



1922 Round 1 Saturday 29th April Pratten Park



South Sydney 20

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Howard HALLETT
Benjamin WEARING
Vince SHEEHAN
Vic LAWRENCE
William GILLESPIE
Alfred BLAIR (c)
Alec JOHNSON
John KERWICK
Fred FUNNELLL
Ted McGRATH
Alf O'CONNOR
Ern WILLMOTT
Bill CAMERON

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

Fred YANZ
Henry HAYLOCK
Dick VEST (c)
Gordon STETTLER
Wally COLLINS
Eric DOIG
George McGOWAN
Joe REIDY
Louis YANZ
Edward BROOKS
Edward COURTNEY
Clarrie PRENTICE
Westley EASTERBROOK
William LANE



Tries

Alec JOHNSON
Alf O'CONNOR
Vince SHEEHAN
Benjamin WEARING

Westley EASTERBROOK
Henry HAYLOCK

Goals

Benjamin WEARING (4)

Eric DOIG (3)

Match Description

South Sydney: H Hallett, fullback; V Sheehan, W Gillespie, V Laurence, B Wearing, three-quarters; A Blair, five-eighth; A Johnson, half-back; E McGrath, E Wilmott, F Funnell, W Cameron, A O'Connor, J Kerwick, forwards

Western Suburbs: F Young, fullback; W Collins, R Vest, G Stettler, H Haylock, three-quarters; E Doig, five-eighth; G McGowan, half-back; J Reidy, C Prentice, L Yanz, W Easterbrook, E Brooks, E Courtney, forwards **Referee: W Neill**

The game between Western Suburbs and South Sydney, at Pratten Park, was brimful of excitement. Wests were strengthened by the re-appearance of McGowan, the midget half-back, who proved to be in great condition, his clever play and versatility being a feature of the game. In the opening stages South Sydney looked to be the better side for their speed and nippiness accounting for 10 points, while their opponents had scored but two. Vest and Stettler were playing a great game, and after storming their opponents' line for ten minutes, Wests reduced their deficit by the agency of a try by Haylock, and a goal by Doig. South Sydney were now completely outclassed Western Suburbs' forwards were playing with great vim, and just before half-time Easterbrook went across for a try, which Doig converted, making the scores at the interval, Western Suburbs, 12; South Sydney 10.

Immediately upon resumption Western Suburbs were penalised and Wearing equalled the scores with a goal from in front of the posts...South Sydney now surprised the crowd by unwinding a fine passing rush in which all the three-quarters participated, and which ended with Wearing going across in the corner. Souths were now 15 to 12. Wests strove hard to wipe out the deficit. Their success, however, began to have an electrical effect upon South Sydney, and the fleet backs began to find holes in the defence. Johnston made a brilliant effort when he secured from a scrum in the opposition's 25. He worked the blind side and sent to Gillespie, who cut in and returned to Johnston, who dummied the fullback and scored. In the closing stages South Sydney's speed was too much for Wests and they ran out winners by 20 to 12. **(Sunday Times 30th April 1922)**

Wests new winger, Haylock, had been attracting quite a lot of attention by his size. He must be a good 14 stone.... Wests' best forward was the evergreen Tedda Courtney. His tackling was deadly, and he was in all the rough stuff **(Sportsman 2nd May 1922)**

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Notes: A new season and a number of new players. Edward Brooks came across from Newtown, William Lane from South Sydney while George McGowan resumed after a year off with injury. Henry Haylock, a big strapping winger by reports, debuted as did the Yanz brothers, Fred and Louis. Eric Doig, a prolific goal kicker in Second Grade along with Matthew Downie, appeared to take over the goal-kicking duties. Ranji Joass was not available for this game but played most of the season. Note the comments on Tedda Courtney; he was 37 at this stage! There was a record crowd of 5000 at Pratten Park for this game.