

# Renegades Rugby



## Match Report

October 19

Home Cambridge 3

Won 43-0



### Team

#### Starting Lineup

- 1) Josh Cox 2) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers 3) Geoff Kirby
- 4) Aaron Stevens 5) Toby Saunders
- 6) Ryan Cox 7) Ollie Witt 8) Tom Procter
- 9) Doug Ellis 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Harry Mills 13) Will 'Topknot' Blackwell 14) Barney Baker
- 15) Josh 'Slugz' Vail

#### Replacements

- 16) Callum 'Wilko' Wilkins 17) Adam Lane 18) Louis Pennet 19) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote

### Report

A morning of continuous, and occasionally very heavy, rain ensured a nice soft ground for both teams. Fortunately, the rain stopped in time for kick off. Renegades welcomed Cambridge 3 to Cottenham for the second time this season, this time for a league fixture after the pre-season friendly.

Cambridge kicked off and captured the ball in a mid-air contest. Cambridge retained the ball for a minute or so and then gave away a penalty. Doug took a quick tap and went through the Cambridge line. He passed to Aaron who advanced deep into the Cambridge 22 before offloading to Ollie who touched down for an early opening of the Renegades account. The conversion missed, 5-0.

The game ebbed and flowed for the next 10 minutes with both sides making attacks and defending well. Eventually a penalty inside the Cambridge 22 saw Aaron carry to just short of the line, with the ball recycled to Proccy who made another strong attempt. The ball was then spun wide to Topknot who ran the ball back behind the posts to dot down. Stockers made short work of the conversion, 12-0.

A few minutes later after a passage of play dominated by Renegades, a free kick was tapped and passed to Harry who made it deep into the Cambridge 22 before offloading to Topknot who scored his second try of the afternoon. The conversion missed, 17-0.

A great break by Wilko took Renegades deep into the Cambridge 22 was stopped with a high tackle for which Renegades were awarded a penalty. A quick tap and go by Proccy saw him crashing over the line close to the posts to add the bonus point. Stockers added the extras comfortably, 24-0. Shortly after, Proccy withdrew from the game due to hamstring injury.

As half time approached, Renegades pressure resulted in another penalty inside the Cambridge 22. The tap penalty went to Josh Cox who made yards before offloading to Aaron, who crashed over. The conversion missed, 29-0. The whistle for half time went immediately after the conversion.

Renegades kicked off the second half and it wasn't long before a maul formed in the Cambridge 22 and advanced towards the line. Josh Cox broke off the back of the maul and scored close to the posts. Stockers added the extra points, 36-0.

A couple of minutes later, a great break by Tucker advanced Renegades to the halfway where he unloaded to Slugz. He went on one of his trademark jinking runs and managed to get through a crowd of Cambridge players untouched before firing up the afterburners and screaming down the pitch, the gap between him and his pursuing defenders growing as he went. He touched down under the posts and Stockers slotted the conversion, 43-0.

From then on the game became much more evenly balanced, with Cambridge improving in defence and looking menacing on a number of occasions in attack. Renegades however, pulled out all their defensive stops and denied them a score.

It was another good bonus point win for Renegades. The post-match atmosphere at the club was excellent. It feels a long way from the mood of last season.



Will 'Topknot' Blackwell for a great performance and two tries.



Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers for hesitating at the crucial moment.

### Scores

Tries: Ollie Witt, Will 'Topknot' Blackwell (2), Tom 'Proccy' Procter, Aaron Stevens, Josh Cox, Josh 'Slugz' Vail

Conversions: Dan Stockbridge (4)

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