

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Oct 11

Away Cantabs 2

Won 41-47



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Nic Mainiero 2) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
4) Bobby Menezes 5) Matija Krkovic
6) Richard 'BTW' Fickling 7) Lewis Pennett 8) Jake Smith
9) Doug Ellis 10) Brendan Salmon
11) Michael 'Dids' Did-Dell 12) Tom 'Proccy' Procter 13) Geoff Kirby 14) Dan Phillips
15) Nathan Williamson

Replacements

Kes Duxbury

Report

There was an autumnal chill in the air as the teams prepared for the game at Sedley Taylor Road. However, the ground was still very firm reflecting the low rainfall in the preceding weeks. Cantabs had 17 players (including their two coaches) and Renegades had 16 (a bench!).

Cantabs started well and within a few minutes were 12-0 up following a quick converted try followed by another which remained unconverted. Cantabs were a much-improved side from last season and were playing a good attacking game. About 15 minutes in Proccy made a break through the middle and Cantabs were unable to contain him. Brendan converted, 12-7. Cantabs responded with another converted try, 19-7. Five minutes later, a good kick along the right touchline by Dan took the ball over the Cantabs goal line. Renegades piled on the pressure and regained the ball in a great attacking position. Proccy made some yards before offloading to Dougie who sniped over the line to score to the left of the posts. Brendan converted, 19-14.

Cantabs lost one of their players to a head injury. He was replaced by one of the coaches. A good move by Renegades saw them advance into the Cantabs 22 with the ball spun wide to Dids who speeded over the line to score in the left corner. The challenging conversion missed, 19-19.

In the final moments of the first half, Cantabs came again and spread the ball to the left resulting in a try in the left corner. They missed the conversion, 24-19. The referee blew for half time. Cantabs were down to 14 on the pitch having suffered a head injury and a broken nose.



The second half started well for Renegades. The kickoff was knocked on by Cantabs and that gave Renegades a platform to pile some pressure onto Cantabs. Brendan kicked over and the ball went wide to Dids who sped along the left touchline making many yards. He was stopped and the ball came back right to Proccy who scored. Brendan slotted the conversion, 24-26.

Richard took this opportunity to come off making way for Kes. Renegades were very fortunate to hold on to their slim lead when Cantabs managed to butcher a massive overlap and let Renegades off. Renegades responded with a great break by Brendan supported by Dids, Doug and Proccy. A ruck inside the Cantabs 22 saw the ball spun out to Proccy who scored. Brendan finished what he started with the conversion, 24-33.

A scrum in mid field didn't seem to have much potential but a dummy from Doug gave him the gap to speed up the pitch with Proccy in support. Inside the Cantabs 22, he offloaded to Proccy who scored to the right of the posts. The conversion went over off the left post, 24-40. Jake was forced off with a knee injury, so Richard was back on for the duration.

Cantabs response was to score in the left corner and then convert a very challenging conversion, 31-40. Renegades came again and a break by Proccy advanced up the field before offloading to Dids who powered along the left touch line over the line and made a sharp right turn to touch down under the posts, making the conversion simple for Brendan, 31-47.

The dying minutes of the game went Cantabs way, and they managed to grab a couple of unconverted tries to earn themselves a second bonus point and make Renegades players and supporters nervous that they might manage to take the game back. However, Renegades managed to hang on to win what everyone agreed was a great afternoon of rugby.



Bobby Menezes for a great shift.



Brendan Salmon for a butchered kick (harsh!)

Scores

Tries: Tom 'Proccy' Procter (4), Michael 'Dids' Did-Dell (2), Doug Ellis

Conversions: Brendan Salmon (6)

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