



1920 Round 2 Saturday 8th May Parramatta Oval



Western Suburbs 22

def.

Annandale 0

Lyall WALL
Dick VEST
Viv FARNSWORTH
Herb GILBERT (c)
Wally COLLINS
Alex McPHERSON
George McGOWAN
William JOASS
Harold LEDDY
Westley EASTERBROOK
Clarrie TYE
Clarrie PRENTICE
Edward COURTNEY

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

N McGUINNESS
J BAIN
Tom McGUINNESS (c)
Frank QUIGLEY
Sidney HUGHES
A POTTER
Ernie USHER
Peter COLL
G EVES
Roy LISTON
Bill LUCAS
Walter HADDOCK
G JOLLY

Tries

Viv FARNSWORTH (2)
Wally COLLINS
Westley EASTERBROOK
Harold LEDDY
Dick VEST

Goals

Lyall WALL (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back L Wall; three-quarters, R Vest, H Gilbert (c), V Farnsworth, W Collins; half-back, A McPherson, G McGowan; forwards, C Tye, C W Prentice, E Courtney, W Joass, W Easterbrook, H Leddy

Annandale: Full-back, N McGuinness; three-quarters, J Bain, T McGuinness (c), F Quigley, S Hughes; half-backs, A Potter, E Usher; forwards, G Jolly, W Haddock, W Lucas, P Eves, R Liston, P Coll **Referee: C Russell**

The game had been in progress only a few minutes when Gilbert picked up in the ruck at half-way and sent to Farnsworth. The latter cut in smartly and straight ahead and passed to Collins, who raced over. McPherson's kick failed. Wests 3 to nil. Gilbert obtained the ball and sprinted down the field. Nearing the full-back he sent to Farnsworth, who had no difficulty in scoring. Wall added the extras. Western Suburbs 8 to nil. ... From a scrum near the line McGowan obtained, cut in, and passed to Leddy, who scored. Wall was gain successful. Western Suburbs 13 to nil. Prentice and Courtney took the ball down the field again, and Leddy knocked on. Soon after, Easterbrook was over. Wall failed. Wests 16 to nil. At half-time the score was unaltered. Wall was always able to save with good judgement. A brilliant burst by Wests' backs ended in Vest scoring in the corner. Farnsworth obtained and sent to Gilbert, who cut in splendidly, and passed to Vest, who raced over. Wall failed at goal. Western Suburbs 22 to nil (**The Evening News 8th May 1920**)

Possessing two such solid and capable centres as Gilbert and Farnsworth, Wests are indeed in an enviable position. They are the class of players who are capable of turning pending defeat into victory at the most unexpected moment. (**Rugby League News 8th May 1920**)

The splendid set of forwards which Wests have can be judged from the fact they are forced to relegate "Tony" Redmond to the emergencies. "Tedda" Courtney was the best forward in the loose last Saturday week. Whenever the three-quarters got going "Tedda" was on their heels. Ward Prentice gave the lie to his critics in the practice games and looks like developing his form of the Union days; we all know what that means. (**Rugby League News 15th May 1920**)

The fruit pickers gave their be-whiskered relations from the surrounding districts a chance to see what a first grade game of football really was by meeting Annandale at Parramatta last Saturday, and there was never such a line-up of bullock drays and wood carts round the old town in the recollection of the oldest inhabitant. Wests' two centres were in startling form and were responsible for most of Wests' 22 points.....McPherson made a reappearance for Wests, and it is hard to see how Ward Prentice can get in again after Wee Mac's display.....(**The Sydney Sportsman 12th May 1920**)

Notes: This was a solid win for Wests at the unusual venue of Parramatta Oval. Tom McCauley, Athol White and Tony Redmond were again reserves, a point not lost on Rugby League News. Ward Prentice was in the original team but had to withdraw with a fractured rib. Barny McPherson took his place and went very well. The pairing of Gilbert and Farnsworth was proving dynamic. One record has Ranji Joass kicking a goal but all newspaper reports have Lyall Wall kicking two. The Sportsman would have made a big deal if it had been Ranji.