



WASHINGTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



Statler & Waldorf Game report

Competition:	Candy League 3 Central	
Teams:	Washington Firsts	Peterlee & Horden 3rds
Date:	29 th November 2025, KO 3pm	
Venue:	Washington Hub, Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, NE37 3HR	
Match Official:	Nick Evans, Level 7 Durham Society.	
Result:	24	29

No.	NAME & SURNAME	SCORERS				JUDICIARY	
		Tries	Conv.	Penalty	Drops	Yellow	Red
1	Ollie O'Conner	1					
2	James Grady						
3	Owain Futers						
4	Michael Bishop						
5	Michael Reilly						
6	Jack Asbery						
7	James England	1					
8	Dean Ryan						
9	George Alley						
10	Matt Clark (Capt.)	1	2				
11	Joshua Carter						
12	Ben Emmerson						
13	Scott Oliver	1					
14	Sean Monaghan						
15	Peter Hardy						
Penalty Tries ^{pt}							

RESERVES

16	Andy Young						
17	Richard Batey						
18	Joshua hardy						

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, PT, DG.]	Score
8	Ollie O'Conner	T	5 – 0
10	Peterlee & Horden	T & C	5 – 7
15	Scott Oliver	T	10 - 7
22	Peterlee & Horden	T & C	10 – 14
36	James England	T	15 – 14
36	Matt Clark	C	17 - 14
39	Peterlee & Horden	P	17 - 17
??	Matt Clark	T & C	24 – 17
??	Peterlee & Horden	T & C	24 – 24
??	Peterlee & Horden	T	24 – 29
Timings are approximate.			

Weather Conditions:

Temp. 1°C, to say it was raining and wet is a gross mis-understatement.

Noteworthy Information:

Today's match report is presented in a condensed format —

"Please accept our apologies, but due to the weather conditions it was difficult to keep the paper dry."



The coaches had a difficult job selecting the starting 15, due to the high lack of availability. And with a very short bench it restricted any tactical/injury replacements during the game.

Game Summary:

First Half;

Peterlee & Horden started the game with a kick into the Washington 22. The ball going out for a Washington line-out, which was quickly taken with a pass to Matt Clark who kicked a long ball into the Peterlee & Horden 22 area. This leads to a Washington line-out.

8 min. Good possession by Washington and covering support sees Ollie O'Conner go over for a try. Conversion missed. Score 5 – 0.

Peterlee & Horden restart the game; the ball goes loose on the floor and is knocked on by Washington for a Peterlee & Horden scrum. Peterlee & Horden get clean ball from the scrum and deliver to their backs, who run through the Washington defence (some poor tackling) and go over for a try. Conversion good. Score 5 – 7.

Washington restart. Ball caught by Peterlee & Horden full-back and taken into tackle. From the ruck Peterlee & Horden get the ball to their backs who run the ball over the half-way line. A high tackle from the Washington full-back sees a penalty awarded to Peterlee & Horden. A quick Tap & Go sees the ball taken to the Washington defence. Penalty to Peterlee & Horden, on the Washington 22-yard line, for Washington not releasing the tackler.

Good kick to touch gives Peterlee & Horden a line-out on the Washington 5-yard line. A poor line-out sees the ball go loose, with the ball eventually going into touch for a Washington line-out on the Peterlee & Horden 10-yard line.

Washington wins the ball at the line-out and are awarded a penalty. A high Up-&-Under results in Washington setting up a ruck in the Peterlee & Horden half.

15 min. Ball passed to Matt Clark who grubber kicks the ball through the Peterlee & Horden defensive line. The ball is gathered and Scott Oliver scores a try. Conversion missed. Score 10 – 7.

Peterlee & Horden restart the game with a grubber kick (can't decide if this was intentional or not 😊). At the third attempt, the ball is picked up by Washington. The ball is kicked into the Peterlee & Horden half of the field.

16 min. Penalty given to Peterlee & Horden. Tap & Go sees the ball taken to the half-way line, the ball is turned over by Washington but play is called back for a penalty to Peterlee & Horden for off-side.

18 min. Kick to touch is good giving Peterlee & Horden a line-out. Washington awarded a free kick at the line-out, Matt Clark with an Up-&-Under kick sees the ball eventually gathered by Washington after a good kick chase. Referee called play back for a scrum to Washington, knock-on by Peterlee & Horden. Clean ball from the scrum is passed to the backs, who drive the ball into the Peterlee & Horden defensive line. From the ruck the ball is passed to Matt Clark who kicks the ball long into the Peterlee & Horden goal area, where it is touched down by Peterlee & Horden. Referee calls play back for a Washington penalty on the Peterlee & Horden 22-yard line.

