



Competition:	Candy League 3 Central [DOUBLE POINTS GAME]	
Teams:	Washington Firsts	Stockton Stocktonians
Date:	14 th February 2026, KO 3:00 PM	
Venue:	Washington Hub, Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, NE37 3HR	
Match Official:	Tony Rutherford, Durham association Level 8.	
Result:	22	43

No.	NAME & SURNAME	SCORERS				JUDICIARY	
		Tries	Conv.	Penalty	Drops	Yellow	Red
1	OLLIE O'CONNOR						
2	JOHN COOK *						
3	JACK ASBERY						
4	ARCHIE MCDONALD *						
5	KEVIN LAMB						
6	OLLY LINES	3					
7	JAMES ENGLAND						
8	DEAN RYAN						
9	GEORGE ALLEY C						
10	SCOTT OLIVER						
11	BEN EMMERSON						
12	JAY CUNNINGHAM		1				
13	MAX BROWN	1					
14	SEAN MONAGHAM						
15	PETER HARDY					1	
Penalty Tries							

RESERVES

16	RICHARD BATEY						
17	JOHN COOK *						
18	LIAM HIGGINS						
19	ARCHIE MCDONALD *						
20	JOSHUA CARTER						

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

OPPOSITION	7	4					
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Scoring Sequence			
Minute	Player [team number or opposition]	[T, C, P, PT, DG.]	Score
17	Stockton	T	0 – 5
25	Stockton	T	0 – 10
28	Stockton	T	0 – 15
35	Stockton	T & C	0 – 22
40	Washington #2	T	5 – 22
40	Jay Cunningham	C	7 – 22
42	Ollie Lines	T	12 – 22
45	Stockton	T & C	12 – 29
55	Max Brown	T	17 – 29
62	Ollie Lines	T	22 – 29
72	Stockton	T & C	22 – 36
82	Stockton	T & C	22 - 43
Timings are approximate.			

Weather Conditions:

Sunny day (for a change), Temp a cold 3°C, slight to no breeze. Good underfoot.

Notes:

Early Kick-Off at 14:45.

Game Summary:

First Half;

Stockton kicked-off, ball caught clean by Washington just in front of the Washington 22. Ball taken into tackle. Jay Cunningham running crash-ball runs beyond gain-line, unfortunately ball goes forward in the tackle for a Stockton scrum. Stockton take ball from rear of scrum and drive into Washington defence. high-tackle by Washington gives Stockton a penalty on the Washington 22-yard line.

Stockton with a quick Tap & Go, takes the ball into the Washington 22. Washington gathers loose ball and kicks deep into the Stockton half of the field. Stockton run the ball back into the Washington half. Referee awards a scrum to Stockton on the half-way line. Referee blows for a Stockton penalty at the scrum. Stockton kick to touch on the Washington 22-yard line, for a Stockton line-out.

Stockton with ball from the line-out deliver the ball to their backs, who take the ball into the Washington 22. Good defence by Washington hold up the drive. Referee blows for a Stockton penalty. Stockton takes a quick Tap & Go and drive the ball over the try line. But great defence by Washington results in the ball being held up, for a Washington drop-out from under the posts.

7 mins. The kick is short and is caught by Stockton and ran back into the Washington defensive line, where ruck is formed. Turnover by Washington forwards who take the ball and drive at the Stockton defence and beyond the gain-line. Penalty to Washington for Stockton lying on the ball. Jay Cunningham finds touch on the Washington 10-yard line, for a Washington line-out.

The ball goes loose at the line-out and is gathered up by Stockton. Who deliver the ball to their backs. Stockton works the ball through a few phases making ground towards the Washington 22. But good defence by Washington prevents them from going beyond the Washington 22-yard line. Stockton backs kick to touch for a Washington line-out. The ball goes loose at the line-out and the ball goes into touch from a Stockton hand. line-out for Washington. Referee awards Stockton with a penalty. Ball kicked to touch for a Stockton line-out in the Washington 22 area.

Washington win ball at the line-out and the Washington forwards drive the ball out of the 22. Referee stops play for a Stockton penalty (Washington going into the ruck from the side). Stockton kick finds touch on the Washington 5-yard line for a Stockton line-out.

17mins. Stockton wins good ball from the line-out and their forwards drive the ball over the try line and ground the ball for a try. Conversion missed. Score 0 – 5.

Washington restarts the game with a high kick into the Stockton half. A poor catch by the Stockton #15 sees the ball go loose. Ball gathered up by Washington who deliver good ball to the backs, who take the ball towards the Stockton try line. Penalty for Washington, kick finds touch on the Stockton 5-yard line for a Washington line-out. Stockton win possession at the line-out, and kick the ball into the Washington half to clear their lines. A good catch by Peter Hardy and a good run through the Stockton defence sees Peter tackled into touch, for a Stockton line-out.

