



Match Report

Apr 6

Away Colchester III

Lost 24-51



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Michael Goode 2) Ren Pesci 3) Michael Denman
- 4) Adam 'Speedie' Richards 5) Jack Branton
- 6) Craig Simpson 7) Harry 'H-bomb' Mills 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 9) Rolando Pesci 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Tobi Rayner 12) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 13) Ross Catchpole 14) John Bateson
- 15) Ollie Witt

Replacements

- 16) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 17) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

It was a long drive to Britain's oldest recorded town, but we were greeted by a founding Renegade, Rik Relph, back from France for the birth of his second grandchild. Colchester rugby club was extensive with four pitches and a large clubhouse. The weather was disappointingly overcast and cold.

Colchester kicked off and attacked straight away. Renegades held out and countered into the Colchester 22. However, Colchester came back, kicking touch inside the Renegades 22. The lineout was lost and Colchester began to spread the ball right. A cheeky cross-field kick was caught by the winger who crossed the Renegades line and made good ground back towards the posts before touching down. Whether he was behind the kicker when the ball was kicked will forever remain a mystery. His efforts behind the line were rewarded with a conversion, 0-7.

Both sides made advances and were driven back before a penalty saw Baz take the Renegades well into the Colchester 22. The lineout went to Harry who made yards before offloading to Baz who passed to Ross who powered over the line with three defenders hanging off him. Baz slotted the conversion, 7-7.

A short time later, a kick ahead by Colchester was taken by their winger who was not going to be stopped. The conversion was good, 7-14. A few minutes later a kickable penalty inside the Colchester half was converted by Baz, 10-14. Colchester managed another try (unconverted), a

penalty (converted) and a try (unconverted) to leave the half time score at Renegades 10, Colchester 27.

Baz had to attend to a call of nature during the interval (dicky tummy). As the game restarted there was no sign of him so Billbob was called on. It was only a matter of a minute or so before Baz reappeared. This must be close to a record for the shortest cameo in a Renegades shirt.

Colchester pushed forward and were soon threatening the Renegades line. Staunch defence held them for some time. With a ruck under the posts, the ball popped out and a Colchester player picked it up and fell over the line. The conversion was simple, 10-34.

Renegades responded by taking the attack to Colchester. The ball went through the hands to Harry who bashed through a tiny gap in the Colchester line to score under the posts. Baz converted, 17-34. Heartened, Renegades attacked again and held the game in the Colchester 22 for a while. It was a promising passage of play but unfortunately, it went unrewarded and Colchester attacked back and got an unconverted try, 17-39.

This was followed by two further Colchester tries, one of which was converted. However, there was still life in Renegades who managed to haul one back with a lovely try from Tobi which Baz converted. The score remained Renegades 24, Colchester 51. The final whistle was greeted with relief by players and spectators alike. The weather had turned unpleasant with heavy drizzle mixed with cold winds.

Disappointing to go down to a fourth defeat in a row. All credit to Colchester who were disciplined, excellent in set pieces and took opportunities when they arose.

Scores

Tries: Ross Catchpole, Harry Mills, Tobi Rayner

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (3)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay



Harry Mills for many carries and a nice try.



Rolando for getting injured so quickly (Tobi selflessly sank his pint as Rolando was driving)

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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



