



1927 Round 5 Saturday 14th May Sydney Cricket Ground



South Sydney 27

Alan RIGHTON
 Benjamin WEARING
 Oscar QUINLIVAN
 Sid HARRIS
 Harry FINCH
 Alfred BLAIR (c)
 Frank BROGAN
 Albert CARR
 Ernie LAPHAM
 Alf O'CONNOR
 Eddie ROOT
 Harry CAVANOUGH
 George TREWEEK

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Frank McMILLAN (c)
 Jack REDMOND
 Cecil FIFIELD
 Dave HEY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Jerry BRIEN
 Harry OWEN
 Jack DREW
 Les HAYES
 Jim PARSONS
 Frank MATTERSON
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Frank SPILLANE



Tries

Ernie LAPHAM (2)
 Oscar QUINLIVAN
 Eddie ROOT
 Benjamin WEARING

Frank MATTERSON
 Ken SHERWOOD

Goals

Alfred BLAIR (3)
 Benjamin WEARING (2)
 Oscar QUINLIVAN (1)

Frank McMILLAN (3)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back, A Righton; three-quarters, B Wearing, O Quinlivan, S Harris, H Finch; five-eighth, A Blair; half-back, F Brogan; forwards, A O'Connor, G Treweek, S Root, A Carr, E Lapham and H Cavanough

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, J Redmond, K Sherwood, C Fifiel, D Hey; five-eighth, J Brien; half-back, H Owen; forwards, F Matterson, F Spillane, R Lindfield, J Parsons, L Hayes, J Drew **Referee: L Deane**

Ideal conditions prevailed when Quinlivan kicked off for South Sydney. Even play ensued, a duel between the full-backs being a sparkling interlude, with McMillan holding the advantage. Then followed a very fine move. Carr brought the ball out from behind his own line, and after a powerful run, transferred to Blair. The South Sydney captain drew the defence before passing to Wearing. The latter's exceptional pace proved too much for McMillan, and he scored between the posts. Blair converted. South Sydney 5, Western Suburbs nil. Then Lapham scored after Blair created a good opening. Blair converted. South Sydney 10, Western Suburbs nil. Western Suburbs attacked strongly, and from a penalty in front McMillan goaled. South Sydney 10, Western Suburbs 2. Western Suburbs came again. Brien secured from Owen and ran strongly before transferring to a comrade who passed to Matterson to score. McMillan converted. South Sydney 10, Western Suburbs 7. Following this, South Sydney obtained a penalty in front, and Wearing made no mistake. South Sydney 12, Western Suburbs 7. An infringement by Lapham enabled McMillan to kick a fine goal. South Sydney 12, Western Suburbs 9. After an even spell Quinlivan kicked a great goal. South Sydney 14, Western Suburbs 9.

The second half produced excellent football. ... Lapham was rewarded for his persistence by scoring a try after Carr and Harris had made an opening. ... The referee caused a stir by awarding a try to Sherwood as the result of alleged interference. This reverse stirred the Southerners. Root snapped up quickly from the ruck, and scored a good try for Wearing to convert. South Sydney 24, Western Suburbs 12. In the closing stages of the game, Quinlivan scored after making a very strong run, but Wearing was unable to add the extras. For Western Suburbs, Brien was easily the outstanding back, and Parsons and Spillane did excellent work in the forward division. The South Sydney men won by 27 to 12, and their success was well earned. **(Sydney Morning Herald 16th May 1927)**

... The referee suddenly singled out F Matterson, and sent him off the field, the charge being one of punching. Matterson is a very fine player, always in the thick of it, and a flier in the open. I saw no transgression, nor did anyone else to whom I spoke..... **(The Referee 18th May 1927)**

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Notes: Wests were brought back down to earth by an outstanding Souths team but they certainly weren't disgraced. The dispute over Jerry Brien's residency was finally resolved and he was back and played an outstanding game. Frank Matterson's send-off was certainly a big factor in the game, especially when it appeared it was unwarranted, perhaps a case of mistaken identity. He was subsequently given no penalty. Ken Sherwood was awarded a penalty try after interference.