



Competition:	Candy League 3 Central	
Teams:	Seaton Carew 1sts	Washington 1sts
Date:	28 February 2026 KO 14:00	
Venue:	Seaton Carew RUFC, Hartlepool, TS25	
Match Official:	Derek Muirhead, Durham Association.	
Result:	39	43

No.	NAME & SURNAME	SCORERS				JUDICIARY	
		Tries	Conv.	Penalty	Drops	Yellow	Red
1	OLLIE O'CONNOR	1					
2	DAVID FISHER						
3	MICHAEL BISHOP						
4	MICHAEL REILLY						
5	KEVIN LAMB						
6	STEVEN TALBOT						
7	JAMES ENGLAND	1					
8	DEAN RYAN						
9	GEORGE ALLEY [C]						
10	MATTHEW CLARK		5	1			
11	PETER HARDY						
12	JOHN POPE	1					
13	MAX BROWN	1					
14	SEAN MONAGHAN	1					
15	SCOTT OLIVER						
<b>Penalty Tries</b>							

**RESERVES**

16	JAMES GRADY						
17	CALLUM SAMMONS						
18	LIAM REAY	1					
19	MATTY WARNER						
20	JOSHUA HARDY						
21	LIAM NICHOLSON						
22	ARCHIE McDONALD						

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

OPPOSITION	6	3	1			
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Scoring Sequence			
Minute	Player [team number or opposition]	[T, C, P, PT, DG.]	Score
2	JOHN POPE	T	0 – 5
2	MATT CLARK	C	0 – 7
10	MATT CLARK	P	0 – 10
12	SEATON CAREW	T	5 – 10
16	SEATON CAREW	T & C	12 – 10
17	SEAN MONAGHAN	T	12 – 15
28	LIAM REAY	T	12 – 20
28	MATT CLARK	C	12 – 22
35	SEATON CAREW	T & C	19 – 22
37	SEATON CAREW	P	22 – 22
HALF TIME SCORE			22 – 22
5	SEATON CAREW	T	27 – 22
12	JAMES ENGLAND	T	27 – 27
12	MATT CLARK	C	27 – 29
18	MAX BROWN	T	27 – 34
18	MATT CLARK	C	27 – 36
24	SEATON CAREW	T	32 - 36
27	OLLIE O'CONNOR	T	32 – 41
27	MATT CLARK	C	32 – 43
35	SEATON CAREW	T & C	39 – 43
FULL TIME SCORE			39 - 43

Timings are approximate.

#### **Weather Conditions:**

Slight breeze, good/firm underfoot, temperature a balmy 7°C.

#### **Game Summary:**

##### **First Half;**

Washington kick-off with a kick into the Seaton Carew 22. Good defensive chase by Washington sees the ball go loose. Washington gathers the ball and John Pope goes over for the first try of the game. Matt Clark kicks the conversion. Score 0 – 7. Great start by Washington.

Seaton Carew restart the game with a kick just short of the Washington 22-yard line. The ball is caught cleanly and taken into tackle to form ruck. Ball is passed to Matt Clark who clears the defence with a long kick into the Seaton Carew 22 area. The ball bounces and is eventually gathered by the Seaton Carew full-back. Good defensive chase by Washington results in a good tackle and Seaton Carew form ruck. Seaton Carew retain the ball and kick long to clear their defensive lines.

Michael Reilly has the ball and runs the ball back over the Seaton Carew 10-yard line. Penalty for Washington, Matt Clark finds touch with the kick for a Washington line-out short of the Seaton Carew 22. Dean Ryan catches the ball and the Washington forwards drive the ball forward. The ball is released to the backs and John Pope runs the ball into the Seaton Carew 22 area where a ruck is formed. Matt Clark gets the ball and chips into the dead ball area for the Washington backs to chase. The Seaton Carew full back drops on the ball in the in-goal area for a goal-line drop out.

Seaton Carew kick the ball long and is caught well by Sean Monaghan, who runs the ball back, and ruck is formed in the Seaton Carew 22. The ball ends up in touch, but the referee calls play back for a scrum to Seaton Carew.

A good steady scrum by Seaton Carew sees the ball delivered to their backs, who run the ball through the Washington defence and into the Washington 22 area. The ball goes loose and is gathered by Max Brown, who takes the ball and runs at the Seaton Carew defence. A good pass sees Sean Monaghan run down the touch line and over the Washington 10-yard line. Seaton Carew turn the ball over in the ruck but the ball goes loose. Ball is gathered up by Washington and delivered to the backs who run the ball deep into Seaton Carew territory, where Scott Oliver is tackled into touch for a Seaton Carew line-out on the Seaton Carew 5-yard line.

