

Haddington 12 – 33 West

West visited East Lothian side Haddington, who have not started well but have often beaten West at home in the past. The Haddington pitch is very unusual in that one half is fairly flat but the other half slopes sharply towards the touchline. A blustery West wind did not help make playing conditions easy.

Haddington had a big pack and didn't give West much change in the first 20 minutes. They pegged away at West and eventually scored through a scrum half sneak from Cameron Simpson in the corner. Full back Alex Ferguson converted to put the home side 7-0 up.



West hit back when an excellent breakout from Jamie McAulay found Jacob Seim who scored under the posts, halfback partner Dru Nicholson adding the extras to level the scores at 7-7.

West forced themselves into the match and an excellent pick up and burst through the defence from new recruit Scott Mills saw him power through the defence to score, converted by Dru Nicholson to make it 7-14 at half time.

West were against the wind in the second half but scored quickly, Craig McCall charging down and grounding under the posts. Dru Nicholson converted to make it more comfortable at 7-21.

Haddington were using the wind and trying to get back into the match but the West defence held out. It was West who added their 4th and bonus point try when a good break found Calum Booth who scored under the posts. Dru Nicholson slotted over the extras for a 7-28 lead.

Haddington managed another score when winger James Dewar successfully chip chased to score under the posts, but he inexplicably fluffed a drop conversion and it was 12-28. West winger Rowland Ossi nearly scored a breakaway but the sharp camber helped the defender push him into touch.



The home side was tiring and it was West making the headway, adding another try right at the end when a powerful run from Ally Doull found Craig McCall who released Jack Gemmell who touched down. This conversion was a kick too far, but West ran out 12-33 winners.

All the other top teams won so West are still second in the table, but are undefeated so far. Neighbours Hillhead/Jordanhill visit Burnbrae next Saturday for what should be an intriguing derby match.

West team 1. Neil Fullarton, 2 Dylan Dawson, 3. Andy Love, 4. James Harley, 5. Kieran Grant, 6. Alastair Doull, 7. Craig McCall, 8. Jamie McAulay, 9. Jacob Siems, 10. Dru Nicholson, 11. Calum Booth, 12. Nicky Sutcliffe, 13. Scott Mills, 14. Alexander Fiske, 15. Harry Brewster. Subs 16. Peter Rhodes, 17. Jack Gemmell, 18. Mark Sim, 19. Rowland Ossi.