



# WASHINGTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



## Statler and Waldorf Game Report

Competition:	CANDY LEAGUE DIVISION 3 CENTRAL	
Teams:	WASHINGTON 1sts	SEATON CAREW 1sts
Date:	06 SEPTEMBER 2025, 3PM KO	
Venue:	Washington Hub, Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, NE37 3HR	
Match Official:	Antony Manly, Northumberland County Referee Society	
Result:	WASHINGTON 34	24 SEATON CAREW

No.	NAME & SURNAME	SCORERS				JUDICIARY	
		Tries	Conv.	Penalty	Drops	Yellow	Red
15	SCOTT OLIVER	2					
14	MAX BROWN	3					
13	JAY CUNNINGHAM		2	1			
12	JOHN POPE						
11	JOSHUA CARTER						
10	LIAM NICHOLSON		1				
9	GEORGE ALLEY [C]						
8	OLLIE LINES						
7	LIAM HIGGINS						
6	DEAN RYAN						
5	DAVID LOWERIE						
4	STEVEN TALBOT						
3	ALIX HUME						
2	DAVID FISHER						
1	MICHAEL BISHOP						
Penalty Tries							

### RESERVES

16	MICHAEL REILLY					1	
17	ANDREW CARR						
18	BEN EMMERSON						
19	JACK ASBERY						
20	DOM RYAN						
21	PETER HARDY						
22	SEAN MONAGHAN						

Shirt numbers on the player list may not reflect the number shirt on the field.  
Apologies for any names missed off the players list.

Scoring Sequence			
Minute	Player [team number or opposition]	[T, C, P, DG.]	Score
7	Scott Oliver	T	5 - 0
18	Scott Oliver	T	10 - 0
28	Max Brown	T	15 - 0
28	Liam Nicholson	C	17 - 0
35	Seaton Carew	T & C	17 - 7
42	Seaton Carew	T & C	17 - 14
52	Max Brown	T	22 - 14
52	Jay Cunningham	C	24 - 14
54	Seaton Carew	C	24 - 19
60	Seaton Carew	T	24 - 24
78	Max Brown	T	29 - 24
78	Jay Cunningham	C	31 - 24
79	Jay Cunningham	P	34 - 24
Timings are approximate.			

**Weather Conditions:**

Moderate wind, temp 21°C, dry underfoot.

**Game Summary:****First Half;**

Washington kicked off into opposition 22. The first 6 minutes saw Washington put pressure on Seaton Carew in and around the oppositions' 22. Penalty to Washington saw a good kick to touch.

Unfortunately, the ball was won by Seaton Carew by a good counter ruck in the resulting loose.

On 6 minutes Washington was awarded a penalty for offside, scrum taken instead of kicking to touch. Ball won, and clean ball to the backs. Good passing and running onto the ball by the backs saw Scott Oliver on the wing run in for the first try of the game, conversion was missed from a difficult position. Score 5 - 0.

Seaton Carew restarted with a good kick into the Washington half. Possession retained by Washington forwards with good rucking by Seaton Carew, scrum advantage awarded to Washington. Washington run with the ball resulting with a good kick to touch by Washington #10. Seaton Carew lineout on 10 mins. Seaton Carew won their own lineout and ran the ball through the backs. Penalty to Washington for Seaton Carew being off their feet in the loose. Good kick to the Seaton Carew 22. Lineout won by Washington and ball passed out to backs. Knock on by Washington gave possession to Seaton Carew who used the advantage to run the ball back at Washington. Penalty awarded to Seaton Carew. Kick to touch good. Seaton Carew won a scrum from the lineout. Washington with a good heave won the ball. Ollie Lines makes a good run, and Washington are awarded a penalty for not rolling away after the tackle. 16 minutes, decision to take a scrum instead of kicking to touch. Ball won clean with a good heave, ball passed to backs gaining ground and passing well. This resulted in a second try by Scott Oliver scoring on the wing. Bad Luck for Liam Nicholson hitting the upright on the conversion. Score 10 - 0.

