

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Sep 14

Away Newmarket

Won 29-8



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 2) Michael Goode
- 3) Jack 'Chinese' Mills
- 4) Adam 'Speedie' Richards
- 5) Aaron Stevens
- 6) Ryan Cox
- 7) Ollie Witt
- 8) Craig Simpson
- 9) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 10) Andrew 'Baz' MacKay
- 11) Sam Weatherall
- 12) Harry 'H-Bomb' Mills
- 13) Tom Procter
- 14) Callum Laing
- 15) Ross Catchpole

Replacements

- 16) Ben Powell
- 17) Tobi 'Spanish Pikey' Rayner
- 18) Josh Cox
- 19) Dougie Ellis
- 20) Rolando Pesci
- 21) Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

Report

This was the big one! First league game of the season against Renegade nemesis, Newmarket. Newmarket had laid out their stall in a *Newmarket Journal* article, declaring that they were going for promotion this season. Renegades had other ideas.

Renegades kicked off and early on showed some flair with Baz putting some testing kicks to the left and right wings, which didn't come off but signalled an intent. Pressure was maintained but, gradually, Newmarket came back into the game and advanced into the Renegades 22. Renegade discipline broke down and penalty after penalty was conceded. A frustrated referee eventually gave Newmarket 10m, putting them in easy kicking distance of the Renegade posts. Their kicker did what was required, 0-3.

From the restart, Aaron was upended and hit his head a mighty crack on the ground. He was replaced by Josh. Newmarket attacked again and were looking dangerous on the right when Sam was yellow carded for slapping the ball down as he tried to intercept a pass out to his opposite winger.

While Sam was off, Newmarket failed to hammer home the numerical advantage and it was Renegades that scored with Baz slotting a penalty and having another crack at an ambitious one from just inside the half-way line, 3-3.



As the first half drew to a close, Josh did a credible impression of a winger gaining many yards and coming infield. Sadly, his pass outside to Sam was judged by the referee to have been forward.

That's how it remained at the interval. It was a frustrating first half for Renegades. Complete dominance of the scrum and complete inability by Newmarket to throw a straight lineout meant that Renegades dominated the set pieces. However, Newmarket were stealing the ball at the breakdown and getting penalties to stay in the game. Tobi came on for Sam.

Early in the Second half- Craig was forced off with a shoulder injury making way for Ben Powell. Renegades advanced into the Newmarket 22, but an intercepted pass, saw a Newmarket player run nearly the length of the pitch to score. The conversion went out off the posts, 3-8. The post proved highly attractive to the ball as a Renegades penalty also bounced out off the post.

Gradually, the game settled down. Renegades began to play with more confidence and the penalty count started to go in the other direction. The frantic pace of the first half slowed and was played with more composure.

Renegades advanced into the Newmarket 22. A penalty was taken as a scrum and Stockers picked the ball and fed Ben who crashed over the line to the left of the posts. Baz was more than a match for the tricky conversion, 10-8.

Renegades kept the pressure on and another scrum inside the Newmarket 22 saw Ben make some yards before offloading to Ross who screamed into the left corner. Baz again found the mark with the challenging conversion, 17-8.

Dougie came on for Stockers and Sam returned to replace a slightly damaged Tobi. Another scrum saw Baz go wide to the right before passing to Callum. Callum charged the length of the Newmarket 22 to touch down. This time the conversion missed, 22-8.

The pressure was on now for the bonus point. A scrum saw a KFC ball perfectly executed with Baz going wide and right again to feed Ross. Ross stormed over the line to score. Baz added the extras, 29-8. The final whistle went. Newmarket, nemesis no more!

Scores

Tries: Ross Catchpole (2), Ben Powell, Callum Laing

Conversions: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay (3)

Penalties: Andrew 'Baz' MacKay



Adam 'Speedie' Richards for impressive work rate



BFT – carried over for his yellow card against St Ives.

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy