



Match Report

8 December

Away

Cambourne Exiles

Won 63:12



Team

Starting Line-up

- 1) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell 2) Richard Cowley 3) Steve Waight
- 4) Dave 'Ken' Cook 5) Tom Wykes
- 6) Dan 'Ginger Dan' Leith 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne 8) Nick Skipworth
- 9) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben 10) Andrew 'Baz' McKay
- 11) Jonni 'Gilbert' Sewell 12) Jack Cowley 13) Josh Coughlan 14) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy
- 15) John 'JB' Bateson

Replacements

- 16) Ben Powell 18) Jonathan Burch

Report

Weather conditions were ideal for the Renegades second visit to Cambourne this season. This time a league fixture was up for grabs and Renegades showed up with many of the heavy hitters missing from the previous friendly. We remained without Pescis – both still recovering from injuries sustained during the prior visit.

Things seemed fairly evenly balanced at the start with Renegades making forays into the Cambourne half and Cambourne kicking back into the Renegades half. Eventually, Ginger Dan broke through the Cambourne defence and opened the Renegades account. Baz converted confidently. This was followed by a kickable penalty which pushed just wide.

Camborne kept coming back and tested JB repeatedly with high balls. John respond well coming back on the attack even when it looked like we were in trouble. However we kept coming back and eventually Dan broke through again to score – Baz Converted.

Cambourne were not phased though and came back to score in the left-hand corner and follow it with a conversion.

At half time the team talk was constructive and we looked forward to a second half with the wind and sun to our backs and the slope in our favour. Shortly into the second half Ben Powell appeared and Jack Cowley took the opportunity to retire before damaging his ankle again.

At this point, Ben decided to take over the game, scoring with his first touch of the ball. What followed is a bit of a blur but Ben scored many times directly in response to Cambourne kickoffs. They went something like this: Cambourne kick, Big Steve receives and takes the ball into contact. The ball is recycled and fed along to Ben who breaks the Cambourne line and scores (except when he passed the ball to Josh in a clear case of try avoidance).

We all had a little rest when we were awarded a second kickable penalty. Baz pushed it to the right but got a second bite when the penalty was re-awarded because Cambourne charged the penalty. However, he obviously liked where he put it the first time 'cos he put it there again on the second attempt.

This gave Cambourne some heart and they came back to score again. The conversion dropped short.

Renegades came back to add another two tries, one from Fabio and another from Ginger Dan.

Despite his uncharacteristically poor performance on the penalty front, Baz converted all nine tries. Would that be a Renegades record?

Two notable features of the game: we played our game plan and the pack were magnificent – the return of Steve Waight was noticeable and Richard may have found his calling as a hooker. Many tries were taken against the head and Cambourne were usually going backwards when they did win the ball.

We enjoyed the nearly luxurious changing facilities and baked potatoes

They left

We left

Scores

Try: Daniel 'Ginger Dan' Leith (4), Ben Powell (3), Josh Coughlan, Stuart 'Fabio' Faben

Conversion: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (9)



Can't be Ben he only played half, should it be Ginger Dan?



Baz for missing a penalty after having a practice and for the outrageous miss pass to who else but Bill Bob!

Report sketched out by Flora