





Competition:	Counties 3 North East (North)	
Teams:	WASHINGTON 1st	MOWDEN PARK 3rd
Date:	7th November 2026 1pm KO	
Venue:	Riverside South, Ropery Lane, Chester-le-Street, DH3 3SJ	
Match	UNKNOWN	
Result:	30	26

NAME	SCORERS				JUDICIARY	
	Tries	Con	Pen	DropG	Yell	Red
G BRENNAN	1					
D FISHER	1					
J ASBERY						
K LAMB						
J NIPPER						
M REILLY	1					
J ENGLAND						
B KANE	1					
G ALLEY (Capt)					1	
M CLARK		2	2			
J CARTER						
J POPE						
S MONAGHAN						
P HARDY						
S OLIVER						
BENCH						
J TROTT						
D RYAN						
R VARLE						
O FUTERS						
Penalty Tries						
Opposition	4	3			1	

Scoring Sequence		
Player	[T, C, P, PT, DG.]	Score
Matt Clark	P	3 – 0
Darlington Mowden Park	T	3 - 5
Darlington Mowden Park	C	3 – 7
Darlington Mowden Park	T	3 – 12
Darlington Mowden Park	C	3 - 14
Dave Fisher	T	8 – 14
Matt Clark	P	11 – 14
Darlington Mowden Park	T	11 - 19
HALF TIME SCORE		11 - 19
Darlington Mowden Park	T	11 – 24
Darlington Mowden Park	C	11 – 26
Brandon Kane	T	16 – 26
Michael Reilly	T	21 – 26
Matt Clark	C	23 – 26
Graham Brennan	T	28 – 26
Matt Clark	T	30 - 26
FULL TIME SCORE		30 - 26

Weather Conditions:
Temp 11°C, damp but firm underfoot.

Noteworthy Information:
Minutes silence observed, for remembrance of those fallen in the service of their country.

Game Summary:
First Half;
Matt Clark starts the game with high kick, allowing the chasing Washington forwards to chase the ball. Washington catches the ball and Dave Fisher drives the ball into the Darlington Mowden Park defence and into the Darlington Mowden Park's 22, and forms ruck. George Alley gets the ball from the ruck and passes to Matt Clark, who takes the ball into the defensive line, tackled to ground and from the ruck, the ball is given to Graham Brennan who charges down the blind side.

Washington retain possession, good defence by Darlington Mowden Park prevents Washington gaining any ground. Johnny Nipper to Matt Clark to John Pope who takes a crash ball towards the Darlington Mowden Park 22 yard-line. From the ruck Dave Fisher takes the ball and drives into the opposition 22.

Washington works the ball through ruck phases, but failing to make significant ground. A Knock-On by Darlington Mowden Park gives Washington a scrum just outside the Darlington Mowden Park 22. Clocked stopped for injury to John Pope, who gets treatment from Caroline.

Game restarts with a good scrum from Washington, ball passed from George Alley to the backs. The ball goes through hands well ending up with Josh Carter being tackled and forming ruck. Again, Washington works the ball through phase, but the Darlington Mowden Park defence keeps the Washington attack pinned down. Matt Clark chips the ball behind the Darlington Mowden Park defence. Ball collected by Darlington Mowden Park #15, but referee calls play back for a penalty to Washington 20 metres inside the Darlington Mowden Park half (Darlington Mowden Park offside).

Matt Clark goes for posts and is successful, 3 points to Washington. Score 3 – 0.

Restart by Darlington Mowden Park is well caught by Joe Trott on the Washington 22 yard-line. Ruck formed and George Alley passes to Graham Brennan who drives through the Darlington Mowden Park defence and over the gain-line. From the ruck the ball is fed to Matt Clark who kicks long. Darlington Mowden Park #15 allows the ball

to bounce before gathering and he runs the ball back, through the Washington defence and into the Washington 22. Ball goes loose in the tackle and is gathered by John Pope who kicks the ball up field.