Seaton Carew win ball from the line-out and kick the ball to touch for a Washington line-out on the half-way line.

The referee awards Washington with a penalty at the line-out. Matt Clark kick goes long into the Seaton Carew in-goal area. The Seaton Carew full-back gathers the ball and returns the kick (but it does not go far and stays in the Seaton Carew 22). Ollie O'Conner catches the ball and takes it to the Seaton Carew defensive line and forms ruck. Penalty Washington.

10 mins. Matt Clark kicks the penalty for three points. Score 0 – 10.

Seaton Carew restart the game and Kevin Lmb catches the ball just short of the Washington 22-yard line, and forms ruck. Washington retains possession and the forwards go over the gain line through the Seaton Carew forwards defence. Penalty to Seaton Carew for Washington holding onto the ball. Kick finds touch for a Seaton Carew line-out on the Washington 5-yard line.

12 mins. Seaton Carew win clean ball and work the ball through a number of ruck phases. Eventually crossing over and putting down for a try. Conversion missed. Score 5 – 10.

Washington restart sees the ball just go over the Seaton Carew 10-yard line, where Seaton Carew gather the ball and go to ruck. Penalty to Seaton Carew who take a quick Tap & Go, Seaton Carew backs kick the ball but it slices off the players boot and goes backwards to the half-way line. Seaton Carew gathers the loose ball and is tackled to form a ruck. Penalty to Seaton Carew for Washington not releasing. Kick to touch good for a Seaton Carew line-out in the Washington 22 area.

16 mins. Seaton Carew catch the ball and drive forwards. The ball is released to the backs who kick the ball through the Washington defensive line for the chasing Seaton Carew backs to touch down for a try. Conversion is good. Score 12 – 10.

Washington restart with a kick into the Seaton Carew 22 area. Seaton Carew full-back runs the ball back to the Washington 10-yard line where the ball goes loose. ball is gathered up by Washington who kick into the Seaton Carew 22. Seaton Carew collect the ball and run it back into tackle and forms ruck.

17 mins. Washington gets possession of the ball resulting in Sean Monagham crossing the line for a try. Conversion missed. Score 12 – 15.

The Seaton Carew restart sees Dave Fisher with a good clean catch who goes into tackle and forms a good ruck. The ball is delivered to the backs by George Alley, where the ball is kicked into the Seaton Carew 22 by Matt Clark. A good chase by Peter Hardy sees the Seaton Carew defence put under pressure. Referee calls play back for a penalty to Washington for obstruction by Seaton Carew on the Seaton Carew 22-yard line. Penalty kick finds touch for a Washington line-out on the Seaton Carew 5-yard line.

22 mins. Ball goes loose from the line-out where Seaton Carew gather the ball and kick into the Washington 22 area. Max Brown catches the ball and calls 'mark', the referee awards a free-kick.

Max kicks the ball into the Seaton Carew 22 area. Seaton Carew catch the ball and run it back over the half-way line. Seaton Carew backs kick the ball forward and it bounces loose. both sides attempting to gather the ball. The referee blows for a Seaton Carew penalty on the Washington 22-yard line in-front of the posts. Seaton Carew decide to kick for touch, which is good for a Seaton Carew line-out in the Washington 22 area. Washington wins ball from the line-out and kicks deep into the Seaton Carew 22. Seaton Carew return the kick and it goes out into touch for a Washington line-out on the Washington 10-yard line.

25 mins. Ball not straight by Washington gives Seaton Carew a scrum. The scrum collapses and the referee stops play to talk to both front-rows and resets the scrum. A fantastic drive by the Washington scrum sees Seaton Carew driven backwards and the Seaton Carew front row stands up. Referee blows for a penalty to Washington. Matt Clark finds touch with the kick, for a Washington line-out inside the Seaton Carew 22.

28 min Washington win good ball from the line-out, Washington keeps good possession and Liam Reay goes over for a try. Conversion kick by Matt Clark is good. Score 12 – 22.

Seaton Carew restart and the kick is again caught well by David Fisher, who hands the ball to Kevin Lamb. The ball is taken into tackle and Washington for a good strong ruck. The Washington backs grubber kick the ball through the Seaton Carew defensive line, where it is gathered by the Seaton Carew #15 who runs the ball into tackle. Referee blows for a penalty to Seaton Carew. Seaton Carew take a quick Tap & Go and run the ball into the Washington 22. The ball goes loose in the tackle but the referee calls play back for a penalty to Seaton Carew (Washington off-side at the ruck).

