

## West 44-5 Caithness

Caithness made the long trip down from Thurso to play West in dull but calm conditions at Burnbrae. The visitors are propping up the table, having struggled to get players together for the long journeys South.

West struck first right from the kick off when a high pass from Sean Carden found Fraser Brand who steamed in to score from the wing. No conversion but it was a 5-0 lead.

Both teams were competing hard but West scored next when some quick passing found Scott Cochrane who had no problem scoring under the posts, Dru Nicholson converting to make it 12-0.



Caithness were finding it hard to get out of their own half and spilled the ball to Calum Booth who kicked forward and collected his own kick to score in the corner. It was not a day for the boot but West led 17-0. West collected their try bonus when Jamie Carruth kicked through for Sean Carden to score, 22-0.

Caithness had a prop sin binned for offside, and West capitalised before half time, when after some patient work from the West attack, Dru Nicholson found an excellent line to run in West's 5<sup>th</sup>, 27-0 at the break.

There was some quick thinking after the break when a West lineout was overthrown but a Caithness defender was offside. Pete Rhodes tapped a penalty and barrelled through to score, this time Sean Carden converted to make it 34-0.

Caithness at last got on the scoresheet when Jack McLeod drove the ball over after a series of pick & drives. The visitors were no better at West at kicking so it was now 34-5.

West were really clicking now in both forwards and backs and some rapid passing released Sean Carden who flew down the wing to score. A pushover try from Scott Cochrane ended the scoring at 44-5 but not before Scott Cochrane was yellow carded near the end and Drew Reddie superbly stopped a Caithness try.

West are now playing well, and would have given many teams problems on the day, running in 8 tries. Next week sees an away trip to high flyers Ardrossan, which will be more difficult, but West are now mid table after a series of good results.



**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. Drew Reddie, 12. Grant Bowie, 13 Calum Booth,  
14. Fraser Brand, 15. Sean Carden.

**Subs:** 16. Dan York, 17. Dylan Dawson 18. Martin Wallace.