

Game 22, Washington 1sts V West Hartlepool Bucks 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Home.



Competition:	Candy League 3 Central	
Teams:	Washington 1sts	West Hartlepool Bucks (3rds)
Date:	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025, KO 3:00 PM	
Venue:	Washington Hub, Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, NE37 3HR	
Match Official:	Tim Lang, Durham Association	
Result:	15	62

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

**RESERVES**

16	JOHN COCKER						
17	ARCHIE MCDONALD						
18	ANDRE MARRAH						
19	JOSHUA CARTER						
20	JOSHUA HARDY						
21	ANDY YOUNG	1					

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

OPPOSITION	10	6			1	
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Scoring Sequence			
Minute	Player [Name, Number or opposition]	[T, C, P, PT, DG.]	Score
11	West Hartlepool	T & C	0 – 7
13	West Hartlepool	T & C	0 – 14
18	West Hartlepool	T	0 – 19
20	West Hartlepool	T	0 – 24
30	West Hartlepool	T	0 - 29
38	Liam Reay	T	5 – 29
40	West Hartlepool	T	5 – 34
Half Time Score			5 – 34
1	West Hartlepool	T & C	5 – 41
5	West Hartlepool	T & C	5 – 48
12	West Hartlepool	T & C	5 – 55
22	Andy Young	T	10 – 55
35	Liam Reay	T	15 – 55
42	West Hartlepool	T & C	15 - 62
Full Time Score			15 - 62

**Weather Conditions:**

Temperature a balmy 12°C, dry with no wind.

**Noteworthy Information:**

Lack of availability has given Washington coaching team some headaches again today. West Hartlepool bring a large squad of 30 players to the game.

**Game Summary:**

**First Half;**

Washington kicks off the game with a good kick, just short of the West Hartlepool 22-yard line. Ball is caught and taken into tackle to form ruck. West Hartlepool take the ball from the ruck and deliver it to their backs, who run the ball down the blind-side and beyond the gain-line. A Knock-On by West Hartlepool gives Washington a scrum. Washington take ball from rear of scrum and pass to Matt Clark, who kicks into the West Hartlepool 22 area. West Hartlepool #15 takes the catch and runs out of the 22 and into the Washington defensive line. West Hartlepool #9 releases the West Hartlepool backs with a long pass, and carry the ball to and over the half-way line. Referee calls play back for a penalty to West Hartlepool on the half-way line. Ball finds touch from the kick for a West Hartlepool line-out just short of the Washington 22-yard line.

West Hartlepool with take clean ball and drive into the Washington 22. The drive continues towards the Washington try-line. Good defence and tackling by Washington stop the drive, and Washington turnover the ball. Ball passed to Matt Clark, who clears the defensive lines with a long kick that bounces into touch near the half-way line.

5 min. West Hartlepool line-out. A good catch and drive by the West Hartlepool forwards see the ball taken over the gain line. Good defence by Washington holds up the ballcarrier and are rewarded with a scrum. Washington with quick ball to backs, where Matt Clark's kick fails to reach touch but is Knocked-On by West Hartlepool giving another scrum to Washington.

7 min. The ball goes loose from the scrum, but the referee blows to stop play and resets the scrum. Ball from the scrum passed to Matt Clark, kick is charged down and bounces over the try line where it is touched down by Washington. Goal-line drop-out by Matt Clark reaches half-way, where the West Hartlepool backs take the ball and run it back into and through the Washington defensive line.

11 min. West Hartlepool with a chip-and-chase and the ball is gathered by West Hartlepool who go over for a try. Conversion good. Score 0 - 7

Washington restart sees the ball into the West Hartlepool 22, where it is cleanly caught and ran back into tackle. The ball goes loose on the West Hartlepool 10-yard line and ends up in touch for a Washington line-out. West Hartlepool win possession and release the ball to their backs, who kick the ball high into the Washington half of the field. A poor catch by Washington sees the ball go loose from a Knock-On. West Hartlepool scrum 2 metres short of the Washington 22.

13 min. Powerful drive from West Hartlepool forwards takes the ball deep into the Washington 22. Ball passed to West Hartlepool backs who drive through the Washington defence and touch down for a try. Conversion good. Score 0 – 14.

