Old Puget Sound Beach won a big game as they beat the Utah Warriors 18-17 on an icy pitch in Salt Lake City Saturday.

The result goes a long way to deciding who might be #2 in the Super League West, as OPSB is now 3-1 with two games to go. Utah, which is the other team that could finish 2nd in the league, is now 2-2.

OPSB won the game thanks to tries from wings Fili Botitu and Robby Fitzpatrick, along with a conversion and two penalty goals from fullback and player-coach Evan Haigh. They accomplished this without captain and Eagle center Alipate Tuilevuka, who left the game after about five minutes after a tackle may possibly have given him a concussion.

“It was very cold and icy,” said Haigh. “I think both teams would prefer to play an expansive game, but you couldn’t. So we played more of a ten-man game and I thought the guys adjusted well, and stepped up when Pate got hurt. To get a road win like this is huge.”

In addition, the OPSB scrum continues to go from strength to strength, although that is relative as the West is not a strong scrimmaging conference. It is, however, a strong conference for attacking rugby, and OPSB is in with a shot at making the semis out of the West.

Three weeks are left in the second. Next week, Dallas is at Denver while SFGG is at Utah. April 23 Denver hosts OPSB. In the final weekend on April 30 SFGG hosts winless Dallas, and OPSB hosts Utah in what could well be the game that decides the final playoff spot.