



1922 Round 6 Saturday 10th June Pratten Park



North Sydney 36

def.

Western Suburbs 7

Norm PROCTOR
 Harold HORDER
 Herman PETERS
 Frank RULE
 Cecil BLINKHORN
 Roderick HODGINS
 Duncan THOMPSON (c)
 James PYE
 Jack IVES
 Reuben BAKER
 Alf FAULL
 George GREEN
 Chris McGRATH

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

Fred YANZ
 Henry HAYLOCK
 Dick VEST (c)
 Neil MATTERSON
 Wally COLLINS
 Eric DOIG
 George McGOWAN
 Jack DREW
 Louis YANZ
 Edward BROOKS
 Edward COURTNEY
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 William JOASS



Tries Cecil BLINKHORN (2)
 Chris McGRATH (2)
 Duncan THOMPSON (2)
 Harold HORDER
 Jack IVES

Dick VEST

Goals Harold HORDER (5)
 Duncan THOMPSON (1)

Eric DOIG (2)

Match Description

North Sydney: N Proctor, fullback; H Horder, H Peters, F Rule, C Blinkhorn, three-quarters; D Hodgins, five-eighth; D Thompson, half-back; J Pye, G Green, J Baker, A Faull, J C Ives, C McGrath, forwards

Western Suburbs: F Yanz, fullback; H Haylock, R Vest, N Matterson, W Collins, three-quarters; E Doig, five-eighth; G McGowan, half-back; L Yanz, C Prentice, E Brooks, W Joass, J Drew, E Courtney, forwards **J Murray, referee**

When the teams filed onto the field it was noticed that Green had replaced Hancock as North Sydney's hooker, and Proctor was in the fullback position. North Sydney played with a slight breeze, and at once got busy. Peters secured in the loose, and ran along the wing. He put his left foot to the ball, but it went into touch. Thompson now did a characteristic bit of play. Securing from a scrum midfield, he worked the blind side and after dummieing the opposing five-eighth sent to Horder, who just beat Vest and scored. Thompson goaled – 5 to nil. Wests attacked and Doig kicked a penalty goal. – 5 to 2. Rule was conspicuous in a fine breaking-through run, but the ball went astray. Western Suburbs were called upon to defend strenuously. For a time, they kept their nippy opponents quiet, but Norths' backs were playing with perfect combination, and after a passing rush in which the halves and the three-quarters all participated, Blinkhorn fended Collins and scored in the corner. North Sydney 8 Western Suburbs 2. Wests were getting their share of the ball from the scrummages, and several times Vest gained ground for them. Rule played brilliantly at inside centre. For a time the game became quiet, then Vest scored for the home team, Doig converting – 8-7. Thompson secured from a scrum in the opposition's 25, and after breaking through nicely sent a reverse pass to Ives, whose weight carried him over – 11-7. The premiers' skipper, who had been directly responsible for all of North Sydney's tries, now secured from a scrum in mid-field, and after fooling the opposition, sent a high pass to Blinkhorn, whose pace was invincible. Horder kicked an easy goal, making the half-time scores, North Sydney 16, Western Suburbs 7.

Wests opened the second half with a hot attack, and had their opponents defending strenuously. Doig, who had been playing well, secured from a scrum in North Sydney's 25, and after dummieing Hodgins, went ahead like a flash, but the defence was too good. Haylock on Wests' right wing was completely outshone by Horder. Wests now made a change, Vest taking the place of Collins on the wing. North Sydney were again over soon. Peters secured and sent to Rule, who cut in and sent back to Peters, to McGrath, who just got there. Horder a goal – 21-7. Play was becoming rough and Vest was ordered off after an altercation. North Sydney's scoring became monotonous, and towards the finish McGrath and Thompson (2) crossed, and Horder landed three goals. Thompson, Rule, Blinkhorn, Horder and Ives were the pick of North Sydney, and Vest, Doig and Prentice shone out for Wests. **(The Sunday Times 11th June 1922)**

Notes: North Sydney was becoming a very good team with dazzling speed on the wings in Blinkhorn and Horder. Wests didn't do themselves any favours with Vest sent off, although most reports had it as a minor offence. Ranji Joass made a comeback and found himself moved out to the centres! Eric Doig again came up to Firsts and was apparently Wests' best player.