

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

April 11

Home St Ives 2

Won 73-7



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Geoff Kirby 2) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Jake Smith 5) Bobby Menezes
- 6) Peter Griffin 7) Lewis Panett 8) Tom 'Proccy' Procter
- 9) Max Haddon 10) Brendan Salmon
- 11) Ethan George 12) Max Burton 13) Alfie Salmon 14) Michael 'Dids' Did-Dell
- 15) Barney Baker

Replacements

- 16) Dan Phillips 17) Dan Auker-Howlett 18) Joe Paddison 19) Josh 'Slugz' Vail

Report

The sun shone on the pitch as Renegades and St Ives 2 gathered for the last game of the season for both clubs. Rain threatened on many occasions but never materialised. Both teams were well stocked on the bench, so there was none of the usual concerns about finishing with 15 on the pitch.

St Ives kicked off and Renegades relentlessly drove them backwards until they were defending their line. A penalty relieved the pressure on St Ives but not for long. Max Burton made a tremendous break along the left touchline from inside the Renegades half and broke several tackles before it was clear he was going to score. He cut back in and flamboyantly dived to score under the posts. Brendan added the extras, 7-0.

A few minutes later, a St Ives player intercepted a Renegades pass and had the gas to score under the posts. The conversion was good, taken from behind the posts to prevent match ball loss over the ditch, 7-7.

There followed a period of battling for supremacy with both sides waxing and waning. Eventually, a period of sustained pressure took Renegades towards the St Ives 22. BFT charged for the line but was chopped just short; Proccy picked and went, scoring just to the right of the posts. Brendan slotted the conversion, 14-7. Shortly afterwards, Ethan suffered a blow to his head and came off; he was replaced by Dan Auker-Howlett.

A while later Max Haddon was charging across the St Ives 22. He grubbered through and cheekily gathered it himself. He managed to win a penalty on the 5m line. The ball went to Proccy who scored to the right of the posts. Brendan converted, 21-7.

As half time approached, Proccy got the ball in his own half and went on one of trademark runs. The St Ives players couldn't lay a finger on him. He scored under the posts. Brendan sent the ball between the posts to claim another two, 28-7. The referee blew a short while later for the interval. Bonus point achieved in the first half! Slugz relaced Barney as the only half time change.

Renegades kicked off the second half and regained the ball quickly. Good hands saw the ball move from right to left with Geoff scoring 5m from the left touchline. Brendan made a nice job of a more challenging conversion, 35-7. Proccy came off and was replaced by Joe.

Not long on the pitch and Joe was in the thick of things. He charged at the St Ives line and appeared to cross the line only to be unable to touch down. He offloaded to Max H who ran across the posts looking for an opening. He was on the receiving end of foul play by a St Ives player for which the referee awarded a penalty try, 42-7. Dan Phillips came on for Lewis.

After another Renegades advance, Pete Griffin was powering for the line only to be chopped just short. However, he offloaded to Geoff who managed to touch down under the posts. Brendan converted, 49-7. Barney came back on to relieve Dids.

The restart was taken by Renegades and the ball passed to Bobby who powered up the field breaking several tackle attempts. He managed to get close to the St Ives 22 before offloading to Slugz who carried deep into the St Ives 22 before offloading to Max H who went for the line but was driven back and to the left before executing an outrageous out the back pass to Joe, who managed to hold on to the ball and crash over. It was a joy to watch! Brendan kept the mood going with an extra two, 56-7. Proccy gave Bobby a rest after his great run by coming back on.

From the restart the ball went to BFT who carried back to the line, drawing the defender and offloading beautifully to Geoff. The mad Mexican powered his way half the length of the pitch to score. The conversion missed, 61-7.

Two more scores were made before the final whistle. A scrum in the St Ives 22 gave Proccy the opportunity to pick and go to add his fourth try. Brendan converted, 68-7. As full time approached, Bobby crashed over to seal the deal. The conversion missed.

A try fest was a great way to finish the season. It was wonderful to have a full squad and a strong bench. Great credit to everyone who played. Let's see if we can keep that momentum going for next season!



The new blood that has invigorated the club: Dan Auker-Howlett, Max Burton, Ethan George, Peter Griffin, Max Haddon, Bobby Meneses, Alfie Salmon, Brendan Salmon.





St Ives for not coming back to the club and not telling Renegades that is what they planned to do.

Scores

Tries: Tom 'Proccy' Procter (4), Geoff Kirby (3), Max Burton, Penalty Try (Max Haddon), Joe Paddison, Bobby Meneses

Conversions: Brendan Salmon (8)

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