Renegades Rugby

Match Report

Jan 22 Home Cantabs 2

Won 74-0



Team

Starting Lineup

Ryan 'Duff' Duffy 2) Callum Wilkins 3) Jack 'Chinese' Mills

 4) Aaron Stevens 5) Chris 'Machine' Machen
 6) Ollie 'Mad Dog' Witt 7) Elliott 'Elbow' Roberts 8) Tom 'BFT' Powell
 9) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay

 11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Harry Mills 13) Tom 'Proccy' Procter 14) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote

 15) Ross Catchpole

Replacements

16) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard 17) Ryan Cox, 18) Micheal Goode 19) Geoff Kirby 20) Dougie Ellis (injured in warm up)

Report

It was a glorious January afternoon when Cantabs came to Cottenham. It was a crucial game for Renegades with a bonus point win needed to sneak past Shelford 3 into second place in the league. Nothing less would suffice.

Renegades clearly felt the pressure and for the first twenty minutes or so, probably tried too hard making errors and facing some determined play from Cantabs. Eventually a good attacking move saw Renegades well into the Cantabs 22 with a two-man overlap. Proccy finished in the left corner. The conversion missed, 5-0.

This was followed by a nice break from Tucker who made many yards before offloading to Aaron who powered towards the line. He was chopped just short. Duff had another go and was stopped. The ref then paused the game to attend to Elbow who had twisted his ankle and had to come off and was replaced by Ryan Cox. Play re-started with a scrum and a good drive resulted in a ruck on the Cantabs line. Machine got the ball and handed it to Callum who spun over the line to score. Baz added the extra two, 12-0.

A short while later, a Cantabs scrum was reversed, and Stockers passed to a charging Ross who ran through a gap in the Cantabs line to score under the posts. Baz converted, 19-0.













As half time approached, Harry made a great break with Ross running in support. The two approached the Cantabs full back and Harry drew and passed to Ross who charged through the Cantabs 22 to score under the posts. Baz converted, 26-0. Bonus point achieved before half time!

During the break Rolando made some changes bringing Geoff on for Mike Did-Dell, Shep on for Callum and Big Mike on for Jack.

The second half opened with a nice attacking move through the hands with Big Mike scoring in the right corner. Baz missed the conversion because little Eddie distracted him as he prepared for the kick, 31-0.

Cantabs rallied at this point and put Renegades under considerable pressure camping on the Renegades line for a few minutes. Eventually, Renegades stripped the ball and kicked clear.

Ollie made a nice break through the Cantabs line and a nice little swerve around the full back to score near the posts. Baz added the extras, 38-0. Renegades kept turning the screw and kept Cantabs under intense pressure. Eventually Stockers crashed over. The conversion attempt was charged down which was most unusual but not entirely unheard of. 43-0.

A scrum in the Cantabs 22 saw Stockers go blind into the right corner and score. The extremely challenging conversion was beautifully struck and sailed between the uprights, 50-0.

Another scrum in a similar situation saw Stockers go blind again but passing to a speeding Tucker who scored in the corner. The conversion missed, 55-0.

A short while later we saw another of Ross's runs through the middle of the Cantabs line to touch down under the posts and the conversion was good, 62-0. This was followed by another Harry/Ross double act with Harry breaking and feeding Ross who finished with his fourth of the afternoon. The conversion missed, 67-0.

As the game drew into its closing moments, Geoff got the ball just outside the Renegades 22. He started a howling run along the right touchline with Cantabs players desperately trying to catch him. They couldn't although one doggedly chased on as Geoff cut in towards the posts. As he approached the line the Cantabs player launched himself at Geoff and almost buy didn't quite grab his shorts. Geoff touched down and the conversion was simple for Baz. The final whistle went.

Quote of the day: Dave Steward: "I don't think old Geoff is as quick as he used to be." 10 minutes before Geoff confirmed that he definitely is as quick as he used to be!



Ross Catchpole for an all-round brilliant performance running from deep and creating chances, some of which he finished himself.



Ollie Witt for passing to the opposition twice!













Scores

Tries: Ross Catchpole (4), Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge (2) Tom 'Proccy' Procter, Callum Wilkins, Michael Goode, Ollie Witt, Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote, Geoff Kirby

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (7)

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
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