



1924 Round 1 Saturday 3rd May Sydney Cricket Ground



South Sydney 13

def.

Western Suburbs 5

Dave HICKEY
 Cecil BLINKHORN
 Vic LAWRENCE
 Tom BARRY
 Harold HORDER
 Alfred BLAIR
 Alec JOHNSON
 Jack LAWRENCE (c)
 Alf O'CONNOR
 Eddie ROOT
 Dave WATSON
 Ern WILLMOTT
 Perc HORNE

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

Frank McMILLAN
 Gordon STETTLER
 Joe MANSTED
 Fred YANZ
 Wally COLLINS
 Arthur MENDEL
 Eric DOIG
 Jack DREW
 Louis YANZ
 Harold LEDDY
 Edward COURTNEY
 Clarrie PRENTICE (c)
 Edward STAPLETON



Tries Harold HORDER (2)
 Vic LAWRENCE

Edward STAPLETON

Goals Harold HORDER (2)

Gordon STETTLER (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back, D Hickey; three-quarters, C Blinkhorn, T Barry, V Lawrence, H Horder; halves, A Blair and A Johnson; forwards, A O'Connor, E Root, J Lawrence, P Horne, E Willmott, D Watson

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F McMillan; three-quarters, W Collins, J Mansted, F Yanz, G Stettler; halves, A Mendel and E Doig; forwards, H Leddy, L Yanz, E Stapleton, E Courtney, C Prentice, J Drew **Referee: T McMahon**

.... Passing by the backs helped Western Suburbs to attack. Blinkhorn intercepted, however, but ran into McMillan. Blinkhorn, with a run and punt, carried play to Western Suburbs' line, where Johnson sent a long pass to Barry, who passed on to Horder. Shaking off a couple of opponents, who tried to tackle him around the neck, Horder fell over for a try, which he converted with a fine kick. South Sydney 5-0. South Sydney again attacked through a bright individual effort by Blair, who kicked across to Blinkhorn's wing. The latter picked the ball up well, and ran over the line, but in attempting to ground the ball with one hand lost it and missed the try. The lapse was inexcusable. Horder landed a splendid penalty goal soon afterwards, making South Sydney 7-0. Struggling hard and persistently, Western Suburbs gained ground slowly. More penalties were awarded, and from one Prentice punted high towards the goal. The ball bounced close to the line, and Stapleton, rushing up, secured a try, which Stettler converted. Western Suburbs tried hard in the closing stages of the first half. A number of exciting incidents took place close to South Sydney's line, several players being stopped on the verge of scoring. A penalty saved the defenders, and a sudden rush took play to the other end, where the ball was kicked over the line. Horder and F Yanz ran for it, and, after a bumping race, the former touched down. He missed the goal, however, from close to the posts. At the interval South Sydney led by 10 points to 5.

South Sydney continued to infringe the laws on resuming.South Sydney were forced back, strenuous play taking place in their half, Courtney being prominent. The ground was slippery in the centre, and spoilt the intentions of both runners and tacklers. McMillan was applauded for a fine save after a vigorous dash by South Sydney, and Collins proved a safe defender against Blinkhorn. Western Suburbs gave their opponents a hard time, some splendid live kicks by McMillan assisting his side in maintaining an advantage. Hickey also kicked well in defence. A swift attack by South Sydney changed the scene of play. Blinkhorn this time broke through a weak tackle by Collins, but the move did not seriously trouble Western Suburbs until Horder, dodging a little, gained ground. A cross kick by Barry had Western Suburbs in a corner, and V Lawrence, after a scramble on the line obtained a try. J Lawrence failed to convert. South Sydney, 13-5. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 5th May 1924)**

No man with the exception of McMillan, the Western Suburbs full-back stood out on the day's play. Even he made mistakes and, as a result of one mull that he made, South Sydney scored. Still, for all that, he was the bright particular star of the afternoon. The manner in which he dropped the fast moving Blinkhorn in the first half, was very fine indeed..... **(Sunday Times 4th May 1924)**

Notes: Joe Mansted was a new addition from Newtown and Wests actually had an official coach in previous player Albert "Ricketty" Johnston. Tedda Courtney at 38 was playing in his final season. The match was played in drizzling rain and was much closer than the final score. Eric Doig again missed a goal in front and goal-kicking looked like being a problem for the season. Frank McMillan received ambulance attention for a serious knock but continued to play. The match finished in failing light. This was to be an unusual season with only one round of eight matches to be played because of the visiting British Lions. The Premiership rounds would be followed by the City Cup.