

Army Outmuscle Texas in CRC Quarterfinals

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Undefeated in the competition, Pool C top-seed Army beat the Texas Longhorns, 19-7, in the quarterfinals to advance to the CRC championship semifinals.



Army's David Geib beats a Texas defender on his way to the tryline. (Photo by Steve Mitchell)

Texas put the first points on the board early in the first half and Tod Mullen slotted the conversion to give the Longhorns a 7-0 lead.

Army came right back through Ben Leatigaga, who made a break from half way and high-stepped past the Texas fullback's attempted tackle to score under the posts. David Geib made the easy conversion to bring the match level at 7-7.

After the kickoff, Texas worked the ball left towards space but knocked it on. They were awarded a penalty at the scrum for Army being offside, but Texas had to give the ball back to Army at the 50 for diving over. The quick tap was taken by Geib, but the Army move ended in a forward pass deep in Texas' half.

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Texas kicked off to start the second half and got the ball back with numbers left but Army tracked quickly back to cover. Tod Mullen chipped downfield and pressured, leading to Texas recovering the ball at the ruck but Army recovered after a few phases and Will Holder ran up in support to take pass and score under the posts. Holder converted his own try for a 14-7 Army lead.

Texas cut deep into the Army half but were called for not releasing. Geib too advantage of the Longhorn error to race away to score. Holder's conversion was no good, but Army had increased the lead to 19-7.

Army then took their time to burn the clock and recovered a Texas kick to boot the ball into touch for the end of play.

Army advances to play defending champs Utah in the semifinals. Utah are coming off a very strong win over Cal and will pose a major roadblock to Army's title hopes, but if Army keep their physicality up and play their game they can take the next step to the final.