Ball is gathered and ran back, making ground into the Washington 22. Good tackle by Washington sees the ball carrier into touch for Washington line-out on the 5 yard-line. knocked-on by Darlington Mowden Park. Scrum ball taken by Darlington Mowden Park and driven forward to the try line. Darlington Mowden Park take ball from the ruck and drive over for a try. Conversion good. Score 3 - 7

Matt Clark restarts with a long kick into the Darlington Mowden Park 22. Where it is cleanly caught by the #15, who drives into tackle and form ruck. Penalty to Washington for not releasing the ball.

Attempt at posts for three points is missed and Darlington Mowden Park run the ball back, and ball carrier tackled by James England who was chasing the kick.

From the ruck Darlington Mowden Park keep the ball tight using their forwards to drive out of their 22. Penalty to Darlington Mowden Park, Washington handling the ball in the ruck.

Kick finds touch and Darlington Mowden Park win good ball from the line-out. Ball taken to the Darlington Mowden Park 10 yard-line, knock-on by Darlington Mowden Park gives a scrum to Washington on the Darlington Mowden Park 10 yard-line.

Good scrum by Washington sees the ball into the hands of John Pope who drives the ball over the gain-line. Washington retains possession and a good pass from George Alley to Johnney Nipper sees the ball over the gain-line and form ruck. Kevin Lamb takes the ball from the ruck and drives forward. Good defence from Darlington Mowden Park prevents Washington making ground. From the ruck George Alley passes to Matt Cark who kicks high and deep. Ball is caught cleanly and ran back into and through the Washington defence (poor tackling by Washington), and Darlington Mowden Park score under the posts, conversion is good. Score 3 – 14.

Washington restart taken by Darlington Mowden Park in front of their 22 yard-line, and taken into tackle to for ruck. Darlington Mowden Park player down on the field, referee stops play for safety reasons. Darlington Mowden Park player carried off the pitch to applause from players and spectators.

Referee restarts game with a scrum to Darlington Mowden Park.

Referee resets the scrum after speaking to both front rows. Darlington Mowden Park take the ball from the back of the scrum. The referee blows for a knock-on by Darlington Mowden Park #9 giving scrum to Washington on the Darlington Mowden Park 22 yard-line.

Washington #8 takes the ball and passes to George Alley, George to Matt Clarke who passes to Sean Monaghan who crashes through the defence (making good ground) and passes to Josh Carter, who is tackled into touch for a Darlington Mowden Park line-out near the Darlington Mowden Park 5 yard-line.

line-out spoiled by Washington and caught by Johnney Nipper, John Pope on a crash ball takes the ball to within 2 meters of the Darlington Mowden Park try line.

Knock on by Washington from the ruck, gives Darlington Mowden Park a scrum. Good drive by Washington sees the Darlington Mowden Park pack driven backwards, referee stops play and gives a penalty to Darlington Mowden Park. Kick finds touch for a Darlington Mowden Park line-out.

Good line-out work by Washington sees the ball into the hands of Kevin Lamb, who drives the ball into tackle. Washington retain possession from the ruck; George Alley passes the ball to Joe Trott who drives the ball towards the Darlington Mowden Park 22. Washington retain possession through a number of phases.

Matt Clark with a chip kick through the Darlington Mowden Park defence, ball collected by Darlington Mowden Park #15 who kicks the ball into Washington territory. Peter Hardy (displaying good juggling skills) collects the ball and kicks the ball back to Darlington Mowden Park.

Ball gathered by Darlington Mowden Park and ran back into the Washington defensive line. Penalty to Washington, kick from Matt Clark finds touch deep inside the Darlington Mowden Park 22 for a Washington line-out.

Good line-out by Washington sees Michael Reilly with a clean catch. Ball to George Alley who releases the backs with a good pass. The backs make good ground and back-up and passing sees the ball go from Matt to Sean to Josh. Referee blows for a penalty to Washington. Referee speaks to the Darlington Mowden Park captain regarding their discipline.

