



Competition:	Friendly	
Teams:	Tynedale Centurions	Washington Firsts
Date:	18 th April 2026, KO 15:00 meet 13:30	
Venue:	Tynedale Rugby club, Corbridge, Northumberland, NE45 5AY	
Match Official:	Andy Stephenson, Washington Head Coach	
Result:	19	27

No.	NAME & SURNAME	SCORERS				JUDICIARY	
		Tries	Conv.	Penalty	Drops	Yellow	Red
1	OWAIN FUTERS						
2	JOHN COCKER						
3	MICHAEL BISHOP						
4	MICHAEL REILLY						
5	STEVEN TALBOT						
6	CALLUM SAMMONS	1					
7	JAMES ENGLAND	2					
8	DEAN RYAN						
9	SCOTT OLIVER						
10	MATTHEW CLARK		2	1			
11	ANDRE MARRAH	1					
12	OLIVER BARKER						
13	MAX BROWN						
14	JOHNNY NIPPER						
15	PETER HARDY						
Penalty Tries							

RESERVES

16	KEVIN LAMB					1	
17	ARCHIE MCDONALD						
18	JOSHUA CARTER						
19	MATTY WARNER						
20	HARRY GILL						

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

OPPOSITION	3	2			1	
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Scoring Sequence			
Minute	Player [Name, Number or opposition]	[T, C, P, PT, DG.]	Score
2	Tynedale	T & C	7 – 0
4	Tynedale	T & C	14 – 0
10	Tynedale	T	19 – 0
26	James England	T	19 – 5
43	James England	T	19 – 10
Half Time Score			19 – 10
15	Andre Marrah	T	19 – 15
15	Matt Clark	C	19 – 17
23	Callum Sammons	T	19 – 22
23	Matt Clark	C	19 – 24
35	Matt Clark	P	19 – 27
Full Time Score			19 - 27

Weather Conditions:

Weather conditions: Dry, temperature 7°C, slight breeze with gusts.

Noteworthy Information:

Unable to have a referee assigned to the game, Andy Stephenson (Washington's head coach) kindly volunteered to referee the game with both teams consenting.

Game Summary:


First Half;

Washington kicked off the game, and the Tynedale #15 makes a clean catch and runs the ball back. A good tackle by Ollie Barker stopped the #15 in his tracks and ruck is formed.




From the ruck Tynedale passes the ball to their backs who run through (and around) the Washington defence to put down for a try under the posts. Conversion good. Score 7 – 0.

2 mins. Washington restarts the game with a high ball, which was again taken well by the Tynedale #15. The chasing Washington defence make good tackle and take the ball carrier to ground. Tynedale works the ball through phases making ground towards and into the Washington 22. Referee blows for a penalty to Tynedale.

4 mins.  A quick Tap & Go sees Tynedale break through the Washington defence and touch down for a try. Conversion is good. Score 14 – 0.

Washington restart sees the ball cleanly caught by Tynedale and carried into tackle. From the ruck the ball is delivered to the Tynedale #10 who kicks and finds touch in the Washington 22 area for a 50-22, giving Tynedale the throw-in at the line-out. Tynedale wins clean ball and the backs run the ball over the gain line. The ball goes loose in the tackle and Washington get a scrum. Scott Oliver gets good ball from the scrum and passes to Matt Clark who kicks the ball as far as the Washington 10-yard line. Tynedale takes the ball and runs it into tackle where a maul is formed. Referee blows for a penalty to Washington, Tynedale offside at the maul. Matt Clark finds touch from the kick on the ½ half way line.

7 mins. Washington lose possession at the line-out and Tynedale drive the ball into the Washington forwards and makes ground beyond the gain-line. The ball goes loose in the tackle and Washington get a scrum. Clean ball from the scrum is passed to Matt Clark who kicks the ball to the Tynedale 10-yard line. The ball is caught and ran back by the Tynedale #11.

10 mins.  Tynedale kick long into the Washington 22. Washington #15 misses the catch and the ball bounces loose; Tynedale collects the ball and go over for their third try of the game. Conversion is missed. Score 19 – 0.

The Washington restart kick causes issues with the Tynedale #15 knocking-on, Washington collect the ball but the ball is lost in the tackle, and Tynedale grubber kick the ball forward. The referee calls play back for a Washington scrum at the point of the original Knock-On.


