

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

**Dec 14**

**Home Cambridge 3**

**Won 15-10**



### Team

#### *Starting Lineup*

- 1) Josh Cox 2) Michael Goode 3) Jack 'Chinese' Mills  
4) Sam Jones 5) Jake Sweet  
6) Ryan Cox 7) Tom 'Proccy' Procter 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell  
9) Morgan Stephens 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay  
11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Ross Catchpole 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Tobi Rayner  
15) Ollie Witt

#### *Replacements*

- 16) Dan Stockbridge 17) Dougie Ellis 18) Ren Pesci 19) Steve Marsh  
20) John Bateson 21) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

### Report

The rain cleared on the morning of the game and the sky turned a promising shade of blue. However, it was cold and the wind was strong and increasingly bitter as Renegades assembled for a contest with arch rivals and respected opponents, Cambridge III.

Cambridge kicked off and Renegades advanced steadily into the Cambridge half. The advance continued into the Cambridge 22 where a penalty was awarded to Renegades. Baz claimed the three points confidently despite the raging gale, 3-0.

Both sides contested the next period of the game with equal ferocity. Eventually another penalty came Renegades way but this time the ball came back off the upright. This was followed in short order by another penalty which Baz slotted perfectly, 6-0.

Cambridge attacked with intensity and moved towards the Renegades line. Several offsidess saw Cambridge move into kicking range and the final offside was converted into three points by the Cambridge kicker, 6-3.

As half time approached, another penalty gave Baz the chance to add another three points which he did with assurance, 9-3. Half time followed immediately. Dougie came on, with Morgan moving to the wing and Michael Did-Dell coming off for a well-earned rest.



The second half began with frenzied attacking and defence by both sides. As the half wore on, Cambridge seemed to be gaining the upper hand and they were soon camped in the Renegades 22. Stout defence was shown by Renegades, but the pressure intensified as Cambridge advanced to the Renegades line. Still Renegades held as Cambridge tried to bash over the line. The attempts kept coming as the ball moved towards the Renegades posts. Finally, a cut back inside saw Cambridge touch down. The challenging conversion was good, moving Cambridge into the lead, 9-10.

Shortly after, Renegades has the opportunity to regain the lead with a very kickable penalty in front of the Cambridge posts. However, backchat caused the referee to reverse the penalty letting Cambridge keep their nose in front.

Renegades piled on the pressure as the final quarter began. Some more fluent play saw them move into the Cambridge 22 for the first time in a long time. The work was rewarded when another penalty allowed Baz to regain the lead, 12-10. Ren came on for Sam Jones.

Renegades kept the pressure up and kept attacking only to be held out or occasionally a spilled ball allowed Cambridge to relieve the pressure. Eventually another penalty was conceded by Cambridge and Baz added to the lead, 15-10.

That's how it remained for the final few nerve-wracking minutes. The final whistle was greeted with some relief by Renegades players and supporters alike.

It was a tough contest in which Renegades managed to grind out a win against a greatly improved Cambridge side. Some very good performances were delivered, not least by Proccy who revelled in carrying the ball against a bunch of soft southerners and Baz, whose five penalties scored from six attempts was impressive given the appalling crosswind he had to deal with.

### Scores

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (5)



Ren for outstanding ball stealing at an advanced age.



Michael Goode for verbals at the referee which reversed a penalty.

*Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*

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