Matt Clark's kick finds touch on the Darlington Mowden Park 5 yard-line. Sloppy line-out sees the ball go loose, Darlington Mowden Park fumble the ball and is gathered by David Fisher who drives over the try line and scores. Conversion is missed. Score 8 – 14.

Restart kick caught by Joe Trott, who drives forward into the Darlington Mowden Park defence and forms rook. Penalty to Washington (Darlington Mowden Park offside at the ruck).

Kick fails to find touch, but is knocked on into touch by Darlington Mowden Park #15. Referee gives a line-out to Washington. Good line-out sees the ball caught by James England who drives around the edge of the line-out and feeds the ball to the backs.

Kick by Matt Clark is charged down, and is gathered by John Pope who drives into the Darlington Mowden Park 22. A pass to James England sees Washington take the ball deeper into the Darlington Mowden Park 22. Washington retain possession through good pod work. Penalty to Washington (again Darlington Mowden Park offside, referee has another chat to the Darlington Mowden Park captain).

Matt Clark goes for goal and the attempt is good. Score 11 – 14.

Restart kick goes high and is cleanly caught by Johnny Nipper, who passes to Joe Trott who drives into the Darlington Mowden Park chasing pack. Ruck formed just outside the Washington 22. George Alley feeds the ball to the Washington forwards, who work the ball through phases trying to make yardage away from the 22. But good defence from Darlington Mowden Park keeps the Washington forwards pinned down.

A good break through the Darlington Mowden Park defence sees Sean Monaghan make good ground over the half-way line. A good tackle by the Darlington Mowden Park winger on Sean sees the ball go forward. Referee blows for a Darlington Mowden Park scrum on the Darlington Mowden Park 10-yard line.

Darlington Mowden Park get the ball from the scrum and work the ball through phases making ground towards the Washington 22. Good defence for Washington stops the advance.

Penalty to Darlington Mowden Park, kick finds touch for Darlington Mowden Park line-out. Ball cleanly caught by Darlington Mowden Park, but referee spots a crossing/obstruction offence and Washington have a penalty. Matt Clark finds touch with a good kick.

Washington line-out ball caught by Michael Reily and passed to George Alley, who releases the backs. Washington takes the ball into the Darlington Mowden Park 22 with good rucking and backing up. Penalty to Darlington Mowden Park, referee advances the spot of the penalty 10 yard, (Washington giving 'lip' to the referee). Darlington Mowden Park take a quick Tap & Go. Ball driven forward into tackle and ruck formed. Darlington Mowden Park #10 chips the ball forward, ball fumbled by Washington and Darlington Mowden Park gather the ball and drives toward the Washington try line.
Good defence by Washington see's the drive halted, a series of knock-on's causes play to stutter. Referee awards penalty to Darlington Mowden Park, who take a quick Tap & Go.

Good tackling see's Darlington Mowden Park drives halted short of the try line. Ball picked up from rear of the ruck, and Darlington Mowden Park go over the try line and score. Conversion missed, good charge by Michael Reily to disrupt kicker.

Referee blows for half-time, Score 11 – 19.

Second Half;
Restart by Darlington Mowden Park, cleanly caught by Jack Asbery who drives the ball into the chasing Darlington Mowden Park defence and is tackled to for a ruck.

Washington works the ball through a number of phases gaining ground beyond the gain lines. Joe Trott kicks the ball into the Darlington Mowden Park 22 area, and goes into touch on the Darlington Mowden Park 5 yard-line. line-out quickly taken by Darlington Mowden Park who run the ball into the Washington defensive line. Darlington Mowden Park retain possession and take the ball towards the Washington 22. Good tackle by Washington and a good dive in the ruck sees the ball turned over.

Matt Clark kicks the ball past the Darlington Mowden Park defensive line, where the Darlington Mowden Park #15 attempts to collect the ball from the feet of George Alley (who is attempting to grubber kick the ball forward). Referee stops play and penalises George Alley by issuing a yellow card for dangerous play. (very harsh decision in my opinion).