32 mins. Seaton Carew finds touch with a fine kick, giving them a line-out on the Washington 5-yard line. Seaton Carew catch and drive to the Washington try line. The attacking pressure is maintained over a number of phases and Seaton Carew eventually cross the line for a try. Conversion is good. Score 19 – 22.

The kick from the restart fails to go 10-yards and the referee gives a scrum to Seaton Carew on the centre spot. Seaton Carew gets quick ball from the rear of the scrum, and delivers the ball to their backs. Seaton Carew run the ball down the touch-line where Scott Oliver makes a good tackle on the Seaton Carew #15 and the ball goes loose. penalty to Seaton Carew for Washington going in from the side at the ruck.

37 mins. Seaton Carew take a penalty kick at the posts which is successful. Score 22 – 22.

Washington restart with a high kick into the Seaton Carew 22 area. A good chase and tackle by Michael Reilly see's the Seaton Carew #15 under pressure. From the ruck Seaton Carew pass the ball to their backs, who kick to clear the defensive line. Peter Hardy makes a clean catch and runs the ball back at the Seaton Carew defence, crossing the half-way line. Washington keep possession through phases taking the ball into the Seaton Carew 22. Washington Knock-On and the referee give Seaton Carew a scrum, and blows for half-time.

Half-Time score is 22 – 22.

### **Second Half;**

Seaton Carew kicks off the second half, Dave Fisher takes the catch outside the Washington 22. From the ruck Seaton Carew get possession of the ball and kick towards the Washington try line. The ball is long and Scott Olver touches down in-goal for an in-goal drop out from under the posts.

The ball is caught by Seaton Carew and their backs run it back into and through the Washington defence, and into the Washington 22 area. Penalty to Seaton Carew for Washington off-side at the ruck. A Tap & Go by Seaton Carew sees their forwards take the ball to the Washington try-line, where they go over to score a good try. Conversion missed. Score 27 – 22.

The restart kick by Washington goes high and deep into the Seaton Carew 22. The ball is caught by the Seaton Carew #15 who kicks but fails to find touch, with the ball going loose in the Seaton Carew 22. Seaton Carew manage to gather the ball and they run the ball out of the 22 and to the half-way line. Washington gain possession and ball is passed to Matt Clark who plays a cross-field kick into the Seaton Carew 22 for Peter Hardy to run onto. Peter collects the ball and with two Seaton Carew players baring down on him, passes the ball to Max Brown who is in the clear. Unfortunately, Max can't hold on to the ball and it is knocked on. Scrum to Seaton Carew on the Seaton Carew 5-yard line.

Another great drive by the Washington scrum sees the ball go loose. Referee resets the scrum. Seaton Carew get quick ball from the back of the scrum and the Seaton Carew #10 kicks the ball down field. The ball bounces into touch on the half-way line for a Washington line-out.

7 mins. From the line-out Seaton Carew win the ball and the Seaton Carew #9 releases the ball to their backs. The backs take the ball over the half-way line and into Washington territory. Penalty to Washington for Seaton Carew player excessively rolling after the tackle. Matt Clark kicks to touch for a Washington line-out.

Washington wins good quick ball at the line-out and George Alley releases the ball to the backs, who take the ball into the Seaton Carew 22.

10 mins. The ball goes loose in the tackle, and the referee awards a scrum to Seaton Carew on their 22-yard line. Referee resets the scrum after a quick chat to the Seaton Carew props. Seaton Carew with quick ball from the back of the scrum pass the ball to their backs. A kick by the Seaton Carew #10 fails to find touch and is caught well by Scott Oliver. Scott runs the ball back. Washington works the ball through phases and good ruck and pod work leads to James England crossing the try line to score. Conversion by Matt Clark good. Score 27 – 29.

At this point in the game the referee has a chat with John Pope regarding his condition, and with Caroline Crilley in attendance, the referee suggests that John should leave the field of play and takes no more part in the game. John very reluctantly agrees and leaves the field, where he receives applause for his efforts today 🙌🙌.

14 mins. Seaton Carew restart the game, and Dave Fisher, with another clean catch, goes into the tackle and sets the ruck. The ball goes to Matt Clark who clears with a good kick into the Seaton Carew 22. The Seaton Carew #15 returns the kick, which finds touch on the half-way line for a Washington line-out.

A Knock-On by Washington gives Seaton Carew a scrum. Again, the referee has a chat with the Seaton Carew front row.

17 mins. Seaton Carew scrum, Washington forwards time the push to perfection and drive the Seaton Carew scrum back a number of yards. Referee blows and Washington are rewarded with a penalty. A quick Tap & Go sees the ball taken forward by Washington, the ball is passed to the backs where Max Brown crosses over for a try. Conversion by Matt Clark is good. Score 27 – 36.

