



Competition:	Candy Division 3 Central	
Teams:	Washington 1st	Hartlepool 3 rd FRIARS
Date:	13 September 2025. 3PM Kick Off	
Venue:	Washington Hub, Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, NE37 3HR	
Match Official:	Michael Reilly, Durham County Rugby Football Union Referees' Society.	
Result:	44	0

No.	NAME & SURNAME	SCORERS				JUDICIARY	
		Tries	Conv	Penalt	Drops	Yellow	Red
1	Ollie O'Conner	1					
2	Andy Young						
3	Michael Bishop						
4	Steven Talbot						
5	Andrew Carr						
6	Jake Ward	2					
7	James England						
8	Dean Ryan						
9	George Alley (Capt.)						
10	Matthew Clark		2				
11	Max Brown						
12	John Pope						
13	James Ross	1					
14	Andre Marrah	2					
15	Scott Oliver						
Penalty Tries							

RESERVES

16	Jack Asbery						
17	James Allison	1					
18	David Fisher						
19	Kevin Lamb						
20	John Cocker						
21	Joshua Carter						
22	Joshua Hardy						
23	Ben Emmerson	1					
24	Peter Hardy						

Shirt numbers on the player list may not reflect the number shirt on the field.

Scoring Sequence			
Minute	Player	[T, C, P, DG.]	Score
3	Jake Ward	T	5 – 0
18	Andre Marrah	T	10 -0
18	Matthew Clark	C	12 – 0
25	Jake Ward	T	17 – 0
27	Andre Marrah	T	22 – 0
27	Matthew Clark	C	24 - 0
53	James Ross	T	29 – 0
58	Ben Emmerson	T	34 – 0
74	James Allison	T	39 - 0
76	Ollie O'Conner	T	44 – 0
Timings are approximate.			

Weather Conditions:

Temperature 15°C, cloudy with gusting winds, wet and forecast for rain.

Game Summary:

First Half;

Washington kicked off. Catch taken by Friars and taken into tackle. Friars retain possession in the loose and release the ball to their backs. Washington win a turnover in the loose, and ball kicked through into Friars territory. Ball collected by Friars and ran back, tackled into touch for a Washington lineout.

3 mins. Lineout won by Friars, and first scrum of the match awarded to Friars for an infringement in the loose by Washington on Friars 5 metre line. A powerful push by Washington saw the ball won against the head which resulted in Jake Ward going over for the first try of the game. Conversion missed.

Great start by Washington.

Score 5 – 0.

Friars restarted the game with a good kick just outside the Washington 22. The ball was run back well but was lost in the tackle with Friars gaining possession. Penalty awarded to Friars which was quickly taken. After a messy interchange of loose balls, possession was finally secured by Washington, with good running to go beyond the gain line. Tactical kicking by both teams resulted in a good 50 – 22 kick by Matt Clark, for a Washington lineout.

7 mins. Lineout won by Washington, ball fed to the backs with John Pope making a good run beyond the Friars line of backs. Ball was lost in the tackle on the Friars 5-yard line. Scrum eventually awarded to Washington. Good tackling by Friars saw Washington held around the 5-yard line.

9 mins. Penalty to Friars for hanging onto the ball. Good kick by Friars to their 22-yard line. The lineout was won by Washington, good passing and forward running saw Washington backs take the ball to the Friars 5-yard line.

11 mins. Scrum awarded to Friars who won good ball and kicked to touch for a Washington lineout. Lineout won by Washington, but a knock on gave Friars a scrum. Friars win scrum and run ball into Washington defence. Loose ball resulted in Washington possession.

13 mins. Washington awarded a penalty, for a high tackle, on the Friars 22-yard line. Penalty attempt missed.

16 mins. Restart by Friars on half way line. Caught cleanly by Washington who run the ball into tackle to form loose scrum. Clean ball from loose distributed to the backs who ran the ball over the gain line.

Scrum awarded to Washington. Powerful scrum saw Washington get clean ball out to the backs. Good passing and running onto the ball resulted in a try by Andre Marrah on 18 mins. Conversion good. Score 12 – 0.

19 mins. Friars restart was a sloppy grubber kick that gave Washington possession of the ball in a good midfield position. Washington ran the ball back to Friars but lost the ball in the loose. A series of positional kicking took place that resulted in Washington #10 kicking direct to touch for a Friars lineout where the ball was kicked.

22 mins. Friars lineout untidy with a scrum awarded to Washington. Substitution by Friars resulted in Referee declaring uncontested scrums for remainder of game, as Friars do not have enough front row forwards available. Clean ball distributed to Washington backs. Again, some good passing and attacking running lines from the backs saw good ground gained.

25 mins. An unselfish pass from Ollie O’Conner saw Jake Ward go over for his second try of the game. Conversion missed, Score 17 – 0.

Friars restart caught by Andrew Carr, who laid the ball off quickly for the forwards to make good ground over the gain line. Good ball retention, running in support and passing saw the ball reach Andre Marrah. With some good attacking running Andre scored his second try of the game on 27 mins. Conversion good. Score 24 – 0.

