



Competition:	Durham County 3 rd XV Cup Semi-Final	
Teams:	Peterlee & Horden 3rds	Washington 1sts
Date:	21 February 2026, KO 2:00 PM	
Venue:	Peterlee & Horden RFC, Eden Park, Eden Lane, Peterlee, United Kingdom, SR8 5DJ	
Match Official:	WILF HOW, Durham Association	
Result:	32	10

No.	NAME & SURNAME	SCORERS				JUDICIARY	
		Tries	Conv.	Penalty	Drops	Yellow	Red
1	OLLIE O'CONNOR						
2	DAVID FISHER						
3	JACK ASBERY						
4	KEVIN LAMB						
5	MICHAEL REILLY						
6	STEPHEN RODGERS						
7	STEVEN TALBOT						
8	DEAN RYAN						
9	GEORGE ALLEY						
10	MATTHEW CLARK C						
11	MAX BROWN						
12	JAY CUNNINGHAM	1					
13	JOHN POPE	1					
14	PETER HARDY						
15	JAMES ROSS						
Penalty Tries							

RESERVES

16	JOHN COCKER						
17	ALIX HUME						
18	STEPHEN RODGERS						
19	MICHAEL BISHOP						
20	JOSHUA HARDY						
21	ANDRE MARRAH						
22	MATTY WARNER						

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

OPPOSITION	4	3	2			
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Scoring Sequence			
Minute	Player [team number or opposition]	[T, C, P, PT, DG.]	Score
5	Jay Cunningham	T	0 – 5
10	John Pope	T	0 – 10
40	Peterlee & Horden	T&C	7 – 10
44 first half	Peterlee & Horden	P	10 – 10
Second Half	Peterlee & Horden	T&C	17 – 10
Second Half	Peterlee & Horden	P	20 – 10
Second Half	Peterlee & Horden	T	25 – 10
Second Half	Peterlee & Horden	T&C	32 - 10
Timings are approximate.			

Weather Conditions:

Temperature 10°C, dry underfoot (with some very muddy patches). Very slight breeze,

Noteworthy Information:

As can be expected Peterlee & Horden have a large support in attendance, as their first and second teams do not have fixtures today. This gives them a large selection/availability option.

Game Summary:

First Half;

Washington starts the game with a kick just short of the Peterlee & Horden 22. The ball is loose and Peterlee & Horden Knock-On for a Washington scrum. Good solid scrum allows Dean Ryan to take the ball from the base of the scrum and run into the open, forming ruck in the Peterlee & Horden 22. David Fisher takes the ball and runs into the Peterlee & Horden defensive line. The referee blows for a scrum to Peterlee & Horden. A powerful drive by the Washington forwards sees the ball go loose, and it is gathered by James Ross, who takes it beyond the gain-line.

5 mins. Good running and support in the backs, ends up with the ball in the hands of Jay Cunningham who goes over for a try. Conversion missed. Score 0 – 5.

Peterlee & Horden restart with a kick towards the Washington 22-yard line. The ball bounces but is gathered by Washington. Washington backs kick the ball to clear their lines and the ball is Knocked-On by Peterlee & Horden on the half-way line. Good strong scrum by Washington sees clean ball passed from George Alley to Matt Clark, who runs through the Peterlee & Horden defensive line and over the gain-line. Ruck is formed short of the Peterlee & Horden 22-yard line. Good kick finds touch for a Washington line-out. Washington wins good clean ball from the line-out, and the forwards drive towards the Peterlee & Horden try line.

10 mins. David Fisher breaks from the maul and passes to the backs, with John Pope crossing the try line to put down for a great team try. Conversion missed. Score 0 – 10.

Peterlee & Horden restart the game with a long kick short of the Washington 22. The ball goes loose when Washington fails to collect the ball. Peterlee & Horden forwards attempt to gather the loose ball but it is knocked-on for a Washington scrum on the Washington 22-yard line.

Again, another solid scrum sees clean ball from the back of the scrum, ball passed to Matt Clark who makes a massive kick into the Peterlee & Horden 22 area. The Peterlee & Horden #15 runs the ball back, but a good kick-chase by Washington sees the #15 tackled in his own 22. Referee blows for a Peterlee & Horden penalty. Kick to touch is good for a Peterlee & Horden line-out just inside the Washington half.

