

Perthshire 10-20 West

West went North to play Perthshire. Perthshire celebrated their 150th anniversary last year so the two clubs have been playing each other for a century and a half. The pitch was muddy, and it started dry but did not end up that way.

West started off by gifting Perthshire a try. Full back Jonny Armitt found an easy route through the West defence to score under the posts, converting his own try for a 7-0 lead.

West pressed back and after a good passing move, a series of pick and drives eventually found Blair Smith who forced his way over to score. The conversion was missed but West were back in it.



West increased their lead when an excellent breakout from Drew Reddie found Blair Smith who scored his second try. The conversion just missed but West were in the lead at 7-10.

West nearly scored again but were held up over the line, then dropped the ball when about to score. Then again about to score, West forward passed and a try was disallowed. Perthshire also dropped the ball over the line – if handling had been better, the scores would have been

much higher. Half time saw West with their noses in front at 7-10.

Perthshire secured a penalty inside West's half just after the break and Jonny Armitt scored again to level the scores at 10-10.

The rain came down and both sides were finding passing difficult. There were a series of scrums in muddy conditions, which West began to dominate. It was getting near the end and a draw seemed possible.

West missed a penalty, but then broke the deadlock when a powerful move from a lineout saw Mark Zoma burst through to score. West were in for another try but dropped the ball over the line again.

Then Perthshire managed to force their way up the field with a penalty and lineout close to West's line. West defended well then an excellent kick chase won a penalty. West elected to scrum, and Mark Zoma scored off the base to secure West's much needed try bonus point. That was it for the scoring, and West have got back to winning ways but not without a lot of hard work.



West team: 1. Peter Rhodes, 2 John Vasconcelos, 3. Andrew Love, 4. Scott Cochrane
5. Josh Geddes, 6 Tom Smith, 7. Max Bowie, 8. Mark Zoma, 9. Jamie Carruth, 10.Dru
Nicholson, 11. Fraser Brand, 12. Nicky Sutcliffe, 13 Blair Smith,
14. Drew Reddie, 15. Alexander Fisker.

Subs: 16. Dan York, 17. Grant Bowie 18. Mark Sim, 19. Mark Wallace.