The ball goes loose from the Stockton line-out, but Stockton retrieves the ball and drive into the Washington 22. Referee awards penalty to Stockton for a high-tackle, kick finds touch on the Washington 5-yard line for a Stockton line-out. Referee stops play for a Stockton penalty. Stockton takes a Tap & Go and drives at the Washington defence. Referee stops play for another Stockton penalty and gives a yellow card to Peter Hardy. (Peter now gets a 10-minute rest 🙄).

Stockton takes a Tap & Go and take the ball into tackle to form ruck. Washington turnover the ball. Referee stops play and awards scrum to Stockton on the Washington 5-yard line in-front of the posts. Stockton prop drops the scrum and the referee gives Washington a penalty. Kick is short and stays in field, where the Stockton #15 takes the catch and runs the ball back at the Washington defence. 25 mins. Stockton maintain possession taking the ball beyond the gain-line and eventually go over for a try. Conversion missed. Score 0 – 10.

Washington restarts the game with a long kick into the Stockton half. Ball is caught by Stockton back, and is ran back into the Washington half. Stockton works the ball through a number of phases, that sees them gain ground into the Washington 22. Referee blows for a penalty to Stockton for an off-side infringement by Washington. A Tap & Go sees Stockton take the ball towards the Washington try line. A Knock-On by Stockton gives a scrum on the Washington 5-yard line.

28 mins. Washington takes the ball from the back of the scrum but the ball goes loose from the tackle, where it is gathered up by the Stockton backs who cross the line for a try. Conversion missed. Score 0 – 15.

Washington restart with a long kick short of the Stockton 22. Stockton #15 makes a clean catch and runs the ball back into the Washington defence to form ruck. Scrum to Washington. Clean ball from scrum allows Washington #9 to deliver the ball to the backs who go beyond the gain-line and into the Stockton 22. Stockton gains possession and run through the Washington defence and down the touchline and into the Washington 22.

35 mins. Good passing and running by the Stockton backs see them cross the line to put down for another try. Conversion good. Score 0 – 22.

Washington restart sees a clean catch by Stockton who take the ball into the tackle to form ruck. Good defence by Washington prevents Stockton making any ground, and they decide to kick the ball into touch. Giving Washington a line-out in the Washington 22. Washington wins clean ball and drives out of the 22.

38 mins. Referee blows for another penalty to Stockton, who take a Tap & Go and drive at the Washington defence to form ruck. Good tackling and defensive play by Washington keep Stockton from

crossing the try line. Washington gets a scrum awarded on the 5-yard line. Good quick ball from the back of the scrum with good passing and backing up sees Washington take the ball through the Stockton defence, and over the half-way line. Penalty for Washington, sees a good kick find touch on the Stockton 10-yard line.

The ball goes loose from the line-out and Stockton are given a scrum. Stockton Knock-On at the base of the scrum and the referee gives a scrum to Washington. Washington win ball from the scrum and George Alley releases good quick ball to the backs. Great running by the backs ends, when the referee blows for a Knock-On by Washington, giving Stockton a scrum. Great effort by the Washington forwards wins a scrum turnover. Referee blows and calls play back for a Washington penalty. A Tap & Go sees Washington go over for a try (given to Ollie Lines on 40 mins). Conversion by Jay Cunningham good. Score 7 – 22.

Half time score Washington 7 V 22 Stockton.

Second Half;

Washington kicks off the second half. Ball knocked on by Stockton giving Washington a scrum. Washington win ball from the scrum and drive towards Stockton try line. Ollie Lines goes over for a try. Conversion missed. Score 12 – 22.

Stockton restart caught by George Alley, and taken into tackle to form ruck. Stockton turnover the ball, but a forward pass gives Washington a scrum. Washington takes good ball from back of the scrum, but the ball is passed forward by Washington and the referee awards a scrum for Stockton.

45 mins. Stockton, with a strong push, get clean ball from the scrum. The forwards and backs combine well and take the ball beyond the gain-line. Washington gives away a series of penalties, and Stockton take the ball ever closer to the Washington try line. Despite some good tackling Stockton go over the Washington try line to score. Conversion is good. Score 12 – 29.

Washington restart with a long kick, which is caught cleanly by Stockton. The ensuing kick fails to reach touch and the catch is taken by Peter Hardy, who runs the ball back at Stockton crossing the half-way line. Eventually going into touch for a Stockton line-out. Ball cleanly caught and passed to the Stockton #9 who runs through the Washington forwards, passing the ball to the backs, who take the ball over the gain-line. The ball is lost by the Stockton backs and Washington gain possession. Washington forwards drive the ball into and beyond the Stockton defensive line. A Knock-On by Washington stops the drive, and Stockton Knock-On attempting to gather the ball. Referee calls play back for a Stockton scrum.

50 mins. A strong push/drive by Stockton forwards backfires for them, when the referee awards Washington a scrum for the Stockton forwards standing up in the scrum. The referee has a chat to the Stockton forwards.

From the scrum Washington take possession and the forwards drive over the half-way line. Good ruck work by Washington takes the ball past the Stockton 10-yard line. The Washington backs break out past the Stockton backs making ground with good passing and backup.