Seaton Carew restart the game and Dave Fisher makes another clean catch and goes into the tackle and sets the ruck. Washington kicks the ball into the Seaton Carew half. The referee calls

play back, for a penalty to Seaton Carew (Washington off-side at the ruck). Kick to touch is good giving Seaton Carew a line-out on the Washington 5-yard line.

22 mins. Seaton Carew line-out not straight, scrum to Washington. Clean ball from the back of the scrum is passed to Matt Clark who clears the defensive lines with a good kick into touch. The ball goes loose at the Seaton Carew line-out, and the referee gives Seaton Carew a penalty. Seaton Carew take a quick Tap & Go and run through the Washington defence. Good passing and support by Seaton Carew see the ball taken towards the Washington try-line. Seaton Carew go over for a try. Conversion missed. Score 32 – 36.

Restart kick goes high and the chasing Seaton Carew forwards attack the ball, unfortunately the ball is knocked on and Washington have a scrum. A good solid scrum by Washington allows good ball to be delivered by George Alley to the Washington backs. Washington retains possession and drive through the Seaton Carew defence. Good rucking and pod work takes the ball deep into the Seaton Carew 22 area.

27 mins. The forward drive is maintained and the hard work pays dividends when Ollie O'Conner puts down over the line for a great team try. Conversion by Matt Clark is good. Score 32 – 43.

Seaton Carew restart the game, and Dave Fisher catches and takes the ball into the chasing Seaton Carew line to form ruck. Penalty for Washington for Seaton Carew being off-side at the ruck. Good kick by Matt Clark finds touch for a Washington line-out. Good catch by Dean Ryan in the line-out secures the ball. The ball is released to the Washington backs, but the ball goes loose and is gathered up by Seaton Carew. Referee stops play for player down with an injury.

30 mins. Play resumes with a Seaton Carew scrum. Another push/drive by Washington disrupts the Seaton Carew scrum and Washington get possession of the ball. The ball is passed to the backs but are held at the gain-line by good Seaton Carew defence. The ball goes loose and is taken up by Seaton Carew. Good running by the Seaton Carew backs takes the ball into the Washington 22, where they are held up by good Washington tackling.

33 mins. Penalty for Seaton Carew who find touch with the kick for a Seaton Carew line-out. Referee blows for an infringement by the Washington forwards and Seaton Carew have a penalty deep in the Washington 22 area. Seaton Carew take a Tap & Go and drive the ball to the Washington try line.

35 mins. Try for Seaton Carew as they overpower the Washington defensive line. Conversion is good. Score 39 – 43.

Washington restarts the game with a long kick deep into the Seaton Carew 22. The Seaton Carew #15 catches well and runs the ball back over the Seaton Carew 22-yard line and into the Washington chasing pack. Ruck is formed and Washington manage to turn over the ball. George Alley takes the ball and kicks into touch, and the referee blows for the end of the game.

Final Score Seaton Carew 39 – 43 Washington.

**Notes;**

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

“What a game of rugby!, 12 tries, result in doubt till the final whistle, end to end action and either side could have won it... thankfully that was us. Hats off to Seaton Carew for putting on a great performance and on another day may have taken the points. This was a game that fully merited the league positions of both sides in the top 2. For our boys, following a disappointing loss in the cup last week I was impressed by our never say die attitude and a much much better performance.

We fought until the end against an excellent side. And what a weekend for Washy, the women's team making their debut in an exciting touch match before the game and they didn't disappoint scoring 17 tries no less in a fast-paced game full of great hands. A great learning curve for our women as they continue to learn the game. Seaton again bravely fought on with only 7 players having to play the full game where as we definitely benefitted from having a larger squad that we could rotate players and save energy. How many clubs put out 2 teams and scored 23 tries at the weekend? The girls will definitely be back for more as we look to build on a great first outing.

An exciting time to be at Washy... offering, full adults contact rugby, mixed touch rugby, women's touch Rugby, walking rugby..... and coming soon... youth rugby with a twist... we do things different at washy. come and have a look in... something for all."

**Yours Statler and Waldorf:**



Great game to watch, a real TO & FRO. Both sides gave 100%.

Fantastic drive in the scrum from the forwards, and good kick chase pressured their defence. Good passing and support, along with ruck, phase and pod work paid dividends in ground gained and possession. The penalty count again went against us.

Mention to Matt Clark who has gone over the 100 points mark, with 107 points so far this season. It was good to see players back from injury, and new members enjoying the game.

**ONWARDS AND UPWARDS**

