

Kirkcaldy 29 – 19 West

West travelled to league winners Kirkcaldy for the final match of the season on a sunny day with a lot at stake. The Fifers had been unbeaten at home all season and wanted to keep that record, but West had to score a league point to ensure survival in National 2.

West started brightly and at pace, Jamie MacAulay finding a gap through the middle of the home defence to score, Pete Burns converting. 0-7 and so far so good.

Kirkcaldy hit back, dominant in the scrums and with a lively set of backs, but West were holding out defensively until the home side found an overlap and number 8 Dayle rounded the defence to score. Craig Letham converted and it was all square at 7-7 for West.



West got a third vital try when a neat passing move found Danny Dineen in the corner, Pete Burns converting, and it was 21-19.

Kirkcaldy scored an almost inevitable pushover try from Rory Brown, unconverted which kept West in losing bonus point territory at 26-19.

However, West really wanted a try bonus and for the next 15 minutes, wave after wave of attacks threatened the Kirkcaldy line, but to no avail. Despite a Kirkcaldy yellow card, the Fifers held out with a combination of good defence and sheer good luck..

Right at the end of the match, not in danger of losing the match and already having collected a try bonus, Kirkcaldy won a kickable penalty. Normally at this level these go to touch but Craig Letham took a shot and converted to make the score 29-19, the final whistle following immediately.



West had failed to win any points from the match and so have been relegated to National 3. Away trips to the likes of Newton Stewart, Orkney and Caithness beckon, but there are some good prospects coming through from the under 18s so next season hopefully starts an upward climb.

West: 1 Neil Fullarton, 2. Danny Dineen, 3. Mark Vallance, 4 Alan Bodel, 5. James Harley, 6. Craig McCall, 7. Jamie McAulay, 8. Fraser Smeaton, 9. Harry Brewster, 10. Ross McAulay, 11, Nicky Sutcliffe, 12. Sandy McCallum, 13. Mark Davis, 14. Pete Burns 15. Alexander Fiskien. Substitutes 16: Stuart Ferguson, 17. Stuart McDonald, 18. Nathan Smit, 19. Richard Tran.