Renegades Rugby

Match Report

October 17 Home Cantabrigians 2 Won 38-7



Team

Starting Lineup

1) Geoff Kirby 2) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
4) Cameron Witheridge-Pearce 5) Bobby Menezes
6) Lewis Pannett 7) Dan Philips 8) Joe 'Paddy' Paddison
9) Doug Ellis 10) Brendan Salmon
11) Ethan George 12) Ross Catchpole 13) Alfie Salmon 14) Dan Auker-Howlett
15) Nathan Williamson

Replacements

16) Michael 'Dids' Did-Dell 17) Kez Duxbury 18) Dan Stockbridge
19) Jason Bruno 20) Barney Barker 21) Jake Smith

Played for Cantabs

Dan 'Happy' Proctor

Report

The weather looked a bit nasty as the Renegades warmed up with a severe shower giving everyone a dampening before the game. Fortunately, it then held off for the rest of the afternoon. There was an impressive number of Renegades warming up before the game; 22 is the largest number of Renegades kitted out on a single occasion that I have ever seen. Cantabs were short one front row, so Happy donned a blue jersey to make a game of it.

Renegades kicked off and immediately piled the pressure on. An early lineout saw the ball fed through many hands with a great carry by Dan Philips and Ross, feeding Geoff who powered over the line from 10m. Brendan slotted the conversion, 7-0.

A mere five minutes later Reengades were at it again. Great combining between Geoff and Joe and the ball was spread through the hands. Faiersy drew a defender and popped to Ross who scored in the left corner. Brendan added the extras with a super conversion kick, 14-0.

Renegades were in complete domination mode. The ball was being crashed through and BFT was having a whale of a time. Inside the Renegades half, the ball was spun wide to Ethan who launched a

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blistering run along the right side of the pitch leaving defenders in his wake. He was finally chopped well into the Cantabs 22. The ball was recycled and found Ethan again who gobbled another few yards. The ball was recycled again and spread left to a hungry Geoff who crashed over for his second try of the afternoon. Brendan converted the try, 21-0.

Having conceded 21 points, Cantabs decided to enter the game aided and abetted by some scrappy Renegades play. They made the most of the opportunity and spread the ball left to score in the left corner. The conversion was well struck and added the two points, 21-7. Cameron received a yellow card for his troubles in defence.

The try and numerical advantage put some spring into Cantabs' step. and they began to play like we always knew they could. The rampant first 15 that the Renegades enjoyed came to a juddering halt and a much more balanced contest took over. Their defence improved and they began to deny Renegades opportunities to increase the lead. Until half time, Cantabs contained the Renegades but as the interval approached, a couple of quick tap penalties, good carries and quick hands put Ross over the line in the right corner. The difficult conversion missed, 26-7.

Early in the second half, Renegades built a good attack with Ethan delivering another of his trademark runs. The recycled ball bounced off Geoff's chest and Cantabs win a scrum. The Renegades shove forced a penalty from Cantabs and the tap was taken quickly. Renegades advanced and a red ball on 5m saw BFT pick and go. There was no stopping him and he dotted down under the posts. The conversion came back off the crossbar, 31-7.

Most of the rest of the second half saw a balanced performance with both steam attacking and defending well. Barney had an unfortunate dance with a high ball that took him a while to control, only to be splatted when he did. The Cantabs 8 made a spirited solo run through the Renegades line to bring Cantabs close to scoring, but the defence held out. Jason Bruno made his debut appearance for Renegades, hopefully the first of many.

As the game drew to a close, Renegades managed a final flurry after some sustained pressure and good handling by Brendan fed Geoff from point blank range – he was over for his hat trick. Brendan added the conversion, 38-7. The game restarted and carried on for a couple of minutes before the referee called a close to the proceedings. It was a great Renegades squad performance with lovely flowing rugby in evidence throughout.



Geoff Kirby, for a hat trick and a great performance. Honourable mentions too to Paddy, Ross, Bobby and BFT. Everyone played really well.



Barney for that dance!

Scores
Tries: Geoff Kirby (3), Ross Catchpole (2), Tom 'BFT' Powell
Conversions: Brendan Salmon (4)

Match Report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy and Dan Stockbridge

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