55 mins. Ollie O'Conner breaks through tackle, passes the ball to Jay Cunningham, who sweeps past the defender to pass the ball to Max Brown who goes over for a fantastic team try. Conversion missed. Score 17 – 29.

(great to see the forwards and backs combine with good passing, good backing up, good vision and a great team try the result).

Stockton restart with kick short of the Washington 22. Good catch by Jay Cunningham who takes the ball and drives into and beyond the Stockton defence. A kick into the Stockton 22, and a good kick chase, sees Stockton return the kick. The ball bounces and finds touch, for a Washington line-out in the Washington 22.

57 mins. Stockton pre-jumping in the line-out, and referee has cause to speak to the Stockton forwards. Stockton awarded a scrum by the referee for ball not-straight. Stockton with quick ball from base of scrum drive the ball into the Washington defensive line. Good tackling and ruck work is rewarded with a penalty for the Stockton player not releasing.

A quick Tap & Go sees Washington take the ball over the gain-line, where they maintain possession and go through a number of ruck phases. Penalty for Stockton and referee warns Washington player. Stockton kick fails to reach touch and is caught by Peter Hardy who runs the ball back. Washington takes the ball over the half-way and into the Stockton 22, where Washington player is tackled into touch for a Stockton line-out. Stockton win line-out and the ball is passed to their backs, good tackling by Washington prevents Stockton gaining ground. Referee blows for a penalty to Stockton. Referee again warns Washington player for high-tackles.

Stockton kick from the penalty fails to reach touch, and is caught and ran back into the Stockton defence. Good work by Washington sees ground gained over the half-way line and to the Stockton 10-yard line.

62 mins. Washington take ball from the ruck and crash over the gain line, heading to the Stockton try line. Poor tackling by Stockton and good forward momentum and back up by Washington sees Ollie Lines go over for another try. Conversion missed. Score 22 – 29.

Stockton restarts the game. The ball goes loose from the kick and the referee awards a penalty to Stockton. The kick finds touch for a Stockton line-out. A good catch and drive see Stockton take the ball up the touchline and beyond the gain-line. Eventually some good tackling by Washington takes the ball carrier into touch.

70 mins. Washington lose possession at the line-out, but the referee calls play back for a penalty to Stockton. The referee has a chat to the Washington captain. A Tap & Go by Stockton takes the ball into the Washington defensive line. Some good tackling by Washington keeps the Stockton forwards from getting over the gain-line. Eventually the pressure is too much for Washington and Stockton go over for a try on 72 minutes. Conversion good. Score 22 – 36.

Washington restart with a poor kick that fails to go 10-yards. The referee gives a scrum to Stockton on the half-way spot. Stockton ball from the back of the scrum goes loose and is gathered up by Washington. Washington keep possession through a number of phases, and good tackling by Stockton sees Washington ball carrier tackled into touch on the Washington 10-yqard line. Washington awarded a scrum at the line-out. The referee has another chat to the Stockton forwards. Washington takes the ball from rear of scrum, but the ball is lost in the tackle and gathered up by Stockton. Stockton kick long and the ball finds touch in the Washington 22 for a Washington line-out.

78 mins. Washington wins ball and passes to the backs where the ball goes loose. Referee blows for a scrum to Washington. Quick ball from scrum allows Washington to kick cross-field, ball gathered by Washington player who is tackled into touch. Washington wins the ball at the Stockton line-out and pass to the backs. Penalty to Washington, who take a quick Tap & Go and drive forward. The ball goes loose, and eventually the referee blows and gives Stockton a penalty.

The kick fails to reach touch and Washington return the kick. Stockton gathers the ball and runs it into and beyond the Washington defensive line, driving the ball ever closer to the Washington try line.

82 mins. Stockton keeps up the pressure, and despite the good tackling and defensive work by Washington, Stockton eventually cross the line to score a try. Conversion good. Score 22 – 43.

Washington restart is caught and ran back by the Stockton #15. Ball goes loose and is picked up by Washington. Referee blows for a penalty to Washington for a high-tackle. Tap & Go by Washington sees the ball taken to the Stockton 5-yard line. The ball goes loose and is gathered by Stockton who pass to their backs who clear their lines by kicking into touch. Washington line-out ball goes into touch and referee blows for full-time.

Score 22 – 43.

Notes;

“A very strong Stockton side proved to be too strong for Washington to overcome. Washington players can take a lot from this game. Great tackling (at times) kept the score down, and good attacking play, good passing and backing up resulted in tries scored. Well played everyone, you all had a great game. ONWARDS & UPWARDS.”

Comment from Dave Addison [Director of Rugby].

“Another good game of rugby between 2 good sides, Stockton being the best side I’ve seen this season. Some of their young players will certainly do well in the game. I thought we played really well against a side containing players who have played higher level and even some that play level 6 rugby! Really proud of the boys who worked hard throughout.

We held our own and could have got more out of the game but it wasn't to be... injuries continue to cause concern and we can only hope for good availability for next week’s game, the cup semi, would be great to get to the final after a great experience last season. Horden will be similar to Stockton in approach so should be another tough game.”

Yours Statler and Waldorf:



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