Washington has a good strong scrum and the ball is taken by Dean Ryan and driven into the Tynedale defence. Washington works the ball well through a number of phases, making ground to and over the gain-line. Penalty to Tynedale sees the charge halted. Tynedale #10 finds touch with the kick for a line-out on the Washington 10-yard line. Tynedale wins clean ball with a good jump and the #9 runs the ball over the gain-line, a good tackle by Max Brown sees the #9 taken to ground. Penalty for Washington Tynedale holding onto the ball.

Kick by Matt Clark fails to reach touch, and is caught and ran back into the Washington chasing line. Washington awarded another penalty, on the Tynedale 10-yard line, for Tynedale off their feet at the ruck. Kick finds touch on just outside the Tynedale 22, for a Washington line-out. Tynedale manages to spoil the Washington throw-in and tap back the ball. The ball is loose on the ground and Steven Talbot grubber kicks the ball forward. The ball goes into the in-goal area where it is touched down by a Tynedale player. The goal-line drop-out land short of the ½ half way line

Andre Marrah gathers the ball and makes a good run through the Tynedale defence. Washington works the ball through phase after phase, keeping the ball moving forward. A loose pass from Matt Clark sees Andre Marrah scrambling to collect the ball, and he is tackled into touch for a Tynedale line-out. From the line-out Tynedale kick the ball into the Washington half. Peter Hardy collects the ball and is tackled, but Peter somehow makes the most outrageous of reverse passes that I have ever seen in my life 🤔🤔, to keep the ball alive. Washington maintain possession through a number of phases, but good defence by Tynedale keeps Washington pinned on the ½ half way line. The ball goes loose in the tackle and Tynedale have possession. Poor passing by Tynedale sees the ball knocked on and the referee awards a scrum to Washington.

20 mins. A good solid scrum from Washington sees the ball quickly delivered to the backs. Tynedale turnover the ball in the tackle and run the ball up the touchline. Tynedale grubber kicks the ball through the Washington defence but the ball goes into touch off the foot of one of the Tynedale chasing players. line-out to Washington. Tynedale forwards spoil the throw-in and the ball goes loose. John Cocker gathers and runs at the Tynedale defence, who rip the ball in the tackle. Referee calls play back for a high-tackle by Tynedale. Matt Clark's kick from the penalty finds touch for a Washington line-out.

Washington forwards with a good catch & Drive, taking the ball beyond the gain-line. Johnny Nipper makes a good run through the Tynedale defence and takes the ball over the 22-yard line and towards the Tynedale try line.

26 mins.  James England goes over for Washington's first try of the game. Conversion is missed. Score 19 – 5.

Tynedale restart and dean Ryan takes the catch and drives into tackle. From the ruck James England picks up and continues the drive, and Washington work the ball through a number of rucks. Washington player tackled into touch for a Tynedale line-out. Tynedale jumper catches clean and the Tynedale #9 passes the ball to the backs. Poor passing from Tynedale means the ball is knocked-on for a Washington scrum. Another good strong scrum by Washington allows Scott Oliver to deliver the ball to Matt Clark, who breaks through the Tynedale defensive line. Good backing up and passing sees the ball go through hand from Matt Clark to Max Brown to Andre Marrah to Peter Hardy who unfortunately knocks-on the ball for a Tynedale scrum.

Despite a good push from the Washington pack, Tynedale get the ball out of the scrum and pass to their backs. Tynedale #10 kicks the ball past the Washington 10-yard line. Washington attempt to catch the ball but a knock-on gives Tynedale a scrum. Tynedale gets quick ball from the rear of the scrum and deliver it to their backs, who run through the Washington defence. A good tackle takes the Tynedale player to ground, where John Cocker turns over the ball in the ruck. Washington makes good use of the possession and work the ball through phases gaining


ground over the gain-line. Matt Clark kicks to gain territorial advantage, Tynedale gather the ball and the ball carrier is tackled into touch by the chasing Washington players.

