



Match Report

Nov 8

Away Peterborough 2

Lost 41-32



Team

Starting Lineup

1) Geoff Kirby 2) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
4) Nic Mainiero 5) Ryan Cox
6) Lewis Pannett 7) Jake Smith 8) Bobby Menezes
9) Doug Ellis 10) Brendan Salmon
11) Dan Philips 12) Alfie Salmon 13) Tom 'Proccy' Procter 14) Michael 'Dids' Did Dell
15) Barney Baker

Replacements

16) Richard 'BTW' Fickling, 17) Ethan George

Report

It was an unseasonably mild November afternoon when Renegades gathered at Peterborough's ground. Despite the industrial surroundings, Peterborough has a very nice set up with three pitches and nice facilities. The euphoria about numbers from earlier in the week subsided a little as the reality was 17 players on the day rather the anticipated 20. Still, luxury compared to previous weeks.

A two-minute silence was held on the first team pitch with four teams and officials respectfully observing the silence.

Then both games got underway, with Peterborough kicking off. Things seemed evenly balanced in the early minutes with both teams probing. An early scrum about 10 minutes in halfway between the halfway and Renegades 25 saw the Renegades pack destroy the Peterborough scrum, driving it back many yards. However, Peterborough managed to recover, and a testing kick took Peterborough deeply into the Renegades 22. The threat increased and Peterborough came very close to the Renegades line before being driven back. A short while later the Peterborough 14 made a screaming run along the right touchline for $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the pitch. Brendan nearly got him with a tap tackle, but he went over to open the Peterborough account. The conversion was good, 7-0.

A short while later, the Peterborough scrum half intercepted a pass and ran from inside his own 22. He almost made the line but was chopped by Ryan Cox. However, he popped up to a support runner who scored under the posts. The conversion was never in doubt, 14-0.

A while later, the Peterborough 10 managed a break through the middle and ran almost to the line before being chopped. However, there was plenty of support and the ball was spun to the left to score a third try. This time the conversion missed, 19-0.

Things were looking a bit bleak for Renegades, but heads did not drop. Instead, Renegades went on the offensive and powered up the field. The ball went wide left to Dids and then went back through the hands again to Proccy who powered over about 10m from the right corner. The conversion missed, 19-5.

As half time approached, Bobby suffered a hamstring injury which forced him off. Dan Phillips went into the pack and Ethan came on for his Renegades debut. Before the break was called, Peterborough managed another try in the right corner. The conversion was missed, 24-5.

Half time was called, and Renegades had a mountain to climb to get back into the game.

Early in the second half, Ryan Cox dislocated one of his fingers; it was at a most peculiar angle. As Richard F prepared to come on, Richard C yanked it back into position and Ryan went back on. Shortly after this Renegades were awarded a penalty and the resulting lineout set up a driving maul which trundled diagonally towards the posts. A Peterborough infringement gave a penalty to Renegades, and Doug took the tap to Proccy who crashed over. Brendan slotted the conversion, 24-12.

Shortly afterwards, Proccy had a magnificent break through the Peterborough line and charged up the pitch. He was brought down and at the subsequent breakdown, Peterborough stole the ball and their 10 reversed the play and charged half the length of the pitch to score under the posts. The conversion was simple, 31-12.

A while later, Renegades were awarded a penalty inside the Peterborough 22. The well-trying formula of Doug to Proccy was deployed again and this time Peterborough didn't even lay a finger on him. The conversion missed, 31-17. A while later, Brendan (possibly accidentally) headed the ball over the Peterborough defensive line and regained the ball. Intense pressure by Renegades advanced the ball into the Peterborough 22. Jake crashed over and the conversion was just wide, 31-22.

Renegades managed to keep up the intensity. Several Peterborough players were offside at the restart giving a scrum to Renegades. This was the platform for a relentless advance up the pitch. Peterborough defended with intensity, but Renegades gave it everything. As the ball approached the line, Proccy had a go but was stopped. Then Geoff had a go. Finally, Nic had the ball and powered over the line, 31-27. Peterborough managed another of their line breaks to run in another long try which wasn't converted, 36-27. The Peterborough 13 got a yellow card for an infringement.

Renegades kept up the pressure. They advanced into the left corner of the Peterborough 22, but the ball was ripped, and Peterborough spread the ball to their left. However, great pressure from Renegades caught their 10 with the ball behind their goal like forcing him to the ground for a 5m scrum. The scrum was won, and the ball went to Proccy who crashed over the line near the right corner. Unfortunately, neither the referee nor the linesman saw the ball being grounded. Sadly, the referee then took the word of the Peterborough supporters that the ball had been knocked on and reversed the scrum. Peterborough managed to clear the ball.

A kick by Peterborough was taken by Dids. He made some yards before giving to Geoff who bashed his way over the line to bring the score to 36-32. The conversion missed. The game was tantalisingly close as the full-time whistle approached. However, instead of another Renegades score, Peterborough managed to get another score under the Renegades posts. They butchered the conversion, 41-32. The whistle went.

Proccy summed the game up perfectly in his post-match message: *"Gents, a hard-fought game yesterday, we gave them a few soft tries in the first half but pulled it back brilliantly in the second."*



Geoff Kirby for many heroic carries.



Doug Ellis for passing the ball to the opposition

Scores

Tries: Tom 'Proccy' Procter (3), Jake Smith, Nic Maniero, Geoff Kirby

Conversions: Brendan Salmon

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