



1927 Round 13 Saturday 30th July North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 10

def.

Western Suburbs 8

George WILSON **Fullback**
 Jack COURTNEY (c) **Wing**
 Arthur BERECRY **Centre**
 Frank RULE **Centre**
 Harry MULHERON **Wing**
 Joe MONTGOMERY **Five-eighth**
 Jimmy JOHNSON **Half**
 Jack COSTA **Lock**
 Cecil JOHNSTON **Second Row**
 Leo McGRATH **Second Row**
 William HUMPHRIES **Front Row**
 George SEWELL **Hooker**
 Neil REYNOLDS **Front Row**

George DAISLEY
 Harry TISDALE
 Rodolph WHELDON
 Ken SHERWOOD
 William McPHERSON
 Dave HEY
 George MASON
 Jack DREW (c)
 Les HAYES
 Bill CARPENTER
 Frank MATTERSON
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Frank SPILLANE



Tries Harry MULHERON
 George SEWELL

Frank MATTERSON
 Frank SPILLANE

Goals Jack COURTNEY (2)

George DAISLEY (1)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back, G Wilson; three-quarters, H Mulheron, F Rule, A Berecry, J Courtney; halves, J Montgomery, J Johnson; forwards, C Johnson, L McGrath, W Humphries, N Reynolds, J Coster, G Sewell

Western Suburbs: Full-back, G Daisley; three-quarters, H Tisdale, E Wheldon, W McPherson, K Sherwood; halves, D Hey, G Mason; forwards, F Matterson, W Carpenter, F Spillane, R Lindfield, J Drew, L Hayes **Referee: E Kerr (Sunday Times 31st July 1927)**

Nothing succeeds like success. North Sydney could not win a match for many weeks. Then they broke the spell, and they have kept on winning until they have had five wins in succession. Good for the game and good for them. They beat Western Suburbs on Saturday 10 to 8, despite 19 to 5 against them in the first round. They commenced aggressively, but the first time Wests got into North's 25, Tisdale ran into position at five-eighth, and went straight through the defence, and sent to Hey, who went through to the posts, but had his pass knocked on. From the next scrum, Carpenter broke away, and in-passed to Mason, whose pass dropped clear, but F Matterson came up in time to gather the ball and score. Daisley goaled. West, 5-0. North Sydney resumed the attacks, and Sewell went over from a ruck near the line. J Courtney just failed with a long range kick. West 5-3. Then from a free against McPherson, a goal was kicked by Courtney, 5 all. Half-time.

Almost at once, on the resumption, Western Suburbs went over. Hayes took the ball away from an opponent at half-way, sped on to full-back Wilson, and sent it on to Spillane, who scored in the corner. Daisley made a good attempt at goal. West 8-5. A free for off-side by Drew in an easy position was converted by Courtney. West 8-7. North Sydney made another fine dash. Daisley kicked across to Montgomery at half-way. The five-eighth showed pace before sending it on to Rule, to Mulheron at the 25, the winger, with exceptional dash, scored in the corner. Courtney failed at goal. North, 10-8. ... Tisdale, their wing three-quarter, who had already played in the Reserve Grade match, was prominent with one fine run down the wing, but his centre kick was anticipated by J Johnson, who cleared nicely. Daisley, West's full-back, apart from the weak kick that led directly to Mulheron's try, was in excellent form, his handling, running, and kicking all being good. F Matterson was a force in the loose and remarkably consistent, tackling and following up as fast as the average back, besides doing his fair share in the rucks. Hayes and Spillane were the best of the other West forwards, who were a shade inferior in dash to their opponents, though dominating the scrums. **(Referee 3rd August 1927)**

When Western Suburbs had their bye recently, a district junior knock-out competition was staged at Pratten Park with much success. Those who watched those games picked out half-a-dozen promising juniors, of whom they expected to hear again. The time for such hearing is today, and the place – in the grade matches. Pattison, Arndale, Rigney, and Joe Hey, brother of Dave and little Vic, Martinelli and Dunne. The last-mentioned played full-back for the reserves recently and was a veritable Hindenburg Line. Joe Hey, a centre, should create interest owing to the exceptional impressions made this year by his brothers. They say Joe is better than either. **(Rugby League News 30th July 1927)**

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Notes: Wests were again without their key players, McMillan, Brien, Parsons and Owen, all playing for NSW against Queensland. In the end it seemed to have been a key factor in this close loss. Harry Tisdale made his debut after playing a game in Seconds where he had already scored seven tries for the season. Frank Matterson continued his outstanding form and many were querying why he wasn't in the State team. Hey and Mason combined well in the halves.