From the restart Washington knocked on giving scrum to Seaton Carew. Scrum won by Seaton Carew, but Washington won an immediate turnover [John Pope] from the loose to gain possession.

Some scrappy play from both sides for the next 5 minutes. Referee called a water break on 24 minutes.

Game restarted with a Seaton Carew scrum. Clean ball won by Seaton Carew passing the ball to the backs, unfortunately a forward pass resulted in a scrum being awarded to Washington. Clean ball won by Washington and the #9 released ball to the backs. Seaton Carew awarded a penalty for hanging onto the ball. Good kick to Washington 22. Not straight in the lineout gave Washington a scrum on the 22-yard line. Clean ball from the back of the scrum, picked up by Ollie Lines, and crossed the gain line for good yardage. Ball lost in loose giving Seaton Carew possession. Penalty to Seaton Carew on 28 minutes for Washington not rolling away. Kick to touch was short and caught well by George Alley who made a good run out of Washington half. A great spear pass from Michael Bishop to keep the ball alive gave the Washington backs space to release Max Brown, who ran from halfway to score a try on 30 minutes. Conversion good by Liam Nicholson.  
Score 17 – 0.

Seaton Carew kicked off to restart the game, unfortunately another knock on gave a scrum to Seaton Carew. Scrum won by Washington, and a good kick through by Dom Ryan saw ground gained. Seaton Carew collected the ball and ran back to Washington 22. Washington turned over the ball in the loose, but lost possession soon after with a Seaton Carew turnover. Seaton Carew kicked the ball into Washington 22. Good follow up by Seaton Carew saw Washington penalised for lying on the ball, some backchat from Washington resulted in a further 10 yards to Seaton Carew. Good defence from the lineout by Washington was rewarded by a Seaton Carew giving away a penalty. Good touch found by kick giving a lineout for Washington. Lineout won by Seaton Carew. Good use of the backs saw Seaton Carew make good ground against a hard Washington defence. On 35 minutes Seaton Carew broke through and score a try with a good conversion.  
Score 17 – 7

Restart from Washington. Good pressure from Washington in the loose saw ball won, unfortunately a knock on by Washington gave Seaton Carew a scrum. Scrum won by Seaton Carew, but lost yards from good tackling from Washington. Ball won by Washington in the loose, saw good pod work and passing to gain good ground. Another knock-on by Washington gave Seaton Carew a scrum. Seaton Carew won the scrum and decided to kick the ball into touch for half time.  
Score 17 – 7.

Good form shown by Washington in the first half. Power in the scrum was decisive on most occasions. Good clean ball from scrums and loose meant that #9 and #10 could release the backs to make good ground. Forward work in the loose, backing up and going over the gain line was also good to see. All-in-All a very good first half.

### **Second Half;**

Seaton Carew kicked off. Knock on by Washington gives scrum advantage to Seaton Carew, scrum taken after Seaton Carew pass ball into touch. Seaton Carew win scrum and #10 grubber kick the ball towards Washington try line. Seaton Carew get to ball first for a try  
On 2 minutes. Conversion was good.  
Score 17 – 14.

Washington restart caught by Seaton Carew, who pass to the backs who kicking for distance. A loose ball results in Seaton Carew possession, but Washington holds up the player to win a scrum on own 22-yard line. Scrum won by Washington who takes ball over the gain line, Seaton Carew offside and Washington get a penalty. Kick to touch good, but lineout lost and Seaton Carew and kicked for distance by Seaton Carew. A series of knock-ons' by both teams saw play become static. On 10 minutes Washington won their own scrum ball, and forwards took it over the gain line. Good pod work and backing up the ball carrier saw Max Brown go over for a good try. Conversion good by Jay Cunningham.  
Score 24 – 14.

Restart by Seaton Carew, kick into Washington 22, saw Seaton Carew take possession of the ball. Washington gives away a penalty for holding on. Quickly taken by Seaton Carew, but Washington not 10 yards. New penalty on Washington 5-yard line. Crash ball taken at pace saw Seaton Carew go over for another try on 14 minutes. Conversion missed.  
Score 24 – 19.

