



1927 Semi-Final Saturday 10th September RAS Showground



South Sydney 38

def.

Western Suburbs 6

Harry KADWELL
 Harry FINCH
 Sid HARRIS
 Vic LAWRENCE
 Benjamin WEARING
 Mick O'CONNOR
 Alfred BLAIR (c)
 Harry CAVANOUGH
 Albert CARR
 George TREWEEK
 Charlie FENNELL
 Eddie ROOT
 Dave WATSON

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

Frank McMILLAN
 Jack REDMOND
 Ray MORRIS
 Dave HEY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 John THOMPSON
 Harry OWEN
 Jack DREW
 Les HAYES
 Frank SPILLANE
 Frank MATTERSON
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Jim PARSONS



Tries

Sid HARRIS (2)
 Benjamin WEARING (2)
 Vic LAWRENCE
 Charlie FENNELL
 Harry FINCH
 Dave WATSON

George MASON
 Ray MORRIS

Goals

Alfred BLAIR (4)
 Harry KEDWELL (2)
 Benjamin WEARING (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back, H Kadwell; three-quarters, B Wearing, V Lawrence, S Harris, H Finch; five-eighth, A Blair; half-back, M O'Connor; forwards, A Carr, E Root, G Treweek, D Watson, C Fennell, H Cavanough

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, J Redmond, K Sherwood, R Morris, D Hay; five-eighth, J Thompson; half-back, G Mason; forwards, F Matterson, F Spillane, H Parsons, J Drew, R Lindfield, L Hayes **Referee: W Neill**

..... The first South Sydney attack came when O'Connor worked the blind side, and had Carr racing for the line, accompanied by Finch, but Carr was caught in possession, and passed forward. A few minutes later South Sydney scored. Blair snatched up the ball in mid-field, and although surrounded by opponents, sent a high pass to Harris who, jumping, juggled the ball for a time and then raced over the line. Blair goaled, and the minor premiers led 5 to nil. Lawrence, seeing an opening when Finch was unmarked, sent to the determined running winger, and the latter skirted the touch line, shook off Redmond's tackle, and scored behind the posts. Blair again converted, South Sydney 10-8.... Then Carr sent to Wearing, and a well-timed swerve enabled that popular player to score in the corner. There was renewed applause when Wearing goaled from there, and at the interval South Sydney led by 15 points to 3.

..... However, a minute later, Harris raced through and short-kicked for Wearing. Hey failed to field the rolling ball, and Watson dived on it and scored. South Sydney 18-3. Finch was giving Redmond a difficult task in defence, and for the second time bumped him aside, ran to McMillan and cross-kicked to Lawrence, who easily scored, and again Blair easily goaled. South Sydney 23-3. Clever dribbling by Cavanough enabled Fennell to score, and Kadwell goaled. South Sydney 28-3. Mason was the next scorer. Taking a high transfer from Parsons in the manner of an Australian Rules player, he ran strongly and scored. South Sydney 28-6. Finch left the field as the result of an injured knee. Harris was the next to cross the line, Wearing making the opening. Blair kicked his fourth goal for the afternoon. South 33-6. Wearing then showed trickiness and pace, and scored for Kadwell to convert, making the final scores South Sydney 38, Western Suburbs 6. ... **(Sydney Morning Herald 12th September 1927)**

It was with deep regret that we heard of the tragic end of the late Gordon Daisley, a member of the Club, who was esteemed by all. The football fraternity was shocked to read of his death by drowning. Your Committee has decided to have a framed photograph of him in playing costume football attire hung in the training room as a token of respect. His place will be hard to fill and many will miss his cheery smile. **(Western Suburbs District Rugby League Football Club – Twentieth Annual Report and Balance Sheet 29th February 1928)**

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Notes: Many of the commentaries had Wests being right in this match, but the stout Souths defence kept them out many times when they looked like scoring. This was a great Souths' side however. Lindfield dominated the scrums as usual and Spillane and Mason were also prominent. Note the debut of John Thompson who came in from third grade to replace Jerry Brien. On the same day Wests played St George in the Reserve Grade semi-final, beaten 13-8. Tragically, the one goal for Wests was kicked by George Daisley, who would never play again, dying in a drowning incident.