

West 33 – 19 St Boswells

West faced Borderers St Boswells in soaking drizzle on the 4G pitch. West's state of the art surface allowed a fast accurate game to be played at a time of year when a slog in the mud is the norm.

West were dominating the scrums from the off and a good break from Angus Thomson set up Nicky Sutcliffe to cruise in for the opening try. Dru Nicholson converted.



West then broke out of their own half, Dru Nicholson chipping forward beautifully to Calum Booth, and two passes later Fergus Robertson ran in under the posts. Dru Nicholson converted again and West were looking comfortable at 14-0.

St Boswells won a penalty, kicked to touch then caught and drove. West initially defended but prop Lawlor forced in to score. Ponton converted to make it 14-7.

West then made the most of the predictable bounce of the synthetic surface when a rapid breakout by Calum Booth saw him chip over the defender, collect the ball from the bounce and run in for a classy try. Dru Nicholson converted to make it 21-7. West then threw an interception to St Boswells when banging on their line, Wichary running it in, converted by Grant to make it 21-14 at half time.

St Boswells were fastest out of the blocks in the second period, scrum half Grant again sneaking in off the back of a driving maul, this time missing the conversion and it was closer at 21-19.

West weren't having it and after pegging away at the St Boswells defence, Mark Sim found an overlap and rounded the defence to dot down under the posts for West's bonus point. Dru Nicholson wasn't going to miss and it was 28-19.



After some hard graft at the breakdown, West won a series of scrum penalties, and eventually after some dogged defence from the visitors, Dru Nicholson split the defence with an elegant delayed pass, Nicky Sutcliffe rounding off the move with his second and West's 5th of the game. West nearly scored at the end but a double movement was ruled and that was that with a satisfying 33-19 win.

Next up is Carrick away when West will be looking to repeat the win of the first game against the Ayrshire side.

West team:

1 Daniel O'Connell, 2 Hamish Clark, 3. Andy Love, 4. Scott Cochrane, 5. James Harley, 6. Angus Thomson, 7. Craig McCall, 8. Jamie McAulay, 9. Alexander Fiskin, 10. Dru Nicholson, 11. Calum Booth, 12. Nicky Sutcliffe, 13. Fergus Robertson, 14. Mark Sim, 15. Gareth Hopkins. Subs 16. Neil Fullarton, 17. Max Bowie, 18. Harry Brewster, 19 Fraser Brand.