



1922 Round 10 Saturday 8th July Sydney Cricket Ground



South Sydney 12

def.

Western Suburbs 7

Howard HALLETT
Benjamin WEARING
Vince SHEEHAN
Vic LAWRENCE
William GILLESPIE
Alfred BLAIR (c)
Frank BROGAN
Bill CAMERON
Fred FUNNELLL
Ted McGRATH
Alf O'CONNOR
Ern WILLMOTT
Jack LAWRENCE
Tom BARRY

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

Frank McMILLAN
Cyril BELLAMY
Dick VEST (c)
Neil MATTERSON
Wally COLLINS
Arthur MENDEL
Eric DOIG
William JOASS
Louis YANZ
Jack DREW
Edward COURTNEY
Clarrie PRENTICE
Harold LEDDY



Tries

Bill CAMERON
Benjamin WEARING

Wally COLLINS

Goals

Jack LAWRENCE (3)

Eric DOIG (2)

Match Description

South Sydney: Fullback, H Hallett; three-quarters, B Wearing, V Lawrence, W Gillespie, V Sheehan; halves, F Brogan, A Blair; forwards, W Cameron, F Funnell, E McGrath, E Wilmott, A O'Connor, J Lawrence

Western Suburbs: Fullback, F McMillan; three-quarters, W Collins, R Vest, N Matterson, C Bellamy; halves, A Mendel, E Doig; forwards, E Courtney, L Yanz, J Drew, C W Prentice, W Joass, H J Leddy **Referee: V Dickenson**

The game opened under conditions favouring neither side. Vest kicked off for Western Suburbs and play had been in progress but a few minutes when South Sydney backs got going, and a nice combined movement by Gillespie, Wearing, and V Lawrence resulted in the latter scoring a try, converted by J Lawrence. A similar effort was made a few minutes later and Wearing crossed in, J Lawrence again kicking the goal. South Sydney, 10-0. Illegal work by McGrath in South Sydney's 25, gave Western Suburbs a penalty, from which Doig scored. South Sydney, 10-2. An attack by South Sydney with Wearing threatening danger was frustrated by neat defensive work by McMillan. Vest and Bellamy were next in evidence and placed their side on the offensive, but South Sydney's defence prevailed. Uninteresting play, punctuated by several penalties, ensued. Hallett's strong punting was noticeable, and when on several occasions Western Suburbs attacked, his defence was sound. After being bumped by Bellamy, Wearing had to retire and Barry came on to play in the centre, V Lawrence taking Wearing's position on the wing. Just before half-time J Lawrence kicked a penalty goal for South Sydney, who at the interval led by 12-2.

On resuming, a good line kick by Vest was followed by Blair neatly intercepting the ball from an attempted passing bout by the Western Suburbs backs. Blair, if he had gone on, would probably have scored but he hesitated before approaching the fullback and was brought down. Western Suburbs, after breaking through the defence were stopped on the line through a pass by Courtney going astray. Western Suburbs continued the attack but, although getting a fair share of the ball from the scrums, the backs, despite the fact Doig served them cleanly, showed faulty handling and bad combination. South Sydney were also much below their true form, and as a result play was uninteresting. Eventually Collins livened the game up by scoring a try after a good run. Doig converted, making the scores South Sydney 12-7. Dreary football marked the closing stages, combined movements and clean play being almost entirely absent. No further scoring took place, and South Sydney won by 12 points to 7. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 10th July 1922)**

Notes: One record, *The Sunday Times*, had Cyril Bellamy scoring a try but every other newspaper and commentaries had Wally Collins scoring Wests' only try. Courtney again was singled out for distinction and Harold Leddy also received good write-ups.