



# 1925 Round 4 Saturday 23rd May Sydney Sports Ground



## North Sydney 21

def.

## Western Suburbs 12

Henry WATERHOUSE  
 Jack COURTNEY  
 Herman PETERS (c)  
 Frank RULE  
 Wal MURPHY  
 Alan STEELE  
 Jimmy JOHNSON  
 Wal FAULL  
 Wally HANCOCK  
 Os REID  
 Leo O'CONNOR  
 Jim DUNWORTH  
 Alf FAULL

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

Gordon DAISLEY  
 Cyril BELLAMY  
 Neil MATTERSON  
 Cecil FIFIELD  
 Gordon STETTLER  
 Jerry BRIEN  
 Eric DOIG  
 Jack DREW  
 Frank LANE  
 Bill CARPENTER  
 Edward COURTNEY Jnr  
 Edward STAPLETON (c)  
 Frank MATTERSON



### Tries

Alf FAULL (2)  
 Jack COURTNEY  
 Wal MURPHY  
 Wal FAULL

Frank MATTERSON  
 Neil MATTERSON

### Goals

Jack COURTNEY (3)

Gordon STETTLER (3)

### Match Description

**North Sydney:** Full-back, H Waterhouse; three-quarters, J Courtney, H Peters, F Rule, W Murphy; halves, A Steele, J Johnson; forwards, A Faull, L O'Connor, W Hancock, J Dunworth, O Reid, W Faull

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, G Daisley; three-quarters, C Bellamy, C Fifiel, N Matterson, G Stettler; halves, J Brien, E Doig; forwards, F Matterson, E Stapleton, E Courtney, W Carpenter, F Lane, J Drew **Referee: J Murray**

North Sydney had the disadvantage of the sun in the first half. ...After loose, open play, N Matterson picked up and, after cleverly eluding several opponents, crossed for a try, which Stettler converted. Western Suburbs 5-0. Stettler early showed brilliant form for Western Suburbs, and earned applause for clever running. .... The game was fast and open. Doig, dribbling through from a scrum, kicked over the line, and a race between him and Waterhouse resulted in the latter forcing, though he was temporarily injured in the process. Brien displayed judgement in finding the line, and N Matterson showed sound tackling. Peters, securing from a ruck, drew the defence away from W Faull, who was handy, and the latter, receiving from Peters, had little difficulty in scoring a try, which Courtney converted. The scores were now 5 all, and half-time came soon afterwards with no alteration.

When play restarted, Dunworth was soon in evidence with good forward play. .... A penalty by the referee in favour of North Sydney caused general disapproval. It appeared that Western Suburbs should have been awarded the penalty, as Stettler was interfered with after he had kicked, and the line umpire drew the referee's attention to the breach. It was an unfortunate misunderstanding. Stettler placed Western Suburbs in the lead by kicking a penalty goal, but soon afterwards Daisley, in attempting to kick the ball over his own line, missed, and Hancock snapping up passed to A Faull, who darted across for a try. Courtney goaled. North Sydney 10 points to 7. Within a few minutes North Sydney added eight points to their score, Courtney getting a try, which he also converted after Peters and Steele had handled, and Murphy ran over after a fine dash along the wing for a try, which Courtney failed to convert. North Sydney's brilliant play was greatly appreciated by the spectators. Western Suburbs was outclassed. From a scrum Johnson secured, and smartly passed to A Faull, who scored his second try. Courtney's effort at goal failed. North Sydney 21-7. Rule, kicking somewhat foolishly in Western Suburbs' 25, allowed Stettler to gather. From his pass, Fifiel, Brien, and F Matterson handled nicely. The last named scored a good try, which Stettler converted, making the scores 21-12 in favour of North Sydney. The final whistle sounded within a few minutes, and North Sydney won a brilliant game. .... Stettler, the wing three-quarter, gave a good exhibition, and cleverly eluded his opponents. Brien, at five-eighth, played a good defensive game, and F Matterson and Stapleton were the best of the forward division. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 25th May 1925)**

E Doig, the clever scrum-half of Western Suburbs, has excelled himself this season. Behind a winning pack he would be in his element, and open up the game splendidly for his side. In the heavy rain he seems more at home than ever, and his handling of the greasy leather has been first class. .... **(Rugby League News 30th May 1925)**

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**Notes:** Frank McCauley was in the original program but was obviously still injured and his place was taken by Cecil Fifiel. The game was somewhat influenced by a poor refereeing decision where Stettler was interfered with but a penalty was given to Norths to the amazement of the crowd. Wests were leading at the time. Stettler and Doig both starred for Wests but North Sydney played outstanding football. Some reports had Herman Peters as a Norths' scorer but all accounts had him giving the final pass to Wal Faull.