

## Carrick v West 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 18

### Carrick 10 – 10 West

With a howling cold wind and freezing rain throughout this was never going to be a classic. In fact it, not surprisingly, turned into an 80 minute arm wrestle with neither side able to produce much running rugby.

The home side were first on the scoreboard after a penalty was converted but West replied shortly after with a penalty conversion of their own. A couple of missed tackles by West in midfield allowed an easy run in for the home centre beneath the posts, duly converted to take the score to 10 – 3.



West had a chance shortly after with a penalty attempt at goal but kicking of any kind was becoming a lottery in the swirling wind and this chance was missed. West had the upper hand in the scrum but were unable to take advantage of this with the home side seemingly able to avoid scrum penalties.

Throw ins at the line out were also difficult with both sides suffering.

The arm wrestle continued until half time when the players and spectators were able to rest by standing in the pouring cold rain for 10 minutes.

The second half was little different but with West perhaps having the upper hand for a large part, especially in the scrum and driving maul. It was from such a driving maul that Angus Thomson was able to touch down for a try converted by Dru Nicholson bringing the score level at 10 all. This was the last of the excitement except for a penalty attempt by West which would have won the match. But it was not to be and the cold and soaked players and spectators headed for the welcome warm clubhouse.



Notes are limited this week as this scribe's paper notes disintegrated.

A merry Christmas to all. West will be back in action in 2019 with a home game against Haddington on the 12<sup>th</sup> January (kick off 2 pm).

**West team:** Neil Fullarton, Hamish Clark, Daniel O'Donnell, James Harley, Scott Cochrane, Marc Zoma, Craig McColl, Angus Thomson, Harry Brewster, Dru Nicholson, Drew Reddie, Jamie McAulay, Fergus Robertson, Nicholas Sutcliffe, Donovan Douglas.  
Subs: Andrew Love, Max Bowie, Fraser Brand.