Washington restart with a short kick over the West Hartlepool 10-yard line, Washington gather the ball but a series of knock-on's (first by Washington then by West Hartlepool) sees the referee award West Hartlepool a scrum. West Hartlepool #9 takes ball from rear of scrum and breaks through the Washington defence, and takes the ball into the Washington 22. Good ruck work sees Washington turnover the ball, where Matt Clark clears the defensive line with a long kick into the West Hartlepool half. West Hartlepool #15 takes the ball and runs the ball back into the Washington half. A high tackle by Washington gives West Hartlepool a penalty. The kick finds touch for a West Hartlepool line-out in the Washington 22.

18 min. West Hartlepool with a catch and drive from the line-out, take the ball through and beyond the Washington defence to score a try. Conversion missed. Score 0 – 19.

Washington restart kick is caught by West Hartlepool backs who run the ball back and go through the Washington chasing defensive line.

20 min. With Washington struggling to get back to defend, West Hartlepool take the ball to the try line where they touch down for a try. Conversion missed. Score 0 – 24.

Restart kick by Washington bounces and is gathered by West Hartlepool, who take the ball into tackle to form ruck. From the ruck the ball is passed to the backs, who Knock the ball forward for a Washington scrum. The ball from the scrum is passed to the Washington backs, who drive into the tackle. Ball is ripped and turned over by West Hartlepool. Good tackling by Washington prevents West Hartlepool gaining any ground. Eventually West Hartlepool break through the Washington defence. A good tackle sees the ball knocked on by West Hartlepool but the ball is gathered by Washington and the referee plays advantage. Washington drives the ball into tackle and over the gain-line. Ball delivered to Matt Clark who kicks long into the West Hartlepool 22. A great chase by Andre Marrah sees the West Hartlepool #15 put under pressure, who makes the tackle. Referee calls play back to half-way for a penalty to Washington. Matt Clark's kick to touch is good giving Washington a line-out 1 metre from the West Hartlepool 22-yard line.

25 min. Washington lose the ball in the line-out, West Hartlepool take the ball into ruck and work through a number of phases. West Hartlepool backs break through the Washington defence and drive towards the Washington try line. 30 min. Where they cross and touch down for a try. Conversion missed. Score 0 – 29.

Restart kick by Washington caught by Washington backs and kicked into Washington half. Andre Marrah with a good catch runs the ball back down the touchline where he is tackled by the West Hartlepool #15. Penalty to Washington. A quick Tap & Go sees Washington take the ball into the West Hartlepool 22. The ball is lost and West Hartlepool gather the ball up and run at the Washington defence. The ball is knocked-on by West Hartlepool for a Washington scrum. The ball goes loose from the scrum, is gathered and kicked into the West Hartlepool 22 area where it bounces. West Hartlepool gather the

ball and return the kick but it does not travel far. The ball bounces and is knocked-on by the chasing West Hartlepool backs. Scrum to Washington on the West Hartlepool 22-yard line.

Good drive from Washington pack sees clean ball for George Alley to pass to Matt Clark, who grubber kicks the ball through the West Hartlepool defensive line. The ball goes into touch after being touched by a West Hartlepool hand for a Washington line-out. From the line-out ball is given to the backs with Andre Marrah crashing through the West Hartlepool defence. Washington work through a number of ruck phases retaining good possession. Penalty to Washington, a quick Tap & Go given to Liam Reay who drives into tackle.

38 min. Another penalty to Washington for not rolling away. George Alley, with another quick Tap & Go passes the ball to Liam Reay who crashes through tackle and touches down for a try. Conversion missed. Score 5 – 29.

West Hartlepool restart with a kick short of the Washington 22. A loose catch by Washington is gathered up by West Hartlepool who drive the ball to the Washington 5-yard line.

40 min. Penalty for West Hartlepool is taken quickly and West Hartlepool forwards drive over and touch down for a try. Conversion missed. Score 5 – 34.

Referee blows for half time. Score 5 – 34.

### **Second Half;**

West Hartlepool kick off the second half. Poor defence allows West Hartlepool to gain possession of the ball. West Hartlepool take the ball through the Washington line and touch down for a very quick second half try. Conversion is good. Score 5 – 41.