Peterlee & Horden tap back and the Peterlee & Horden #9 passes to the backs. The ball goes loose and bodies from both sides diving for the ball. The referees whistle sounds and he gives Peterlee & Horden a penalty. They take a quick Tap & Go and drive the ball over the half-way line. Referee blows for another penalty for Peterlee & Horden. Another Tap & Go by Peterlee & Horden sees them take the ball over the Washington 10-yard line. Referee's whistle blows again for another Peterlee & Horden penalty; referee sends Washington back a further 10-yards for back-chat. Peterlee & Horden kick finds touch for a Peterlee & Horden line-out deep inside Washington 22 area.

Peterlee & Horden catch and drive from the line-out. Referee blows for a penalty to Peterlee & Horden, (tackler not rolling away). Peterlee & Horden take a quick Tap & Go and drive the ball into the Washington defence which holds firm with some good tackling. Peterlee & Horden Knock-On and a little bit of ruffy tufty takes place 🤝. Referee stops play and has a talk with both captains.

16 mins. Referee restarts game by giving a scrum to Peterlee & Horden deep inside the Washington 22. A great push/drive by Washington disrupts the Peterlee & Horden scrum, but Peterlee & Horden manage to get the ball and drive at the Washington defence. Good tackling and ruck work prevent Peterlee & Horden from getting over the gain-line. Penalty for Peterlee & Horden, another quick Tap & Go is taken by Peterlee & Horden. Washington holds their defensive line with good tackling and powerful ruck work. Washington survives a bout of pressure from the Peterlee & Horden forwards and are rewarded with a penalty. Kick finds touch on the Washington 10-yard line.

Good ball from the line-out sees the ball into the hands of Matt Clark, who takes the ball into tackle to form ruck. Penalty to Washington for not releasing. Kick finds touch inside the Peterlee & Horden 22 for a Washington line-out.

Peterlee & Horden wins the ball, but the referee blows and brings play back to the line-out for a Peterlee & Horden penalty. Kick finds touch just short of the Washington 1-yard line for a Peterlee & Horden line-out.

22 mins. Peterlee & Horden line-out is messy and the ball goes loose; Peterlee & Horden backs try to gather the ball but Washington ends up with possession. Referee calls play back for a Washington penalty on the half-way line. Referee stops play for a Washington player down. Game resumes with a kick into touch, giving Washington a line-out inside the Peterlee & Horden 22 area. Washington win ball from line-out and release the backs, who take the ball into tackle. Ball goes loose from a tackle and Peterlee & Horden Knock-On trying to gather the ball, Washington scrum on Peterlee & Horden 22-yard line.

25 mins. A good drive by the Washington scrum produces clean ball that is passed to the backs, who drive over the gain-line, and towards the Peterlee & Horden try line. Good tackling by Peterlee & Horden means the ball is held up over the try line. Referee stops play and talks to both captains. Game resumes with a goal line drop out by Peterlee & Horden. The kick goes directly into touch and the referee gives Washington a scrum on the Peterlee & Horden 5-yard line. The referee stops play to talk to both front rows, and resets the scrum. Another good drive by the Washington forwards sees the ball passed to the Washington blind-side where Peter Hardy makes a run down the touch-line. A good tackle by the Peterlee & Horden defence sees Peter driven into touch for a Peterlee & Horden line-out.

Referee stops play for a Peterlee & Horden player down and injured. Unfortunately, he has to leave the field with a shoulder injury.

32 mins. Referee calls play back to the scrum for a penalty to Washington. Washington takes a quick Tap & Go and work through a number of ruck phases. Penalty to Peterlee & Horden, kick fails to reach touch, but is gathered by Peterlee & Horden who pass the ball through their backs. Penalty to Peterlee & Horden for a deliberate Knock-On by a Washington back.

35 mins. Kick bounces in front of Washington full back and goes into touch off the Washington player for a Peterlee & Horden line-out deep in Washington 22 area.

line-out not straight and Washington have a scrum. Again, the referee feels the need to talk to both front rows. Washington obtains good ball from the scrum, where George Alley passes to Matt Clark who clears the defence with a good kick to the Washington 10-yard line for a Peterlee & Horden line-out. Peterlee & Horden with a catch and drive, sees the ball taken over the gain-line and into the Washington 22. Peterlee & Horden work the ball through ruck phases and finally release their backs down the blind side, who go over for a try on 40 mins. Conversion good. Score 7 – 10.

