

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

12 October

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Cantabs 2

Won 25:8



### Team

#### *Starting Line-up*

- 1) Dan 'Ginger Dan' Leith 2) Ren Pesci 3) Stuart 'Booey' Cracknell
- 4) Tom 'Old Tom' Wykes 5) Lee Gawthrouph
- 6) Chris 'Machine' Machen 7) Chris 'Glove' Milne 8) Stuart 'Fabio' Faben
- 9) Rolando Pesci 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Matt 'Paperboy' Turner 12) Tom Heathcote 13) Jack Cowley 14) Lloyd Smart
- 15) Reggi Campbell

#### *Replacements*

- 16) Matt 'Stan' Hughes 17) Peter 'Stringer' Waples 18) Graham 'Beaky' Beckford

### Report

The weather forecast had been appalling, but things didn't seem too bad as players assembled for what promised to be a tough game. The rain held off and only began to spit as the game ended.

A bigger crowd than normal was expected (and attended) as a myriad of dignitaries assembled for the President's Lunch. The first win of the afternoon was that all of them enjoyed a first class lunch in convivial circumstances and looked forward to a great afternoon of rugby. Many thanks to Shaun, Ren, Richard, Dave S and Jonathan and all the Committee, who worked so hard to make the lunch a success and huge thanks to Alexis TFM Moreau for delivering excellent food as always.

From the kickoff things were a bit fragile with both sides appearing unsure, Renegades got the territory but Cantabs looked stronger. Eventually, the territorial advantage won out and a penalty was punished by Baz (3-0). Renegades again pressed the territorial advantage and after more scrappy play gained another penalty, this time just missed.

The *War of Nutrition* continued with both teams battering each other in the middle of the park. Glove had to come off for a while to attend to his nose which was on the receiving end of a Cantabs

boot. Cantabs encroached deep into the Renegades half and were awarded and converted a penalty (3-3).

Renegades pushed back and eventually, hard work rather than beautiful rugby was rewarded when Rolando exploited a penalty with a quick tap and crossed the line to regain the lead for Renegades (8-3). Baz compounded the advantage before half time (10-3).

After the break, things resumed at a physical level and neither team had the upper hand. After some time Baz lofted a fantastic kick into the Cantabs 22. This was chased with determination by Jack and Lloyd. The ball was kept out of touch by a Cantabs defender only to have Jack kick the ball against him, which then rebounded infield for Lloyd, who caught it and stormed across the Cantabs line (15-3). Baz slotted a straightforward conversion – his credit for a great kick which set the try up (17-3).

Cantabs pushed back and seriously encroached into Renegades territory. Having moved into the Renegades 22, they pushed forward and got a scrum close to the Renegades line. The strength of the Cantabs Scrum was decisive and a try and was the result. The conversion went astray (17-8).

Cantabs were buoyed up by the try and there followed a period of pressure on Renegades which may well have won the game for them. However, Renegades hung on, battled through the *slough of despond* and began to reassert themselves. Pressure took Renegades close to the Cantabs 22 and a penalty was punished by Baz (20-8).

From the restart, Renegades were like at team reborn. Relentless pressure on a very good Cantabs defence began to tell and eventually a lineout in the Cantabs 22 gave the Renegades an opportunity to drive a rolling maul over to give Ren Pesci the opportunity to increase his bragging rights about being top try scorer this season (25-8). That was it. It wasn't pretty, but it was gutsy. Hope the Glove's nose recovers.

### Scores

Tries: Rolando Pesci, Lloyd Smart, Ren Pesci.

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (2)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (2)



Matt Turner for an outstanding first half.



Beaky – for passing the ball between his legs again!

*Report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*