

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Sep 27

Away Cambridge 3

Draw 38-38



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Geoff Kirby 2) Kes Duxbury 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
4) Dick 'El Presidente' Wallin (Cambridge) 5) Bobby Menezes
6) Jake Smith 7) Lewis Pennett 8) Harry Hurst (Cambridge)
9) Brendan Salmon 10) Aaron Stevens
11) Quentin Jeffrey (Cambridge) 12) Seb Ryan 13) Nathan Williamson 14) Jay Appell (Cambridge)
15) Zach Briggs (Cambridge)

Replacements

There were no replacements

Report

It was always going to be a challenge to put together a team for this long-arranged pre-season friendly with our old friends at Cambridge. We managed to reach the dizzy heights of 12 players available before falling back to 10 on the day. Cambridge were very supportive and completely depleted their bench to lend Renegades the five players needed to make up 15. That was greatly appreciated by all Renegades present.

Renegades kicked off and advanced well into the Cambridge 22. The ball was moving right across the field when Nathan spotted a gap and cut through it to score to the right of the posts. Brendan slotted the conversion, 0-7. It was a good start. A few minutes later, a penalty close to the Cambridge 22 saw BFT tap and go and get very close to the line before being brought down. Geoff picked and crossed the line, again to the right of the posts. Brendan once again added the extras, 0-14.

Renegades came again and camped in the Cambridge 22. A penalty for a high tackle saw the Cambridge defenders fail to give 10m. Jake was tackled on the line and forced to drop the ball, but the referee judged the tackle to be illegal and awarded a penalty try, 0-21.

One of the Cambridge props was forced off with a neck injury and so Dick Wallin came off the to balance the teams at 14 all.



Things were beginning to look a bit one sided, but Cambridge began to come back into the game. A lovely break through the middle nearly yielded fruit, but the offload when the runner was brought down was judged to be forward. This was followed a short while later by another break through the middle resulting in some nice Cambridge hands feeding their 15 who scored to the right of the posts. The conversion was good, 7-21.

As half time approached, one of the Cambridge centres made another strong carry through the middle before offloading to their super-fast 15. He made sure of the five points, but the conversion pulled across the posts and narrowly missed, 12-21.

Half time saw a raft of changes as Cambridge swapped the players lent to Renegades. Zach was replaced by Tim Edwards, Harry by Adrian Smith, Jay by Tom Lindsey and Quentin by Tyler Sutherland. Jake Smith was forced to withdraw due to a neck injury allowing Dick Wallin back on to keep the numbers even.

Cambridge kicked off and came within a whisker of regathering their own kick. The game ebbed and flowed for a while before Renegades got a penalty and Brendan took the lineout to just outside the Cambridge 5m line. Renegades won the lineout and after a slight hesitation, set up a driving maul over the Cambridge line with Bobby crashing down to score. The conversion attempt came back off the post, 12-26.

Cambridge built an attack, and some fluent handling gave them a converted try, 19-26. A while later Renegades attacked and some fluent handling of their own saw Adrian Smith crash over for a try. The conversion attempt came back of the post for the second time, 19-31. This was followed by a screaming run along the right touch by the Cambridge 11 to score in the corner. The conversion missed, 24-31.

Renegades responded by building and a ruck formed just outside the Cambridge 22. Tom Lindsey picked and went and was too fast to be stopped. Brendan added the extras, 24-38. In the last 10 minutes, Cambridge managed some very nice handling and running to put another two converted tries past Renegades to bring the final score to a nicely balanced 38-38. A fair result for an entertaining afternoon of rugby.



Bobby Menezes for a cracking debut performance.



Geoff Kirby for forgetting to bring the water bottles.

Scores

Tries: Nathan Williamson, Geoff Kirby, Penalty Try, Bobby Menezes, Adrian Smith (Cambridge), Tom Lindsey (Cambridge)

Conversions: Brendan Salmon (3)

Match Report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

