



## Match Report

**Nov 11**

**Home Norwich Crusaders**

**Won 20-15**



### Team

#### *Starting Lineup*

- 1) Tom 'BFT' Powell 2) Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins 3) Toby Sanders  
4) Ben 'Scrabble' Molyneux-Hetherington 5) Geoff Kirby  
6) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers 7) Ollie Witt 8) Ben 'BFB' Powell  
9) George 'Buttons' Mills 10) Tom 'Proccy' Procter  
11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Harry Mills 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Josh 'Slugz' Vail  
15) Will 'Topknot' Blackwell

#### *Replacements*

- 16) Fraser 'Spongebob' Johnson, 17) Louis Harhalakis 18) Dan Phillips

### Report

The weather was lovely as Norwich Crusaders came to Cottenham for the first time. Early in the game, Crusaders were exerting pressure inside the Renegades 22, when Renegades got the ball back and Proccy ran it out and executed a fine 50-22 kick. The lineout didn't come to anything, and it was a scrum to Crusaders on their 22. Renegades destroyed the Crusaders scrum and got a 5m penalty. It was decided to run it and Toby powered over for the first score of the afternoon and his first score for Renegades. Sadly, the conversion missed, 5-0.

Some good power running from Ben took Renegades back into the Crusaders half. Harry took a hard hit but recovered and carried on. Sustained Renegades pressure was met with staunch defence but one defensive infringement too many saw a Crusader walk to the bin. Renegades got a penalty scrum on the 5m line and a lovely run on the blind side saw three Renegades take on one crusader. Proccy crashed over. The challenging conversion attempt missed, 10-0. Louis on for Dids after he took a smack to the nose.

A little while later Crusaders opened their account with a penalty, 10-3. Following this, Crusaders enjoyed a period of pressure but eventually concede a penalty. A series of infringements saw Renegades advance up the field and into the Crusaders 22. Further infringements saw another 5m penalty. Good hands out to Topknot saw him touch down in the corner. The conversion went awry again, 15-3. That's how it remained until the interval.

Half time change, Spongebob on for Scrabble.

The first 30 minutes of the second half saw a series of penalties for Crusaders that nibbled away at the Renegades lead until they equalised with about 10 minutes to go. Things were looking a bit grim, and the decent half-time lead was gone. Could they keep it up and snatch the game? A few minutes later, a Renegades penalty put the ball into the Crusaders 22. The attacking lineout saw the ball go to Slugz who scored in the corner. Another difficult conversion missed, 20-15.

Crusaders threw everything into coming back into the game and a penalty saw them get a lineout attempt on the Renegades 5m line. The danger was relieved when the lineout went to Renegades and the ball was unceremoniously kicked off the field to trigger the final whistle. Renegades first league victory this season, and a bonus point to boot! It was a moment to savour.



Ollie Witt for hard graft around the pitch



Proccy for turning a knock on into a penalty and gifting Crusaders a soft three points.

## Scores

Try: Toby Sanders, Tom 'Proccy' Procter, Will 'Topknot' Blackwell, Josh 'Slugz' Vail

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