

Renegades Rugby



Match Report

November 9

Away Cambridge 3

Won 7-55



Team

Starting Lineup

- 1) Josh Cox 2) Matt 'Faiersy' Faiers 3) Tom 'BFT' Powell
- 4) Aaron Stevens 5) Geoff Kirby
- 6) Louis Pennet 7) Ollie Witt 8) Joe Paddison
- 9) Doug Ellis 10) Dan 'Stockers' Stockbridge
- 11) Michael Did-Dell 12) Tom 'Proccy' Procter 13) Ben 'BFB' Powell 14) Will 'Topknot' Blackwell
- 15) Ross Catchpole

Replacements

- 16) Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote 17) Ryan 'Shep' Sheppard 18) Ryan Cox

Report

There was a bit of a mid-week scramble after hearing that Peterborough couldn't field a team for the scheduled fixture. Fortunately, Cambridge lost their opposition, and it was agreed that we would bring forward the league fixture scheduled for January 18 and play them at Cambridge.

It was a cool dull afternoon as the teams gathered at the Cambridge ground. No other team was playing so it was all unusually quiet. However, as the game got underway, a sizable group of watchers gathered in the sideline and there was a good atmosphere.

After a minute's silence to honour the fallen, Cambridge kicked off. The ball changed hands a few times in the first five minutes and then a strong run by Renegades along the right touchline saw the ball passed to Ben who was cut down just short of the line. Josh Cox got the ball, and a ruck formed in the right corner. The ball spread left through the hands of Josh Cox again who was again cut down just short of the line. The ball went left again and Proccy powered over to open the Renegade's account. Stockers added the two, 0-7.

A while later a great attacking run saw Ross make a lot of ground. He kicked ahead but the bounce was not kind and Cambridge regained the ball lonely for Renegades to take it straight back. A couple of minutes later, a great break by Geoff along the right touchline saw him cut down just short of the line. Renegades were awarded a scrum on the 5m line and Dougie passed to Proccy who made yards and then passed to Ben who was not going to be stopped, touching down to the left of the posts. Stockers conversion attempt was straight from the George Ford playbook going out off the post, 0-12.



A Renegades scrum inside the Cambridge 22 gave a platform for Ross to launch a strong attack in the corner. He was taken down close to the line but managed to pop the ball to Doug, who went over for a third Renegades try. Stockers added the extras, 0-19.

A short While later, Topknot had to come off having sustained what must have been a nasty ankle injury given that he didn't seem to be able to put any weight on it. Hope he makes a swift and full recovery. As half time approached, Ollie Witt made a storming run from the Renegades half cutting through the Cambridge defence and motoring to the line to swallow dive the bonus point try. The conversion missed, 0-24. And that's how it remained until the interval.

Renegades kicked off and a few minutes later a great break by Josh Cox made many yards before offloading to Shep who continued the momentum deep into the Cambridge half before offloading beautifully to Proccy who pinned his ears back and outran the Cambridge defenders in hot pursuit to score under the posts. The conversion was simple for Stockers, 0-31.

Cambridge upped the pressure for a while but ran into very resolute defence from Renegades. However, Renegades responded well, and a run of really fluent handling involving many players (Proccy, Stockers, Joe, Ryan Cox to mention but a few) and an overwhelmed Cambridge could only watch Josh Cox score, and Stockers convert, 0-38. This was followed in short order by another converted Renegades try, this time from Mike which made his parents extremely proud, 0-45.

A while later, a knock on gave Cambridge a scrum in their own 22. The Renegades pack drove Cambridge back and won the ball. Doug to Proccy to Ben who was chopped close to the line. The ball was recycled and Proccy popped to Joe who crashed over. The conversion missed, 0-50.

A period of sustained pressure saw Cambridge camped inside the Renegades 5m line for a long period as many penalties were conceded in attempting to hold them out. Eventually, the pressure was too much, and the Cambridge 10 crashed over to kill their duck. The conversion was good, 7-50.

As full time approached, another break by Ross fed Tucker who crossed the line to the left of the posts and ran all the way to the right-hand corner to touch down making what should have been a simple conversion almost impossible. Dan duly missed the conversion, 7-55, and Tucker didn't get dick of the day for that! (It was funny though) The final whistle sounded.



Ryan Cox for his tackling work in defence.



Ollie Witt for casually calling the high ball and then dropping it.

Scores

Tries: Tom 'Proccy' Procter (2), Ben 'BFB' Powell, Doug Ellis, Ollie Witt, Josh Cox. Michael Did-Dell, Joe Paddison, Tom 'Tucker' Heathcote

Conversions: Dan Stockbridge (5)

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