33 mins. Washington line-out, Tynedale jumper goes early and is held aloft spoiling the Washington throw-in. Tynedale delivers the ball to their #10 who kicks to clear lines. Peter Hardy makes a good catch and Washington maintain good possession through ruck phases, making ground over the gain-line. A knock-on by Owain Futers gives Tynedale a scrum, 5-yards into the Tynedale half of the field. Tynedale pick and go from the base of the scrum (despite a strong drive by the Washington pack) down the blind-side. Tynedale maintains possession working the ball through ruck phases. But good defensive work by Washington prevents Tynedale from making much ground. Penalty for Washington on ½ half way line. Matt Clark's kick finds touch off a Tynedale players boot.

Tynedale spoils the Washington throw-in and wins ball which they deliver to their backs, where the Tynedale #10 kicks long. Peter Hardy misjudges the ball and knocks-on for a Tynedale scrum 5-yards short of the Washington 22 yard-line. Tynedale pick and drive from the rear of the scrum, Andre Marrah with a great interception takes the ball and runs towards the ½ half way line. Ball is passed to Matt Clark who kicks to gain ground, ball is gathered up by the Tynedale #15 who runs the ball back into the Washington chasing players.

38 mins. A forward pass by Tynedale is spotted by the referee and Washington have a scrum. A good strong drive by the Washington pack ensures good clean possession for Scott Oliver to deliver a good pass to the Washington backs. Washington make good ground working the ball through ruck phases, over the Washington 10-yard line and over the ½ half way line. Scott Oliver chip-kicks the ball over the Tynedale defence and the Tynedale #11 knocks-on when attempting the catch. Scrum to Washington.

40 mins. Another great drive by the Washington pack, means clean ball from the scrum for Scott Oliver to pass the ball to Matt Clark, who takes the ball through the Tynedale defence and makes ground towards the Tynedale 22-yard line. The referee calls play back for a high-tackle made by Tynedale, giving a penalty in a good attacking position for Washington.

43 mins.  Washington takes a quick Tap & Go, the ball is delivered to James England who spots a gap and drives through it to set down for another try. Conversion is missed. Score 19 – 10.

Tynedale restart, John Cocker attempts to catch the ball but he taps it backwards where the ball is gathered up by Washington, in their 22 area, and taken into tackle to form ruck. Matt Clark kicks to clear defensive lines. Tynedale gathers the ball and runs it back, through the chasing defensive line and deep into the Washington 22. Matt Clark with an important tackle stops the drive forward. Tynedale retains possession and drives the ball within 2 yards of the Washington try line. More good tackling from Washington prevents Tynedale from crossing the line and scoring. The referee blows for a penalty to Washington, who kick the ball into touch, ending the first half.

Score 19 – 10.

A poor start by Washington saw Tynedale score two very quick tries. But Washington settled down late into the second half, with good defensive work, tackling and good forward momentum when in possession.


Second Half;

Tynedale kicked off the second half. Catch taken by Michael Reilly. Tynedale turnover the ball in the tackle and drive into the Washington 22 making good ground towards the try line. Good defence by Washington stop the drive and Tynedale knock-on from a bad pass. Washington scrum on the Washington 5-yard line. Referee resets the scrum after a short chat to both sets of front rows. A good push from Tynedale disrupts the Washington scrum, but the ball is taken by the Washington #9 and passed to Matt Clark who kicks to clear the defensive lines. Tynedale #15 gathers up the ball and runs the ball back over the half way line. The ball is passed to the Tynedale #10 who kicks the ball high into the Washington 22. Matt Clark makes a clean catch and calls for the mark.

Matt Clark kicks the free kick into touch on the Washington 10-yard line for a Tynedale line-out. Tynedale throw-in not straight and Washington have a scrum. Good solid scrum allows Washington to get the ball to Matt Clark, who kicks into the Tynedale 22. Tynedale returns the kick and it is taken by Johnny Nipper who runs the ball into the Tynedale defensive line. Washington takes the ball to the


Tynedale 10-yard line where Tynedale turnover the ball in the ruck. Tynedale runs the ball through hands over the half-way line, over the Washington 10-yard line and into the Washington 22. Good chasing and tackle by the Washington defence sees the ballcarrier tackled into touch for a Washington line-out. Good throw-in by Washington gives the opportunity for the forwards to drive the ball over the gain-line, and away from the Washington try line. Good hands from Johnny Nipper to Matt Clark sees ground gained, and Washington take the ball over the ½ half way line and into the Tynedale 22. A knock-on by Washington winger sees a very promising charge halted. Referee calls play back for a penalty to Washington on the 5-yard line. Matt Clark taps the ball and drives towards the Tynedale try line. Tynedale turnover the ball in the tackle, and the Tynedale #10 kicks the ball into touch from behind his own posts.