Restart kick sees the West Hartlepool defence drop the ball, but it goes backwards. Ball is collected by West Hartlepool and kicked into the Washington half of the field. Ball is loose and Washington put under pressure by the chasing West Hartlepool players. Ball gathered by Washington and ran back into the West Hartlepool half. Referee stops play and the West Hartlepool #8 receives a yellow card, penalty to Washington. Kick fails to find touch and is caught by West Hartlepool #15 who runs through the Washington defence. Good passing and support by West Hartlepool take the ball deep into the Washington 22 and over the try line for a well worked try. Conversion good. Score 5 – 48.

The Washington restart kick is cleanly caught by West Hartlepool who run the ball back into the chasing Washington defensive line. West Hartlepool work the ball through ruck phases, with Washington tackling well. West Hartlepool manage to retain good possession and work the ball into the Washington half of the field. Penalty to West Hartlepool for a high tackle. Kick finds touch, for a West Hartlepool line-out in the Washington 22.

West Hartlepool tap the ball back to their #9 who passes the ball to the backs, who take the ball through the Washington defence and too the Washington 5-yard line. A high tackle by Washington sees the referee give a penalty to West Hartlepool, who take a quick Tap & Go. Referee stops play for an injury to a West Hartlepool player. Referee restarts the game with a West Hartlepool scrum on the Washington 5-yard line.

12 min. Scrum penalty to West Hartlepool, who take a quick Tap & Go and cross the line to put down for a try. Conversion good. Score 5 – 55.

Restart kick lands in the West Hartlepool 22, where the ball is gathered by West Hartlepool and ran back into the Washington chasing players. Penalty to West Hartlepool for Washington using hands in the ruck. Kick fails to reach touch is caught and ran back into the West Hartlepool chasing pack. Referee blows for a West Hartlepool penalty, Washington off-side. West Hartlepool take a Tap & Go, and pass

the ball to their backs who take the ball into tackle and form ruck. Referee stops play for a player injured on the floor.

15 min. Referee restarts game with a Washington scrum on the half way line. a good heave by the Washington scrum allows the ball to be passed to the backs, with Max Brown making a good run down the touch line and into the West Hartlepool 22. From the ensuing ruck the ball is passed to Sean Monaghan who makes a run down the touchline, but is tackled into touch for a West Hartlepool line-out on the West Hartlepool 22-yard line. despite good pressure from the Washington forwards West Hartlepool catch and drive the ball towards their 10-yard line. The ball is passed to the West Hartlepool backs who kick into the Washington half. Peter Hardy catches a difficult ball and makes a scything run through and beyond the West Hartlepool chasing players and over the half-way line.

The ball goes loose on the floor from a ruck, where a West Hartlepool player knocks the ball on and the referee blows for a Washington scrum.

20 min. good quick ball from the scrum allows George Alley to pass the ball to the backs. good quick hands see the ball get to Max Brown on the wing, who takes the ball deep into the West Hartlepool 22 area.

22 min. Good rucking and pod work by Washington is rewarded when Andy Young crosses the line to score. Conversion missed. Score 10 – 55.

The restart kick by West Hartlepool bounces into touch just passed the Washington 10-yard line, for a Washington line-out.

Ball is cleanly taken by Kevin Lamb at the line-out and is handed off to Ollie O'Conner who drives the ball into the West Hartlepool forwards and over the gain-line. Penalty to Washington for West Hartlepool offside at the ruck. Matt Clark finds touch with the kick, giving a line-out just short of the West Hartlepool 22-yard line. West Hartlepool spoil the Washington line-out and takes possession of the ball. They form maul and drive forward. The West Hartlepool #9 takes the ball and kicks towards the half-way line. The ball is gathered by the West Hartlepool chasing players and taken over the Washington 10-yard line. a Knock-On by West Hartlepool gives Washington a scrum.

