

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

Sep 24

Away Cambridge 3

Lost 51-12



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Ryan 'Duff' Duffy 2) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard 3) Michael 'Big Mike' Goode
- 4) Tom 'BFT' Powell 5) Aaron Stevens
- 6) George Mills 7) Ollie Witt 8) Joe Paddison
- 9) Doug Ellis 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Tom 'Proccy' Procter 13) Jon Farrer 14) Ross Catchpole
- 15) Ollie Witt

Replacements

- 16) Fraser Johnson, 17) Chris 'Machine' Machen, 18) Will 'Topknot' Blackwell

Report

There was some uncertainty as to the status of the game as Renegades gathered at Volac Park. Cambridge had been forced to play some unregistered players because of a succession of head injuries. The league had declared the game to be a friendly, but Cambridge were adamant that it was a league fixture. We agreed that we would play, and the League Secretary would adjudicate.

Cambridge kicked off and applied pressure from the outset. Three minutes into the game and they crossed the Renegades line to score. The conversion was straightforward, 7-0. Renegades then applied pressure for a good 10 minutes, with Cambridge conceding quite a few penalties. However, the pressure ended when Cambridge broke away to score a try which went unconverted, 12-0.

The restart did not go 10m and the Renegades scrum absolutely destroyed Cambridge and recaptured the ball. It was soon recaptured and taken back towards the Renegades posts where a penalty was conceded by Renegades and Cambridge opted to go for the posts. The kick was good, 15-0.

On the half hour, a pass between Renegades was intercepted and inside the Cambridge 22 and the run to the other end of the field was rewarded with a converted try, 22-0. A few minutes later, Ross was involved in a heavy collision with one of the Cambridge wingers. It became apparent that he sustained a head injury as he couldn't remember what position he was playing in and dropped to full-back. Ollie (who was playing full-back) raised the alarm and Ross was removed from the field, replaced by Chris Machen. A few minutes later, the referee blew for half time.



Renegades restarted and early in the half, Ollie displayed magnificent skill keeping a penalty kick on the field and going on the offensive making quite some yards before he was brought down. Jon Farrer pulled up with a hamstring injury and had to leave the field, with Fraser coming on. Cambridge went on the offensive but were stripped of the ball. Proccy attempted a grubber kick, but it was intercepted by a Cambridge player who ran the ball in for a try which was converted, 29-0.

Duff had to leave the field injured and Renegades were down to 14 players, but Topknot appeared and was kitted out and ready to join the game in a few minutes, but while he was, Cambridge managed another try. This time the conversion missed, 34-0.

The Cambridge 7 intercepted a pass well inside his own half and rampaged up the field. He managed to get well into the Renegades 22, breaking tackles as he went. As he was eventually brought down, he delivered a lovely back door pass to a teammate who just had to run in and touch down. The conversion was on target, 41-0.

Renegades had a bit of a late rally. Young George captured a loose ball on the left wing and Renegades advanced into the Cambridge 22. Repeated attempts were made to break the Cambridge line and each was driven back. The ball gradually moved across the pitch and it was approaching the right touchline when Proccy made a superhuman effort and bashed his way over the to get Renegades on the scoresheet. The challenging conversion was beautifully struck by Dan and sailed between the posts, 41-7.

Five minutes later, Proccy powered over the Cambridge line again after sustained Renegades pressure on the line to add another five points. This time the conversion was just wide. As the game drew to a close, Cambridge converted another kickable penalty and added a converted try after going wide around the Renegades defence and cutting back in to touch down under the posts. The final score was 51-12.

The league stuck to its position that the game was only a friendly and the points went to Renegades. I think Shaun Clark, our chairman, summed up the situation well when he tweeted: "Lost the friendly to @Camruc3rds strange way to get 5 points but hey ho."



Big Mike for bossing the scrum.



Big Mike for passing the ball to a Cambridge player who scored, and Topknot for tripping over a blade of grass when he had a clear run to the line.

Scores

Tries: Tom 'Proccy' Procter (2)

Conversion: Dan Stockbridge

Match report by Eddie 'Billbob' Murphy

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Eye to eye Contact!

