

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

Sep 2

Away Cantabs 2/3

Won 0-40



### Team

#### Starting Lineup

- 1) Ryan 'Duff' Duffy 2) Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Nic Mainiero 5) Jack 'Chinese' Mills
- 6) Ryan 'Shep' Shepperd 7) George Mills 8) Joe Paddison
- 9) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge 10) Tom 'Proccy' Procter
- 11) Fraser Johnson 12) Elliot 'Elbow' Roberts 13) Jon Farrer 14) Josh Vail
- 15) Ross Catchpole

#### Replacements

- 16) Aaron Stevens 17) George Collett 18) Michael 'Big Mike' Goode 19) Michael Did-Dell

### Report

Achieving a pre-season friendly was problematic and there were a few false dawns along the way, but many thanks to Cantabs who came up trumps with the fixture that was actually played against a combined team from their 2s and 3s. There was some concern about the mismatch of abilities, so the game started with a rather unusual approach: a re-start every time three phases were played.

It made for a slightly frustrating start and the game remained scoreless for some time before a ball wide to George Mills (displaying astonishing juggling skills) who saw Renegades open their account with a try in the left corner (George's first as a Renegade and in his debut game). At that point it was decided not to bother with conversions.

It was then decided that neither the players nor the supporters were enjoying the spectacle and a more conventional game was adopted, albeit with uncontested scrums. It wasn't long before Ross powered over to score the second try. Shortly after that the first quarter break happened with Joe, Fraser and Duff coming off allowing Aaron, Mike DD and George Collett to come on.

Early in the second quarter, good hands to the right of the field saw Josh Vail cross the line to touch down for his first Renegades try, also on his debut. There followed a sustained period of Cantabs attack until half time which saw the Renegades defence hold solid.



Half time saw a big re-jig of the team with George M moving to 9, Stockers to 10, Proccy to 12 and Elbow and Jack earning a well-deserved rest. Big Mike, who had been playing for Cantabs, swapped with Duff.

The second half started slowly, but eventually Ross powered through to get his second try of the game. That was followed by a fantastic break through the middle by Aaron, who ploughed through a defender who tried to take him high. Stockers added another a while later.

Once again, Cantabs rallied and put some serious pressure on Renegades. This time they really meant it and Renegades were forced to defend on their line for a prolonged period. The defence was good. Cantabs were (eventually) repelled but the pressure was intense.

As the game drew to a close, a new Renegades Star crossed the firmament. A nice interplay between Joe Paddison and George M saw Joe power over for his debut try on his debut. This was followed a couple of minutes or so later by Joe getting the ball outside the 22 and just battering his way through the Cantabs defence to touch down for his second try on his debut. And that was that!

It was a funny game. Cantabs were much better than they dared to think. My impression was that everyone on the field enjoyed the game. I certainly enjoyed watching.



Joe Paddison for an astonishing debut. All credit to George Mills and Josh Vail who also scored on their debuts and all the new Renegades who gave a good account of themselves.



Ross Catchpole for forgetting to bring his boots.

### Scores

Tries: Ross Catchpole (2), Joe Paddison (2), George Mills, Josh Vail, Aaron Stevens, Dan Stockbridge  
Conversions: Conversions were not a thing.

*Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy*