1923 Round 12 Saturday 28th July Pratten Park

Western Suburbs 9

Fred YANZ

Cyril BELLAMY

Neil MATTERSON

Gordon STETTLER

William McCABE

Cecil FIFIELD

Harold LEDDY

Edward STAPLETON

Clarrie PRENTICE (c)

BILL CARPENTER

Louis YANZ

Jack DRFW

Fred YANZ

Eric DOIG

def.

Fullback

Wing

Centre

Centre

Wing

Half

Lock

Five-eighth

Glebe 8

Eddie CUMMINS Jack TOOHEY Alfie THOMPSON Tommy JAMES

Jack LODGE Jack McMAHON Frank QUIGLEY

Edward GODDARD (c)

Second Row **Roy LISTON** Second Row Sam QUIGLEY Front Row Stan KING Hooker **BILLUCAS** Front Row Tom McGRATH

Edward GODDARD Tom McGRATH

Eric DOIG (2) Sam QUIGLEY (1)

Clarrie PRENTICE (1)



Tries

Goals

Western Suburbs: Full-back, F Yanz; three-quarters, W Collins, N Matterson, W McCabe, G Stettler; halves, E Doig, C Fifield; forwards, J Drew, C Prentice, W Carpenter, L Yanz, E Stapleton, H J Leddy

Glebe: Full-back, E Cummins; three-quarters, J Lodge, J Toohey, T James, A Thompson; halves, C McMahon, F Quigley; forwards, T McGrath, S King, W Lucas, R Liston, S Quigley, E Goddard Referee: S Jackson

Glebe's hooker, Haddock, was an absentee, and it was soon evident that his team was handicapped by his non-appearance. Benson, too, was missing, his place being filled by F Quigley from the third grade. The forwards practically had a monopoly of the game, and the back were rarely seen in passing movements. The forwards of Western Suburbs were not showing to such advantage as they have done, at times, this season. They are good exponents of the loose type of play, and the muddy conditions made this impossible. The brightest movement of the first half was due to Thompson, Glebe's determined wing three-quarter. Thompson secured the ball in his own territory and beat several defenders until he found himself hemmed in. He cross-kicked and Goddard, a fast following forward, picked up and scored. The game was fairly even. Glebe led at half-time by 5 points to 2 - Goddard a try and Quigley a goal. For Western Suburbs Prentice scored a goal.

Western Suburbs opened up the second half with a strong forward rush, and they had their opponents defending strenuously, but Cummins sent them back with a well-judged kick. He had been conspicuous throughout the game by perfect handling and accurate line kicking. The home team were putting more "ginger" into their play, and they became further galvanised when Doig reduced their deficit by a penalty goal. Glebe 5, Western Suburbs 4. A little later Western Suburbs were almost in. F Yanz cut in beautifully, and punted over Cummins head. Leddy picked up the ball about the 25 and strode hard for the line, with no-one in front of him. Toohey, however, came from behind, and tackled him near the line. It was a narrow escape for Glebe. Each side continued to play spirited football. Cummins was the best back on the field, and Toohey rendered him valuable assistance. Glebe's forwards were an even lot. Leddy and Prentice (forwards), Matterson and Doig (backs) shone for Western Suburbs. McGrath scored a try for Glebe, and F Yanz a try, Doig two goals for Western Suburbs. The final scores were -Western Suburbs, 9 points, Glebe, 8. (The Sydney Morning Herald 30th July 1923)

Notes: There was some confusion about the teams and the scorers in this match but an analysis shows this; Walter Haddock, the Glebe captain was out, replaced by Bill Lucas. Sam Quigley came up from 3rd Grade to replace a suspended player. The Sydney Morning Herald had Wally Collins on the wing but all other reports had Cyril Bellamy taking his place. One report (Sunday Times) had Stettler kicking the last conversion of Yanz's try but all others had Eric Doig kicking the match-winning goal. This match was played in a guagaire as heavy rain in Sydney continued. Wests were coming off a bye in Round 11 but Frank McMillan had still not recovered from the heavy concussion of two weeks ago. Again, a lot of shots at goal were missed, forcing Clarrie Prentice to have a go and land the first goal. Wests only scored a converted try in the last five minutes and Glebe were attacking heavily when the whistle blew so this was obviously a close, exciting game.