25 min. A huge push and drive by the Washington scrum mean the West Hartlepool backs are back-peddalling, George Alley passes the ball to the Washington backs. Good passing means Max Brown receives quick ball out on the wing, who runs through the West Hartlepool defence and takes the ball deep into West Hartlepool territory. Max is tackled and goes to ground to form ruck, the referee blows for a Washington penalty (West Hartlepool hands in the ruck). Washington takes a Tap & Go and drive the ball into the West Hartlepool 22. Another penalty for Washington, Tap & Go given to Liam Reay who takes the ball into the West Hartlepool defence and to their 5-yard line. Ruck is set-up and the Washington backs drive to the try line. a good tackle by West Hartlepool sees the ball go loose and over the dead ball line. Scrum to West Hartlepool on the 5-yard line.

Washington drives the West Hartlepool scrum backwards, and pick up the ball and take it over the West Hartlepool try line. Good defence by West Hartlepool holds the ball up over the line and the referee blows for a West Hartlepool goal-line drop out.

A long drop-kick is knocked on by Washington giving a scrum to West Hartlepool just short of the Washington 22-yard line. Referee stops play to speak to the West Hartlepool front row and resets the scrum. Another great drive by the Washington pack, secures good ball for George Alley who releases the ball to the Washington backs. Good passing and support take the ball into the West Hartlepool 22.

Referee blows and calls play back for a Washington penalty. A quick Tap & Go to the backs, who take the ball into tackle to form ruck. Referee stops play for a high-tackle by West Hartlepool. Penalty for

Washington just short of the West Hartlepool 5-yrd line, who decide to take a scrum. Good solid scrum allows the ball to be delivered to the Washington backs, who go into tackle and form ruck.

35 min. Liam Reay picks up the ball and drives through the West Hartlepool defence crosses the line and puts down for a try. Conversion missed. Score 15 – 55.

West Hartlepool restart kick is well caught by Michael Reilly who keeps the ball alive by passing to the backs. Max Brown receives the ball and makes another decisive run cutting through the West Hartlepool defence, taking the ball into the West Hartlepool 22. Max goes to ground in the tackle and forms ruck, Washington work through a number of ruck phases and retain good possession, and drive the ball towards the West Hartlepool try line. Penalty for Washington who again choose a scrum. From the scrum the ball is passed to the backs, where the ball is lost but regathered by Washington, and taken over the gain-line. The ball is lost, but the referee calls play back for a Washington scrum.

40 min. A good steady scrum gives quick ball that is passed to Josh Carter, who makes a run along the touch-line where he is tackled into touch for a West Hartlepool line-out. Michael Reilly spoils the West Hartlepool line-out catches the ball and passes cleanly to George Alley. The Washington backs take the ball into tackle and form ruck. Liam Reay picks the ball and drives towards the West Hartlepool 5-yard line. Penalty to Washington, who choose to have a scrum. Washington takes the ball from the rear of the scrum, Washington are driven backwards and the ball goes loose. Referee blows and awards a scrum to West Hartlepool.

42 min. Good strong scrum from West Hartlepool sees the ball passed to their backs, who breakthrough the Washington defence and run the ball all the way to the Washington try line. Conversion good. Score 15 – 62.

Restart kick bounces loose Infront of West Hartlepool 22, where their #9 collects the ball and runs through the Washington defence into the Washington half. Penalty Washington, who again choose to have a scrum. Ball from rear of scrum passed to Washington backs, who take the ball into tackle. Washington works the ball through a number of phases making ground beyond the gain-line. Penalty for West Hartlepool, Washington holding onto the ball after the tackle. West Hartlepool take a quick Tap & Go and drive into the Washington defensive line. West Hartlepool Knock-On, and the referee blows the final whistle to end the game.

Final score 15 – 62.

#### **Notes;**

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

“A tough day at the office for us against a very strong west team. Despite the strength of opposition, we did not meet our standards in the first half. Fearing a cricket score, we asked to show something different in the 2nd half and we really did with a much-improved display to come within a whisker of a bonus point. West were able to bring players on to seal out the game and stop that from happening with a squad of 30.

Rather than be despondent I think it’s a real testament to our small club that clubs like West and others send the best they can muster for games with us. We still have 4 games to fight for the title and let's see where that takes us. We need lads to pick up availability and to bounce back from a disappointing day. In our favour I highly doubt the Bucks will be able to field a side as strong again this season so hopefully someone can do us a favour and we can just try and win our last 4 games best we can.”

**Yours Statler and Waldorf:**



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