Washington restart with a kick into the Peterlee & Horden 22. The ball is cleanly caught and ran back into the Washington defensive line. From the ruck the ball is passed to the Peterlee & Horden #10 who makes a 50 – 22 kick for a Peterlee & Horden line-out.

Peterlee & Horden with a catch and drive from the line-out. Penalty to Peterlee & Horden. Attempt at penalty goal misses, and Washington have a goal line drop out.

44 mins, Ball is caught clean by Peterlee & Horden and is ran back into the Washington half. Good play by Peterlee & Horden sees the ball taken into the Washington 22. Penalty to Peterlee & Horden for Washington playing the ball while off their feet. Penalty goal for three points. Score 10 – 10.

Referee blows for half time.

Second Half;

Peterlee & Horden kick-off the second half. Matt Clark receives the ball and kicks to touch. But the kick falls short, and Peterlee & Horden take possession and run the ball into the Washington defence and forms ruck. Peterlee & Horden backs get the ball and kick into the Washington 22, where the ball goes into touch. Peterlee & Horden win possession at the line-out but the ball goes forward from a Peterlee & Horden player and goes loose. referee blows for a scrum to Washington just short of the Washington 22-yard line.

3 mins. The referee resets the scrum (again issues in the front row), Washington ball fed to the backs who take the ball into the tackle to form ruck. Referee stops play for a clash of heads, and an injury to a Washington player. Jay Cunningham has to leave the field due to a leg injury and is clapped off the field by the spectators of both sides. 🙌

Game restarted with a Washington scrum. Penalty to Washington for Peterlee & Horden wheeling the scrum. Kick finds touch for a Washington line-out. Peterlee & Horden wins the ball at the line-out and kicks into Washington territory, good return by Max Brown. Penalty for a ruck infringement. Good pressure but pushed into touch for a Peterlee & Horden line-out. Peterlee & Horden with possession from the line-out kicks to touch.

line-out won by Washington. Ball lost and some ping/pong with rucks. Penalty Washington Knock-On missed touch, and again Knock-On ignored penalty Peterlee & Horden. line-out Peterlee & Horden. good play by Peterlee & Horden backs brings try. Conversion good. Score 17 – 10.

Kick off by Washington took by Peterlee & Horden, high-tackle by Washington. line-out Peterlee & Horden good pressure by Peterlee & Horden. penalty for Peterlee & Horden penalty goal scored. Score 20 – 10.

Washington kicks off, interception by Matt Clark, ball lost on Peterlee & Horden 22 and line-out. Peterlee & Horden try. Abysmal defending. Conversion missed. Score 25 – 10.

Kick collected and penalty for a high-tackle. Ball ran and knocked on. Peterlee & Horden scrum won by them and kicked to touch. line-out won by Washington but penalty for holding on. Penalty kicked to touch. line-out won by Peterlee & Horden. good pressure. Try for Peterlee & Horden and conversion good. Score 32 – 10.

Kick off took by Peterlee & Horden ball kicked dead, scrum Washington. Won and cleared to touch. line-out won by Peterlee & Horden and knocked on, scrum Washington. Referee blows for full time.

Final score 32 – 10.

Notes;

Comment from Dave Addison [Director of Rugby].

“Another tough game against a bigger club, unfortunately we fell short against a good side. From our part, our decision making was not where it has been and we tried to take them on up front and didn’t get the ball wide into some of our dangerous runners. Mistakes and falling the wrong side of the penalty count... we need to adapt better. These are just technical work on and I was really pleased with our commitment and desire in front of probably the biggest crowd we have played in front of. Good luck to Peterlee and Horden in the final. It’s good that we have the respect of these bigger clubs in terms of how they set up against us and that’s a reflection of how far we have come in the last 2 years... it’s worth remembering how far we have come to be desperately disappointed to lose a semi-final to a club like P & H when we are only in year 3 of our rebuild. Loads to be positive about as we are playing some great rugby. Next week we have another tough test v Seaton Carew which will no doubt be another really tough game... And the really big news is the maiden outing of Washingtons very own women’s touch Rugby team as they will play before against Seaton Carew ladies... watch this space special things are coming”

Yours Statler and Waldorf:



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