10 mins. Washington line-out on the Tynedale 10-yard line. Tynedale again do well and spoil the Washington line-out, and gain possession of the ball. The ball is passed to the backs, who drive into the Washington defence. The referee blows for a penalty to Tynedale (high tackle by Washington). Tynedale #10 finds touch on the Washington 10-yard line for a Tynedale line-out. The ball goes loose from the line-out but Tynedale manages to gather the ball and feed the backs. The ball is turned over by Washington in the tackle and Washington run the ball back at Tynedale. Tynedale #10 penalised for lifting the ball carrier, tipping him past the horizontal and driving him into the floor. The referee has a quiet chat with the tackler.

15 mins. Matt Clark finds touch with a good kick deep into the Tynedale 22. A good line-out by Washington sees the ball delivered to the backs and  Andre Marrah goes over the try line to score. Conversion by Matt Clark is good. Score 19 – 17.

Tynedale restart with a good kick and the chasing Tynedale player catches the ball but knocks-on and the ball goes loose. Referee blows for a Washington scrum. Washington pack drive the Tynedale scrum backwards and get good ball. Matt Clark kicks deep into the Tynedale 22 and the ball bounces into the in-goal area, where Tynedale touch down for a goal-line drop-kick.

James England makes a good catch and passes the ball to the Washington backs, who drive the ball forwards towards the Tynedale try line. Max Brown is tackled into touch after a good run up the touch-line. Tynedale line-out on the Tynedale 5-yard line. Tynedale forwards catch and drive the ball over the gain-line, advancing to their 22-yard line. Penalty for Washington (Tynedale holding onto the ball on the floor).

23 mins.  Tap & Go by Washington sees the ball in the hands of Callum Sammons, who goes over to put down for a try. Conversion by Matt Clark is good. Score 19 – 24.

The Tynedale restart kick fails to go the full 10-yards and the referee awards a scrum on the centre spot. Washington has quick ball from their own scrum and pass the ball to the backs, who take the ball over the Tynedale 10-yard line. Matt Clark kicks and finds touch deep into the Tynedale 22 for a Tynedale line-out. Tynedale backs get the ball from the line-out and their #10 weaves his way through the Washington defence, but a good tackle by John Cocker halts his progress. Penalty to Tynedale for Washington off-side at the ruck. The kick finds touch on the Tynedale 10-yard line.

25 mins. A good jump and catch from the Tynedale jumper allow a quick pass to the Tynedale #9 who drives the ball over the gain-line. Penalty to Washington for the ball carrier holding onto the ball. (some really good ruck work by Washington is paying dividends). Matt Clark's kick finds touch for a Washington line-out. Good quick ball from the line-out is passed to Matt Clark who chip kicks the ball over the defensive line and deep into the Tynedale 22. Referee stops play for a player down injured.


Referee restarts play with a penalty for Tynedale. Tynedale decides to take a Tap & Go instead of clearing their lines and, with good passing and ruck work, break through the Washington defence and

take the ball over their 22-yard line and towards the ½ half way line. Unfortunately for Tynedale a bad pass results in a knock-on, and Washington have a scrum on the Tynedale 10-yrd line. Another good strong scrum from the Washington pack allows the Washington #9 to release the ball to the backs, who combine to run the ball into the Tynedale 22. The ball goes loose on the floor, and a Tynedale player kicks the ball directly into touch, giving Washington a line-out on the Tynedale 22-yard line.

Washington throw-in at the line-out but the referee stops play and resets the line-out giving Tynedale the throw-in. Tynedale wins ball from the line-out and the #9 passes the ball to the #10, a thudding tackle by Ollie Barker sees the #10 stopped in his tracks. Tynedale penalty on their 22-yard line, for Washington being off-side at the ruck. Tynedale takes a Tap & Go and pass the ball to the backs. The referee spots a forward pass by Tynedale and calls play back for a Tynedale scrum on the Tynedale 22-yard line. Tynedale #8 picks and drives from the rear of the scrum, Michael Rielly with a great turnover in the ruck. Referee stops play because of a bit of Ruffy Tufty at the ruck between the Washington #20 and the Tynedale #12. Play restarts with a penalty for Tynedale. Tynedale takes a Tap & Go and work through ruck phases gaining ground and advancing to the ½ half way line.