Game restarted with a penalty for Darlington Mowden Park. Kick finds touch on the Washington 10 yard-line, for a Darlington Mowden Park line-out. Good line-out by Washington see's James England spoil the line-out and the ball is gathered by Johnny Nipper, who passes to the backs. Sean Monaghan drives through the Darlington Mowden Park defence and is tackled to the floor and forma ruck. Joe Trott (playing #9) passes the ball to Graham Brennan who makes ground beyond the gain-line.

Washington works the ball through phases with good pod work and providing good options from the ruck. James England drives the ball over the half-way line. Matt Cark grubber kicks the ball past the defensive line, where it is picked up by Darlington Mowden Park #15 who runs the ball back through the Washington chasing defence and into the Washington half of the field. Good tackle by Scott Oliver sees the attack stopped and the ball goes to ground.

Darlington Mowden Park gather's the ball, but a good tackle again stops the forward momentum. Darlington Mowden Park grubber kicks the ball for their backs to chase, but the ball is picked up by Matt Clark who kicks long. Ball bounces in front of the Darlington Mowden Park 22 and is gathered by Darlington Mowden Park winger who kicks long and finds touch in the Washington 22, for 50/22, which gives a line-out in good attacking position for Darlington Mowden Park.

Referee stops for an injury to a Washington player, Caroline Crilley attending to injured player. Player on his feet and referee resumes play. Short line-out by Darlington Mowden Park,

Short line-out by Darlington Mowden Park, good tackling and defence by Washington see's the Darlington Mowden Park tackled into touch, for a Washington line-out.

Good line-out by Washington see's the ball caught by James England and passed to Joe Trott, who kicks to clear pressure. Kick finds touch for a Darlington Mowden Park line-out. Ball not in straight and referee awards Washington a free kick.

Tap & Go quickly taken with ball fed to Graham Brennan, who drives at the Darlington Mowden Park defence and gains ground over the half-way line. Dean Ryan gets the ball and continues the drive over the Darlington Mowden Park 10-yard line. Washington retain possession from the ensuing ruck and take the ball deep into Darlington Mowden Park territory.

Good defence by Darlington Mowden Park see's Washington's drive halted. Referee blows for a Washington scrum on the Darlington Mowden Park 10-yard line. George Alley returns to the field after his 10-minute yellow card.

Good scrum by Washington, George Alley gets the ball out to the backs. A poor pass see's the ball go loose, but it's picked up by Matt Clark, who kicks the ball over the defensive line a and deep into the Darlington Mowden Park 22.

Darlington Mowden Park #13 gathers the ball after it bounces and runs the ball back, through the chasing defensive line. The ball carrier runs all the way to the Washington try line and puts down under the posts for a try. Conversion is good. Score 11- 26.

Restart kick by Matt Clark, is a short kick just over the Darlington Mowden Park 10-yard line and is caught by David Fisher who drives the ball forward. James England gets possession and continues the drive over the gain-line and to the Darlington Mowden Park 22-yard line.

Scott Oliver does well to pick up a low pass to continue the drive forward. Washington works the ball through a number of phases, with good pod work.

Ball fed out to the backs. Referee blows for a Washington penalty (Darlington Mowden Park not releasing the ball carrier). Quickly taken by George Alley

Washington drive forward and make ground towards the Darlington Mowden Park try line. Ball held up by Darlington Mowden Park, but referee awards try to Darlington Mowden Park.

Kick fails to reach touch and is caught well by Peter Hardy, who takes the ball into tackle and forms ruck. Good rucking and support see's the ball into the hands of Josh Carter. Who runs deep into the Darlington Mowden Park 22, and is tackled into touch for a Darlington Mowden Park line-out.

