



## Match Report

Nov 26

Away Norwich Union

Lost 29-7



### Team

#### Starting Lineup

- 1) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 2) Geoff Kirby
- 3) Michael 'Big Mile' Goode
- 4) Nic Mainiero
- 5) Jack 'Chinese' Mills
- 6) Jake Sweet
- 7) Daniel Philips
- 8) George Mills
- 9) Doug Ellis
- 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 11) Josh Vail
- 12) Tom 'Proccy' Procter
- 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote
- 14) Michael Did-Dell
- 15) Ollie Witt

#### Replacements

The bench was empty

### Report

Winter 2022 was beginning to assert itself as Renegades gathered for a long-anticipated game of rugby against Norwich Union to be followed by an evening of bacchanalian excess. The wind around the pitch was very cold and those on the side line soon felt well chilled.

Renegades kicked off and the game settled into a pattern of both sides attacking but not finishing. There were lots of scrums and the battle of the packs looked fairly evenly matched. There were lots of penalties too, mainly in Renegades favour as the referee policed the offside rule pretty rigorously. After about 15 minutes, Union managed to get one over the line in the right corner. The conversion missed, 5-0.

Renegades went on the attack and a nice kick through by Jake looked promising, but he was chopped off the ball and it went dead anyway. A while later, Union had progressed up to the Renegades line and were there for a little while when the referee theatrically awarded Union a Penalty try, 12-0.

The two teams continued to ebb and flow with nothing coming by way of points. A very good driving maul by Renegades made many yards before the ball was spilled and the initiative lost. Renegades continued to attack up to the interval but didn't manage to get any points on the scoresheet before half time.

A few minutes into the second half and Union got a running maul going which resulted in a try to the left of the posts. The conversion missed, 17-0. This was followed in short order by another Union

attack with tackles being broken all over the place and they score in the left corner. The conversion missed again, 22-0. There was another break by Union along the right touch and it looked like they were on course to score again. However, George Mills had other ideas and hunted the ball carrier down, tackling him as he approached the Renegades 22 and forced him to spill the ball forward.

As the game approached the 70<sup>th</sup> minute, a Union player got a yellow card for calling for the ball when Renegades were attacking. Unsportsmanlike conduct apparently (LAW 9: Misconduct: A player must not do anything that is against the spirit of good sportsmanship). The offending player was aggrieved!

Renegades attacked again and this time Proccy managed to cross the Union line and touch down for a try. Stockers slotted the conversion. Jack Mills finally had to listen to his ankle and the sides were level at 14 players each for the rest of the game.

As the game drew to a close, Union made another break and scored to the right of Renegades posts. This time, the conversion was nicely struck and sailed between the posts, 29-7. The referee blew for full time, and everyone headed for the warmth of the clubhouse as soon as the post-game niceties had been observed.

The score was harsh on Renegades. It was a very entertaining game to watch, and good rugby played by both sides. We look forward to hosting Union when they come to Cottenham in the Spring.



Jack 'Chinese' Mills for stepping up and playing when his ankle was not right.



Tom 'BFT' Powell for losing control of the ball at the back of a dominant maul.

### Scores

Tries: Tom 'Proccy' Procter

Conversions: Dan 'Stokers' Stockbridge

*Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*

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