Michael Bishop with a huge tackle holds up the Tynedale ball carrier and Matt Clark rips the ball out for a turnover. The referee stops play for an off the ball incident. two players receive yellow cards, Tynedale #12 and Washington's Kevin Lamb. The referee has a chat to both captains.

Game recommences with a Washington penalty. Matt Clark kicks long and the ball bounces into the Tynedale in-goal area, where the #15 touches down for a goal-line drop-out. Peter Hardy makes a good catch and passes to Matt Clark who takes the ball into tackle. Washington works the ball through ruck phases making good ground towards the Tynedale try line. The referee blows the whistle and calls play back for a Washington penalty.

35 mins.  Matt Clark kicks for goal and the ball goes over the bar for three points. Score 19 – 27.

Tynedale restart kick is caught by Steven tally, who passes to Matt Clark. Matt kicks the ball deep into the Tynedale 22 area. The ball is collected and ran back by the Tynedale winger, who is quickly tackled to ground by Archie McDonald. Tynedale form ruck and the ball is passed to the Tynedale #10 who kicks downfield, where Matt Clark collects the ball and goes into tackle. Washington slows the ball down in the ruck and the #9 passes the ball to Matt Clark, Matt Clark's pass to the Washington centres goes a little wild (nearly reaching Hexham 😊). The referee calls play back for a Tynedale scrum. Washington drives the Tynedale pack backwards and the referee stops play to reset the scrum. Tynedale #9 takes the ball from the scrum and is tackled/held up by Archie McDonald from the flanker position. Washington drives the maul backwards, and win a scrum. Referee blows for full time.

Full Time score 19 – 27.

“What a difference to the first half. Every single player gave 100% in the second half, and keeping Tynedale scoreless from the 10th minute speaks volumes about the tackling and defensive work the team put in. Well done lads what a come-back.”

Notes;

Comment from Dave Addison [Director of Rugby].

“Well, what a game. we took 20 mins to start playing but when we did, wow our non-existent defence early doors found its steel with hit after hit going in. John Cocker, James England and Tally in particular outstanding in that regard. Ollie Barker in the backline, not bad for a hooker playing at centre also was brilliantly physical. Once we got our foothold we were able to carry and we were brave running hard and finding space in a proper battle. Kev Lamb, Archie MacDonald and Matty Warner and Josh Carter all added to the attacking impetus when they came on as well.

I've been involved in rugby a long time and I can tell you wins in Tynedale are not easy to come by so this was a great result... Tynedale celebrated winning the Candy league 3 north and we await confirmation of our central title win if we can beat Horden next week, naturally we will be hoping that confirmation comes through as there is a delay in the publication of the league table. By calculation we

are one point behind west Hartlepool and it doesn't look like they are playing their last game v Hartlepool so a win should do it for us.

Once more into the breach for the lads, I'm so proud of them this season to a man we have been magnificent and we just have one more challenge to face as a group... hopefully we get a big squad ready to do the business."

Comment from Andy Stephenson [Head Coach].

"The away day friendly at Tynedale is always a tough fixture, and Saturday was no different—but it's one that will stay with the players for a long time. Our attacking shape was sharp, and the tactical kicking from Scott and Matt was outstanding, constantly shifting the game and keeping us on the front foot. The back row were immense as always, and our solid scrum laid the foundations, giving us the platform to build from throughout the game.

To come back from 19–0 down and win shows serious character. The grit, determination, and belief to fight your way back into the contest after such a slow start speaks volumes about the work you've all put in this season. Outstanding effort from the lads—an absolute class game. The beers went down well 🍷 COYW 🟡 🟢 🟠"

This can be said for everyone on the park today.

STIRLING JOB, LADS!

WASHINGTON
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PRAISE FROM STATLER AND WALDORF

- ✓ Put in a real shift.
- ✓ Worked his socks off.
- ✓ Led from the front.
- ✓ Took some stopping.
- ✓ Rock-solid in defence.
- ✓ Controlled the game nicely.
- ✓ Did the unseen work.
- ✓ Made the difference.



Yours Statler and Waldorf:



THE TWO OLD FOGIES