1922 Round 9 Saturday 1st July Pratten Park



def.

Fullback

St. George 3



Fred YANZ
Wally COLLINS
Neil MATTERSON
William MATTHEWS
Cyril BELLAMY
Arthur MENDEL
Eric DOIG
William JOASS
Louis YANZ
Edward COURTNEY (c)
Jack DREW

Clarrie PRENTICE

Harold LEDDY

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

Reg FUSEDALE
Bill SADLER
George CARSTAIRS
Des MULLARKEY
Lew HEUSCHEL
Arnold TRAYNOR
Tommy BURNS
Edward RYAN
Ernie LAPHAM
S BUTTELLL
Clarrie TYE (c)
Arthur GORE
R JACKSON

BILL SADLER

Tries Harold LEDDY (2)
Wally COLLINS

Goals Eric DOIG (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Fullback, F Yanz; three-quarters, W Collins, W D Matthews, N Matterson, C Bellamy; half-backs, A Mendel, E Doig; forwards E Courtney, C W Prentice, L Yanz, W Joass, J Drew, H J Leddy

St George: Fullback, R Fusedale; three-quarters, W Sadler, G Carstairs, D Mullarkey, L Heuschkel; half-backs, A Traynor, T Burns; forwards, R Jackson, A Gore, C Tye, S Buttell, E Lapham, H Flower **Referee: F Delaney**

The game was even and uninteresting, neither side playing up to first grade standard. St George kicked off with a slight breeze at their back, and play was in Western Suburbs' 25 for some time. St George got the ball from a scrum, and a good passing rush by the backs ended in Sadler scoring in the corner. Carstairs failed at goal, and St George led by 3 to nil. Another passing rush by St George ended near Western Suburbs' 25, where Western Suburbs were awarded a penalty, which brought relief. A good drop-kick at goal by Fusedale just missed, and then Western Suburbs attacked, and Leddy scored a try in the corner. Doig failed at goal, making the score 3 all. Then Collins and Matthews combined well, Matthews being pulled down near the line. St George relieved and then Bellamy took a high kick, and ran to the 25, a forward pass pulling up Western Suburbs. Doig put Wests on the attack again, but a good run by Mullarkey brought play back to Western Suburbs 25. Bellamy put in a good run for Western Suburbs, and Collins nearly got over. Doig started an attack, and Leddy, running strongly, scored his second try. Doig converted with a good kick, and Western Suburbs led by 8 to 3. After some play in centre, Carstairs broke through, but was pulled down near the line. Half-time - Western Suburbs 8 to 3.

The second half was very uninteresting, play being of a scrambling nature. Shortly after resuming, Carstairs, who had been playing a good game throughout, put his side in a good position by a fine line kick. Western Suburbs relieved, then Fusedale passed to Carstairs, and attacked strongly, but a penalty relieved Western Suburbs. A good kick by Doig put his side on the attack, and they stormed the line, but a penalty saved St George. Then Matterson cut through, and running well, passed to Collins, who scored. Doig converted, and Western Suburbs led by 13 to 3. The remainder of the game was scraggy, and finished in the dark, it being very difficult to distinguish the players. Final scores: Western Suburbs 13, St George 3. (The Sydney Morning Herald 3rd July 1922)

Notes: This was a strong performance, although most reports say it was an uninteresting game. Harold Leddy made a welcome return and played very strongly, scoring two good tries, the second one a test of strength. Cyril Bellamy continued to make an impression Not only was an ex-Wests' player, Clarrie Tye, captain but Herb Gilbert was also the St. George coach.