21 min. Good kick finds touch for a Washington line-out. Peterlee & Horden awarded a scrum for a Washington infringement at the line-out. Ball passed to backs who kick the ball to half-way.

Ball gathered by Washington and taken into the Peterlee & Horden 22 area. Penalty to Peterlee & Horden for going over the top. Kick to touch good for a Peterlee & Horden line-out on their own 22-yard line. Bad throw by Peterlee & Horden sees Washington take the ball and drive into the Peterlee & Horden defensive line. A Washington Knock-On gives a scrum to Peterlee & Horden on their 22-yard line. Peterlee & Horden win good ball from the scrum, feeding the backs who take the ball over the half-way and into the Washington 22.

A penalty to Peterlee & Horden for a high-tackle, quickly taken Tap & Go sees another penalty to Peterlee & Horden. Another Tap & Go sees some good tackling by Washington to prevent Peterlee & Horden getting beyond the gain line.

22 min. Peterlee & Horden pass the ball to the backs, who kick the ball over the Washington defensive line resulting in a try. Conversion good. Score 10 – 14.

Washington restart sees the kick going deep into the Peterlee & Horden 22. Washington win possession of the ball, and take it to the 5-yard line where Peterlee & Horden are awarded a scrum. Ben Emmerson comes off the field injured. A great drive sees the Peterlee & Horden scrum disrupted. The scrum is reset another two times. Penalty to Peterlee & Horden. Kick to touch good, for a Peterlee & Horden line-out.

34 min. Washington win ball at the line-out but the ball goes loose and is picked up by Peterlee & Horden. The backs run the ball down the wing, but a good tackle into touch gives Washington a line-out. Penalty awarded to Washington on the half-way line.

36 min. play continues and Peterlee & Horden are given a line-out inside their 22. Peterlee & Horden wins line-out ball and drive into defence to form ruck. Good pressure from Washington sees penalty awarded to Washington. A quick Tap & Go sees James England in possession who scores a try. Conversion by Matt Clark good. Score 17 – 14.

Restart by Peterlee & Horden sees ball caught by Washington, but Peterlee & Horden awarded penalty for interference. Penalty-kick good for 3 points. Score 17 – 17.

Referee blows for half time. Score 17 – 17.

A tight first half dominated by the bad weather, with both teams playing well despite the conditions.

Second Half;

Second half kicked off by Washington.

Scrum won by Washington, ball lost and eventually goes into touch for a Washington line-out. Washington wins line-out and ball passed out. Matt Clark Scores, and converts his own try. Score 24 – 17.

Washington kick-off recovered by Peterlee & Horden but a knock on gives Washington a scrum. Scrum penalty awarded to Washington. Tap & Go sees good pressure from the Washington attack. Penalty to Washington for a hand in the ruck. Kick to touch good.

line-out won by Peterlee & Horden who put the ball through hands. Washington gets a scrum for a Peterlee & Horden Knock-On.

Penalty for Washington from the scrum sees the ball into the 22.

Knock-On by Washington close to the try line.

Drop-out by Peterlee & Horden. line-out to Washington won by Peterlee & Horden.

Penalty Washington Tap & Go, long ball well defended.

Long ball catch & try to Peterlee & Horden. Score 24 – 24.

Kick-off by Washington. Goes over the dead ball line for a Peterlee & Horden scrum on the centre spot. Peterlee & Horden win ball and pressure the Washington defence.

Knock-On by Peterlee & Horden gives Washington a scrum, ball won and kicked into touch.

Washington win line-out ball, Peterlee & Horden awarded a penalty for hands on ball in the ruck.

With Peterlee & Horden in possession they make a break-away run and score a try. Score 24 – 29.

Peterlee & Horden kick the ball out of play and referee blows whistle for the end of the game.

Final score Washington 24 V 29 Peterlee & Horden.

Notes;**Comment from Dave Addison [Director of Rugby].**

“well what a game, we were stretched this week with our squad this week and started with a bare 15 for first time and some lads who haven’t had a lot of game time so far... and what a performance from our lads... Horden were clearly up for it and had plenty of good players... but we were in a position to win the game going into final 10 minutes... losing, Scott Oliver, Josh Carter and Michael Reilly in that period probably made a difference as we had to plug gaps and play out of position give Horden a chance and fair play they exploited it... thought we might nick it back in the end but that’s how it goes sometimes. What this does though is give us all kinds of headaches... we have some injuries like most but we have real depth on our squad... was pleased as punch to see us shove Hordens pack backwards a feat I’ve not seen often at any level... couldn't be prouder of our boys.... but next week we move to a really big challenge... can we bounce back against a very tough west Hartlepool side... hopefully some injuries back to help us.”

Yours Statler and Waldorf:



THE TWO OLD FOGIES