

West 13-38 Strathmore

West resumed the season after the Christmas break with a match on the 4G pitch against Forfar side Strathmore. The day was wet and drizzly, leading to the cancellation of many local matches, but West were able to play on the all weather pitch.

Neither side made much headway early on, the ball being difficult to handle in wet conditions. West gave up a number of penalties, Strathmore hooker Lee Alexander converting the first to put the visitors in the lead.



West hit back with a pushover try from a catch & drive, John Vasconcelos converting, Dru Nicholson adding the extras.

Converted penalties saw the score see saw – Strathmore had two converted by the in form Lee Alexander, Dru Nicholson replying with two of his own to make it 13-9. In the middle of all that Dan York was yellow carded for a deliberate handball.

Strathmore were the team to push on, scoring a try off the base of a scrum through no. 8 Ian Reid converted by Lee Alexander, then Reid snuck in again from close range,

Alexander converting to make it 13-23 at the break.

The second half saw an unfortunate Blair Smith break his leg. It was a complete accident but play was held up a long time. When it did resume, Lee Alexander scored another penalty, then Alexander scored a pushover try, this time missing the conversion. It was 13-31 and Strathmore were hungry for the bonus point. Two more yellow cards followed, one for each side, but this was not a testy match.

Strathmore found their bonus when West gave them possession, Liam Ducker running in to score easily, Lee Alexander converting.



It was a hard afternoon for West, not least because of the serious injury, but it was a well drilled Strathmore side who took their opportunities well.

West team: 1. Dan York, 2. John Vasconcelos, 3. Andrew Love, 4. Scott Cochrane, 5. Marc Zoma, 6. Craig McCall, 7. Max Bowie, 8. Tom Smith., 9. Jamie Carruth, 10. Dru Nicholson, 11. Mark Sim, 12. Blair Smith, 13. Gareth Hopkins, 14. Graeme Wallace, 15. Rory Cuthbertson.

Subs 16. Dylan Dawson, 17. Neil Fullarton 18. Josh Geddes, 19. Martin Wallace