Ball won by Darlington Mowden Park despite a very messy line-out. Darlington Mowden Park #9 kicks the ball over the Washington defensive line, and is knocked-on by Josh Carter. Scrum to Darlington Mowden Park on their 10-yard line. Good drive by Washington see's the scrum disrupted, the ball comes out the side of the scrum and a Darlington Mowden Park forward dives on the ball.

Darlington Mowden Park form a ruck and #9 releases the ball to their backs, who kick the ball forwards towards Washington territory. Well picked up by Scott Oliver, who evades a number of tacklers before his run is stopped and goes to ground to form ruck. Ball taken by Johnny Nipper who drives across the Darlington Mowden Park 10-yard line. Referee indicates Washington have a penalty advantage. Washington keeps driving the ball forward, with Dave Fisher and Sean Monaghan. Ball goes loose and is picked up by Johnny Nipper who passes to Sean Monaghan who keeps the drive going forward.
Possession retained by Washington, and the ball is in the hands of Graham Brennan who makes a run up the blind-side. Washington form ruck. Referee blows his whistle and stops play. Penalty to Washington for a shoulder to the side of the head. Referee issues yellow card to the offending Darlington Mowden Park player.

A quick Tap & Go allows Washington to take the ball into the Darlington Mowden Park 22. George Alley gives the ball to the backs who make good ground. Unfortunately, a forward pass gives Darlington Mowden Park a scrum, relieving the pressure from the Washington attack.

Darlington Mowden Park scrum on their 22-yard line. Good shove by Washington disrupts the scrum, but Darlington Mowden Park have possession and run the ball out of their 22. Penalty to Washington for Darlington Mowden Park holding on to the ball.

Good kick by Matt Clark finds touch on the Darlington Mowden Park 5-yard line. Good catch by Michael Reily, forwards drive the ball forwards towards the try line. Graham Brennan goes over for the score. Great work by the forwards. Conversion missed. Score 16 – 26.

Restart kick is cleanly caught, and is ran back into the Darlington Mowden Park defence. Dean Ryan makes a good run through the defence. Good ruck work sees Graham Brennan take the ball over the half-way line. George Alley passes to the back. A wayward pass by Matt Clark goes to ground, but is well picked up by Scott Oliver who is quickly tackled. Penalty to Washington for failure to release the ball carrier. Good kick by Matt Clark sees the ball find touch deep into the Darlington Mowden Park 22.

line-out ball caught by Michael Reily (who is having a great game in the line-out), George Alley gives the ball to Matt Clark who drives the ball back into the 22. Washington forwards work through phases keeping good possession. Dean Ryan takes a crash ball, but good tackling by Darlington Mowden Park stops the drive.

Kevin Lamb takes the ball from the rear of the ruck and makes good ground. Washington retain possession through a number of rucks, and cross into the Darlington Mowden Park 22 area.

Good passing and good support see's the ball taken to the 5-yard line. Desperate defence by Darlington Mowden Park stops the drive, but good work by the forwards gets the ball into the hands of Michael Reily who goes over the try line and puts down for a try. Good support and good backup good driving forwards sees Washington score an excellent try. Conversion by Matt Clark is good. Score 23 – 26.

Restart kick did not go ten yards, scrum for Washington on the centre spot. Darlington Mowden Park player returns to field of play after his 10-minute yellow card.

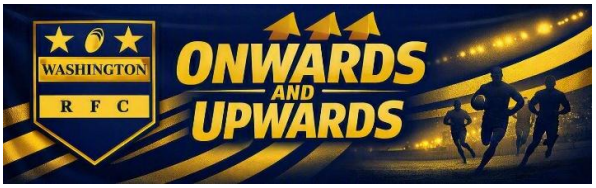
Both teams showing-tired legs, but Washington keeping up the pressure on the Darlington Mowden Park defence.

Graham Brennan scores a try and Matt Clark converts. Score 30 – 26.

Referee blows his whistle for the end of the game.

Final Score Washington 30 V 26 Darlington Mowden Park





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