Unfortunately, Andre received a minor cut to the head during this play and had to receive treatment, but was able to return later with a very distinctive white bandage around his head. 🤕

30 Mins. Friars restart. Well taken catch by Andrew Carr who lays the ball off quickly to Jake Ward. Good forward drive over gain line, saw clean ball distributed to the backs. Ball lost in the loose resulted in a Friars scrum. Friars take ball to gain line, but good Washington defence saw the ball turned over for Washington possession.

34 Mins. After a period of scrappy play by both sides, Friars knock on to give Washington a scrum. Ball distributed to the backs who run the ball over the gain line. Ball to Max Brown who makes a good run down the wing. Tackled into touch for a Friars Lineout.

36 mins. Lineout won by Friars. Good defence by Washington saw Friars pinned to their 5-yard line. Friars kick to touch to clear their line, Washington Lineout. Ball won by Washington who saw Andrew Carr make a run down the touchline. Possession maintained well by Washington., taking ball to centre field in-front of Friars posts.

38 mins. Knock on by Washington (10 yards out in-front of posts) gave Friars a scrum. From which they kicked to touch. Ending the first half.

Very good performance by Washington in this first half. Scrum was very dominant, and it was unfortunate that the game had to go to uncontested scrums. Good passing and backing up from everyone saw ground made passed the gain line. Backs ran some good lines, taking the ball at speed and breaking through tackles. Good work on receiving restart ball saw clean possession from resulting loose. Backrow breakaway from scrums over the gain line set up good clean possession for #9 and #10 to distribute the ball.

Second Half;

Friars to kick off second half. Kick out to touch for a Washington lineout. Lineout won by Washington and the ball cleared, Friars kick the ball dead leading to a Washington scrum. Ball won by Washington and fed out to the backs.

49 mins. Game stopped for injury to Steven Talbot who left the field

Game restarted with Friars scrum ball kicked out to touch for a Washington lineout. Washington wins possession of the ball and passes out to the backs.

53 mins. Ball lost in the ruck, kick into touch Washington lineout, Lineout not straight. Scrum to Friars, who lost the ball in a ruck. Washington held it in the forwards before releasing the back resulting in a Try Washington 29 – 0. Conversion attempt failed

54 mins. Restart knocked on by Washington, scrum to Friars. Excellent pressure resulted in a Scrum to Washington, held up in the tackle.

58 mins. Ball lost, lineout Friars. Lineout won by Washington and good play between back and forwards resulted in another try by Washington. Conversion missed. 34 – 0.

61 mins. Yellow card to Friars for violent play.

62 mins. Scrum Washington and again Washington went on the offensive. Again, good interplay between forwards and backs ending with Washingtons losing the ball and Friars kicking into touch

74 mins. Lineout to Friars won by Washington with good move and powerful forward play, with some strong individual runs, resulted in a try. 39 – 0. Conversion missed.

76 mins Washington recovered the restart and through, possibly, the best move of the match, marched 75 yards up the pitch with an excellent mix of powerful individual running and clever passing resulting in the final try of the day. Try Washington 44 – 0. Conversion missed

80 mins. Final Whistle;

The second half continued as the first. Selfless play, good backing up and retaining possession in the loose. Keeping the opposition to 0 points shows a good defence. Good ball carrying out of defence and positional kicking kept Friars on the back foot. Second game completed and a lot of hard work in training paying off. No doubt Dave and Andy will let you all know what areas need working on during the next few training sessions.

Well done all, a really good performance from the squad, I believe everyone had game minutes. Onwards and upwards chaps.

Comment from Dave Addison [Director of Rugby].

“Was really pleased with the efforts from the lads, great to get all 24 lads a game and to have picked up a couple of new players who were down to watch. Hartlepool were tough opponents and didn't deserve that scoreline, they were streetwise and tough but we had a bit of a cutting edge which helped us at times. It's great to see some of the work on the training paddock paying off with our structure giving a platform to play some good rugby. Next week is off and then we are into a fixture for our pirates which is much needed to give lads some gametime against an always tough BBOB.”

Comment from Andy Stephenson [Head Coach].

“Washington RFC secured a dominant 44–0 victory over Hartlepool Friars, rounding off the weekend with a performance built on hard work, teamwork, and club spirit.

From the first whistle, Washington set the tempo with strong carries and relentless pressure, leading to multiple try scorers across the side. While the scoreboard reflected a comfortable margin, the squad recognised that opportunities were left out on the field, with the potential to extend the total closer to 60 points on another day.

Perhaps most impressively, Washington's defensive discipline and organisation ensured that Hartlepool Friars were kept scoreless, underlining the collective effort from the whole squad. Every player was able to get on the pitch and contribute, reflecting the depth and unity of the team.

This win wasn't just about the 80 minutes—it was a club-wide achievement. From the committee's organisation and the coaching team's preparation, to the players' commitment at training and selfless contributions such as those from Riley, this result showed what Washington RFC is building both on and off the pitch.

With a short fixtures break ahead, Head Coach Andy Stephenson praised the squad's effort but called for continued focus:

"Let's keep up the great work and take another step forward in training this week. A huge push on availability and commitment will be key as we look to get our Club Pirates side out in two weeks' time."

A proud day for Washington RFC—momentum is building, and the journey continues."

Yours Statler and Waldorf:



THE TWO OLD FOGIES



Special thanks to Richard Batey for the headline graphic.