Restart by Washington, good catch and ruck possession by Seaton Carew. Penalty to Seaton Carew for Washington being off their feet. Referee had a quick chat to Washington captain regarding conduct of the team. Kick to touch good. Lineout won by Seaton Carew, and ball kicked through to in-goal area. Ball collected by Max Brown who clears the line by kicking to touch. Seaton Carew lineout on Washington 5-yard line. Lineout won by Seaton Carew and try scored on 20 minutes. Conversion missed.  
Score 24 – 24.

Restart by Washington, penalty to Seaton Carew for tackling player off the ground. Kick to touch missed and caught well by George Alley who ran the ball back into Seaton Carew half. Penalty awarded to Washington for not rolling away after the tackle. Kick for goal missed and Seaton Carew ran the ball back. Good defence by Washington saw Seaton Carew pinned to 2 yards from their try line. Penalty to Seaton Carew from an infringement in the loose. Kick to touch was good. Lineout for Seaton Carew on own 22-yard line.

Lineout won by Seaton Carew, and awarded a penalty for Washington being off their feet. Yellow card for Michael Reilly on 25 minutes. Kick to touch good, Seaton Carew won clean ball from the lineout, but the drive was held up by Washington who were awarded a scrum. Result of good defensive work by the forwards.

Water break called by referee on 28 minutes.

32 Mins. Knock-on by Washington, scrum for Seaton Carew. Penalty Washington early push by Seaton Carew. Ball kicked to touch. Line won by Seaton Carew

35 Mins. Penalty Washington for holding on by Seaton Carew. Ball kicked into touch and line out won by Seaton Carew

37 Mins penalty for Washington. Washington took the scrum in a very good attacking position. This resulted in a try for Washington, scored by Max Brown [Hatrick of tries], following a good flowing move from the Washington backs. This Conversion good by Jay Cunningham.  
Score 31 – 24.

39 Mins. Penalty for Washington for offside.

40 Mins. Penalty kick for goal good for 3 points by Jay Cunningham.  
Score 34 – 24.

#### FINAL WHISTLE.

Second half Seaton Carew come back at Washington, good kicking for ground gained caused Washington a few issues. However good catching and good clean pod work by Washington secured ball in defence. Washington had good strong scrums, and forward breaks from the scrum and loose gained good ground. The backs passed well at times, but Seaton Carew defence slowed down quick ball and at times meant the ball carrier became isolated. Everyone gave their all today and should be rightly proud of a game well won.

Mention to Max Brown for his three tries, to Jay Cunningham for some really good kicking.

## Notes;

### Comment from Dave Addison [Director of Rugby].

"It's great to see Seaton Carew in recovery after a very tough few years and bringing a big squad. It was an arm wrestle of a game that we edged when we took control at the end. But the result was in doubt after we surrendered a strong position and we need to learn from that. Plenty to work on, but also lots to be positive about. Looking forward to next week's game and hopefully getting the pirates a run out after opposition cried off this week."

### Comment from Andy Stephenson [Head Coach].

"Saturday marked the start of our league campaign, and with the players and coaching team eager to get the season underway, it was fantastic to open with a home fixture against a strong and talented Seaton Carew side.

With several players unavailable due to summer commitments and the Great North Run weekend, team selection went through a number of changes. However, thanks to the growing strength in depth we've built over the summer and last season, the squad that took the field stepped up superbly. For the first 45–50 minutes, the team controlled the game beautifully, showing an impressive blend of power, skill, and work rate — a real testament to the hard work and commitment shown throughout preseason.

Of course, rugby is never straightforward. Credit to Seaton Carew, who rallied strongly in the second half, winning key battles at the breakdown and putting pressure on our set-piece structure. Their intensity brought them right back into the game, and before we knew it, the scores were level.

Under pressure, it was great to see the experience within our Washy side shine through. In the final 10 minutes, the team showed composure and character, regaining control and securing vital points to see out a hard-fought victory.

A special mention goes to Max for an outstanding hat-trick and to Scott O for his well-taken brace.

Well done to everyone involved — job done, but plenty of improvements still to come as we move forward.

COYW! "

**Yours Statler and Waldorf:**



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