and they scored another try which was converted, 13-15. Renegades attacked again and again but the Newmarket defence was solid. Another Newmarket attack along the right-hand side saw one of their players cross the line and make it across to the posts before touching down. The conversion was straightforward, 13-22.

This was followed by a Newmarket yellow card. Ben came on for Major Dave. Newmarket attacked again but this time the Renegades defence held, and they were driven back. The game ebbed and flowed for a while before Will had to come off allowing Major Dave back on to the pitch on the wing. Some good hands in the Renegades half saw Ben break through the Newmarket line and power away from the chasing defenders. He touched down under the Newmarket posts, allowing Baz to make easy work of the conversion, 20-22.

Newmarket piled on pressure and shortly afterwards, they got a penalty and used the opportunity to open the gap t five points, 20-25. And that's how it finished.

It was disappointing for Renegades to lose to Newmarket, but it was a great game of rugby to watch and both sides worked hard to win the game. Sadly, Renegades proceed into the next round of the league with only a single point in their account.

Scores

Tries: Will Blackwell, Ben Powell

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (2)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (2)



Stuart 'Fabio' Faben – for all round performance.



Dan Stockbridge – roll-over for chair avoidance

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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