



## Match Report

Oct 19

Away Cambridge 3

Won 63-12



### Team

#### Starting Lineup

- 1) Jack 'Chinese' Mills
- 2) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard
- 3) Josh Cox
- 4) Aaron Stevens
- 5) Adam 'Speedie' Richards
- 6) Jake Sweet
- 7) Ryan Cox
- 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 9) Craig Simpson
- 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 11) Michael Did-Dell
- 12) Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills
- 13) Sam Weatherall
- 14) Jon Farrar
- 15) Ross Catchpole

#### Replacements

- 16) Ren Pesci
- 17) Morgan Stephens
- 18) Tobi 'SP' Rayner
- 19) Will 'Topknot' Blackwell
- 20) Michael Goode
- 21) Will 'Will Power' Parker
- 22) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

### Report

After the exotic newness of meeting Writtle Wanderers last week, Renegades returned to more familiar opponents playing Cambridge 3 at Volac Park. It was a busy day at Volac, with all three men's teams playing at home. Renegades gathered with good numbers in the sumptuous changing rooms that Cambridge have since their building works last year. Weather conditions were cloudy and cool. The sun threatened to shine but never actually did. Renegades started with the gentle breeze to their backs.

Cambridge kicked off, and Renegades put pressure on from the outset. An early penalty was converted by Stockers, 3-0. A few minutes later, Stockers was in action again, launching a beautiful kick from around half-way which bounced in the Cambridge 22 and rolled towards the Cambridge line. Good chasing forced the Cambridge defender to cross the line and touch down, conceding a 5m scrum. The ball went to Ross and there were a few interchanges between Harry and Ross before Harry pirouetted out of a tackle across the line to score. The conversion missed. 8-0.

Continued Renegades pressure saw Shep make a nice break through the middle, feeding Speedie who carried before passing to Josh who progressed towards the line, offloading to Chinese, just before the line. Jack was not to be stopped and crashed over under the posts. Stockers slotted the conversion, 15-0.

This was followed shortly by a break through the middle by Ross, who fed Jon who looked like scoring but was caught and fed Ryan Cox, who touched down under the posts. Stockers added the extra two, 22-0. A while later, Aaron broke through the Cambridge line and powered towards the Cambridge line. Shep was there all the way in support, but he wasn't needed. Aaron was relieved to lie down under the posts. Dan's conversion attempt was true, 29-0.

A Renegades penalty went for the posts and Dan converted, 31-0. (Any rumours that the decision to go for the posts was driven by Dan's maniacal drive to put as many points between himself and Baz are scurrilous and should not be repeated in polite society).

As the half drew to a close, Josh broke the Cambridge line and, handing off Cambridge players, executed a lovely one-handed offload to Jake who sped off for a long run to score under the posts. Dan converted once again, 39-0. The referee called half time shortly afterwards.

Rolando called quite a few changes at the interval. Morgan came on at scrum half with Craig moving to blind side flanker allowing Jake time to rest his legs after that epic run. New wings with Topknot coming on for Mike Did-Dell and Tobi for Jon Farrer. Big Mike came on to the front row with Chinese moving to second row, giving Aaron's legs a chance to recover from his heroic first half shift.

The second half began with a resurgent Cambridge. They grabbed a quick try after the restart with some lovely attacking rugby. The conversion missed but it was a signal, 39-5. Renegades responded with great attacking runs from Tobi and from Craig. The ball went to Morgan, who crashed over the line with a Cambridge player hanging off his neck. The conversion missed, 44-5.

Cambridge asserted they were still in the game with a great attacking run by one of their fast young players which resulted in a try which was converted, 44-12. Will P(ower) came on for a knackered Speedie. A slightly surprised Renegades upped their game and attacked again. A lovely pop up from the floor (sorry, didn't see who popped it), saw Shep break the Cambridge line and canter home to score a try which Stockers dutifully converted, 51-12.

The pace of the game slowed, and the Cambridge line was not so easily breached. There was some ebb and flow before Topknot decided to breach the Cambridge line by dinking over the top (to Rolando's immediate distress). A Cambridge player caught the kick but then decided to drop it again. By that time Will was all over him, grabbed the ball and ran over to score. Stockers extended his lead over Baz by another two, 58-12.

Cambridge attacked again and drove Renegades back to their try line. The pressure was relieved when Tobi got the ball behind the line and set off on a long run, breaking and avoiding tackles like a man possessed. Eventually, he was brought down inside the Cambridge 22 but coolly popped the ball up to Craig whose support running was superb. Craig finished the deal touching down mid-way between the right touch line and the posts. The conversion was close but no cigar, 63-12.

The closing minutes of the game saw Cambridge come back again. Inside the Renegades 22, Tobi attempted an intercept, but the referee judged it to be a slap down. Tobi got a yellow for his trouble. He never came back on as time was called a couple of minutes later.

It was a good performance again from a strong squad. Back to Cottenham to host Cantabs next week. When Renegades have played them, all teams in the league will have been met once.



Cambridge was the last run out for Sam Weatherall before moving to Northern Ireland. His time with Renegades was short, but he made a big impact. We wish him well in his new location and look forward to availing of a tour opportunity in the future!

### Scores

Tries: Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills, Jack Mills, Ryan Cox, Aaron Stevens, Jake Sweet, Morgan Stephens, Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard, Will 'Topknot' Blackwell, Craig Simpson

Conversions: Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge (6)

Penalties: Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge (2)



Jack 'Chinese' Mills for all round graft and a lovely try.



Tobi 'SP' Rayner for his yellow card for a deliberate slap down

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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Ross with RAF cover

