



1926 Round 6 Saturday 29th May Sydney Cricket Ground



South Sydney 15

def.

Western Suburbs 2

Alan RIGHTON
 Benjamin WEARING
 John WHY
 Sid HARRIS
 Harry FINCH
 Alfred BLAIR (c)
 Frank BROGAN
 Albert CARR
 Ernie LAPHAM
 George TREWEEK
 Eddie ROOT
 Arch THOMPSON
 Harry CAVANOUGH

Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-eighth
Half
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row

Frank McMILLAN
 Jack REDMOND
 Joe MANSTED
 Neil MATTERSON
 Gordon STETTLER (c)
 Jerry BRIEN
 Eric DOIG
 Jack DREW
 Bill CARPENTER
 Jim PARSONS
 Edward COURTNEY Jnr
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Frank SPILLANE



Tries Albert CARR
 Harry CAVANOUGH
 Benjamin WEARING

Goals Alfred BLAIR (2) Gordon STETTLER (1)
 Harry FINCH (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: A Righton, full-back, B Wearing, J Why, S Harris, H Finch, three-quarters; A Blair, F Brogan, halves; H Cavanough, A Thompson, G Treweek, E Lapham, A Carr, F Root, forwards

Western Suburbs: F McMillan, full-back; G Stettler, J Mansted, N Matterson, J Redmond, three-quarters; V Brien, E Doig, halves; J Parsons, E Courtney, F Spillane, J Drew, R Lindfield, W Carpenter, forwards **Referee: W Neill**

When the teams filed on to the field at Sydney Cricket Ground, there were about 11,000 people present. Courtney showed excellent form as front row forward, and completely outdid H Cavanough on the day, though the latter also played creditably. South Sydney were best in the ruck and loose, and gradually forced West back to half-way, when Harris received from Lapham and sent to Wearing. Stettler knocked the pass down with his hand, but, like a flash, Wearing was around him, and, ball at toe, sped up-field. When about five yards from the goal-line he bent down, picked the ball up, and dived across to score. Blair kicked an easy goal. Western Suburbs continued to attack, and South were penalised for Stettler to kick a good goal. Half-time scores: South Sydney 5 to 2.

Western Suburbs' forwards were brilliant for a period on resuming, and South Sydney were nearly run off their feet. E Courtney was everywhere, and was well supported by J Parsons, whilst J Brien, by spectacular tackling, kept the opposing three-quarters very quiet. However, the premiers withstood the onslaught, and, bursting to the attack, pressed Wests on to their goal-line, when F Brogan secured from a scrum and dashed for the corner. He drew both Doig and Redmond, and suddenly reversed passed in-field to Carr, who raced through the rattled opposition, and scored near the posts. Blair converted. Western Suburbs were harassed again immediately upon resuming, and when McMillan was penalised for tardily playing the ball, Finch kicked a good goal. Dusk was rapidly approaching, and McMillan, losing sight of a high punt, knocked on into Treweek's hands. The big forward snapped up greedily, and raced goal-wards. Redmond overtook him, and brought him down, but he managed to send to H Cavanough, who scored with Parsons in close attendance. Finch failed at goal, and Souths won by 15 to 2.

Players to do Well - F McMillan played grandly for Wests in both attack and defence. He thrilled with several dashes along the wing, whilst his handling – until the light became bad near the end – was excellent. His tackling was always safe, whilst he used great judgement in forcing ... J Brien thrived on the hard knocks in defence, bringing Lapham and Carr down brilliantly. He was intrepid going down on the ball, and proved a stumbling block to Blair, Harris and co. T Redmond, though small compared to his opponents, is as plucky as possible, and, being a fast runner, is a good winger. He handled well, and at all times was dangerous. J Parsons was excellent in the forwards, especially in the loose, and in the later stages of the game, in the three-quarters. E Courtney was the most outstanding of the other forwards, and, though he was on the right of the front row, heeled with rare success. **(Sunday Times 30th May 1926)**

Notes: This was a very good Souths team that beat Wests, with Benjamin Wearing again starring. The Wests team was quite disrupted. Jack Holmes and Cecil Gilbert were listed in the original team and were replaced by Joe Mansted and Bill Carpenter. Neil Matterson also made a return to First Grade after playing four games in Seconds. Sid Harris retired injured for Souths late in the game but Wests still couldn't get over against twelve men. Tedda Courtney Junior had obviously improved considerably with the comment suggesting he would strengthen the NSW team.