



Match Report

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Won 43-14



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Josh Cox 2) Callum Wilkins 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Aaron Stevens 5) Toby Saunders
- 6) Ryan Cox 7) Ollie Witt 8) Joe Paddison
- 9) Doug Ellis 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Tom 'Proccy' Procter
- 13) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 14) Will 'Topknot' Blackwell
- 15) Josh 'Slugz' Vail

Replacements

- 16) Jake 'Old Jake' Sweet 17) Jake Smith 18) Kes Duxbury 19) Barney Baker 20) Lewis Pennett

Report

Oh, what a glorious day to be a Renegade: a bench with five subs and agreement from Cantabs to allow rolling so everyone got a run out. Such luxury! The conditions were, once again, more comfortable for the spectators than the players, with bright sunshine and a moderate breeze.

Cantabs kicked off and Renegades responded with Aaron taking the ball back over the half-way line, the first of many Aaron carries over the course of the afternoon. The opening minutes of the game were dominated by lots of penalties, both sided conceding far too many. Slugz made another of his jiggling runs making lots of yards. A short while later another great line break by Aaron saw him into the Cantabs 22. He offloaded to Callum who powered over the line for the first try of the afternoon. Stockers made short work of the conversion, 7-0.

A few minutes later, there was almost a repeat performance with a great break by Aaron offloading to Wilko who charged towards the line but was chopped by a determined defender. However, Topknot was on hand to pick up the ball and dot down under the posts for another try which Stockers converted, 14-0.

Renegades attacked again and managed to squander a huge overlap on the right-hand side. However, play was called back for a penalty inside the Cantabs 22. Ball tapped and passed to BFT who made yards and passed to Josh Cox who powered over the line with three Cantabs defenders hanging off him. Stockers added the two points, 21-0.

A while later Renegades attacked again with some lovely flowing passing rugby involving, among others, Proccy and Ollie. It finished with Slugz scoring in the right corner. The more challenging conversion missed, 26-0.

As half time approached, Slugz made one of his weaving runs and broke through the middle of the Cantabs defence to score under the posts. Stockers added the extras, 33-0.

At half time, Doug asked to be stood down as he was having trouble with his hip. Stockers wen to 9 with Proccy moving to 10, all the backs moved in one place and Barney came on on the wing. Toby was replaced by Old Jake and Joe by Young Jake. Toby graciously agreed to play for Cantabs as they were struggling to man their front row.

The second half turned out to be a very different game. Not sure what Cantabs had in their water at half time, but they approached the second half like a team transformed. They attacked Renegades relentlessly and were held out for a long time by good defence. However, persistence paid off and they opened their account with a well-deserved converted try, 33-7.

Renegades responded with a period of good passing play which led to Aaron breaking through the middle and powering over the Cantabs line. Stockers sliced the conversion attempt, 38-7. Cantabs responded with another attack which earned them a second converted try, 38-14.

As full time approached a Renegades attack saw BFT cross the Cantabs line but was held up by some impressive defending. The resulting goal line drop out went through Renegade hands to Tucker who ignored the massive overlap outside him and went for the line. Fortunately for him he made it! The conversion missed, 43-14.

The game rumbled on for another couple of minutes and the ref called last play and a knock on was followed by the final whistle.

It was a good game played in a good spirit. Cantabs did well to win the second half, but the lead that Renegades built in the first half meant the final result was never in doubt. The double header win gives Renegades a clear lead at the top of the league and means they progress to meet March Bears in the next round of the Cambridgeshire Junior Cup.



Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins for a great shift and nice try (nearly two).



Tucker for going himself when he had a huge overlap outside him.

Scores

Tries: Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins, Will 'Topknot' Blackwell, Josh Cox, Josh 'Slugz' Vail (2), Aaron Stevens, Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote

Conversions: Dan 'Stokers' Stockbridge (4)

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