



1913 Round 1 Saturday 3rd May Pratten Park



South Sydney 33

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Howard HALLETT
 Harold HORDER
 Clarrie HORDER
 Hash THOMPSON
 A SMITH
 William HILLIARD
 Arthur BUTLER (c)
 William CANN
 Harry THOMPSON
 Eddie HILLIARD
 William SPENCE
 Harry BUTLER
 Harry BRIGHTON
 Jack LEVESON

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

William JOASS
 Harold BISSETT
 Johnno STUNTZ
 Joe LINDSAY
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Henry NAYLOR
 Ray STEWARD
 William FOORD
 Arthur GILLETT
 Eddie GRIFFITHS
 Albert BURDUS
 Stan CARR
 Edward COURTNEY (c)



Tries

William CANN (3)
 Harold HORDER (2)
 Harry BUTLER
 Clarrie HORDER

William FOORD
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Johnno STUNTZ

Goals

Howard HALLETT (3)
 Harold HORDER(3)

Eddie GRIFFITHS (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: H Hallett, fullback; H Horder, C Horder, H Thompson, A Smith, three-quarters; W Hilliard, Five-eighth, A Butler, Half-back; H Brighton, H Butler, E Hilliard, H R Thompson, W Cann, forwards

Western Suburbs: W Joass, fullback; H V Bissett, J Stuntz, J Lindsay, C McFayden; three-quarters; H Naylor, five-eighth, R Steward, half; E Courtney, S Carr, A Burdon, S Griffiths, A Gillett, W Foord, forwards **Charles Hedley referee**

South Sydney had the honour, in conjunction with Western Suburbs of opening the new Pratten Park Ground at Ashfield to senior football. They drew a fair-sized crowd. The contest, however, was totally one-sided, the combination of last year's surprise packet in the closing Cup matches being far too good. Immediately after the kick-off by the visitors Smith picked up the leather and passed to H Horder, who ran his brother into a splendid position, enabling him to cross near the corner. H Horder converted with a grand kick. S.S. 5 to nil within the twinkling of an eye. The local forwards then came with a determined rush. McFayden secured the ball and evaded Hallett's tackle but was pulled down by E Hilliard on the goal-line. Stuntz picked up and fell over the line – no goal. 5 to 3. C Horder, after a great run, passed to Cann who planted the ball behind the posts. H Horder added the goal. S.S. 10 to 3. The local forwards, working strenuously, drove back their aggressive opponents. In their 25, South Sydney were penalised, and Griffiths kicked the goal. 10 to 5. So far it was a sort of tit for tat. Soon after this, H Thompson received a severe knock and was replaced by J Leveson. The South Sydney backs were displaying fine combination. After the ball had been handled by Butler and Hilliard, H Horder galloped through his opponents and scored a great try, which he converted. 15 to 5. H Horder got going again, but the passes ended up in Cann scoring the try, which Horder failed to convert. It was a "cake-walk", according to the men on the fence. 18 to 5. But the local team did not think so. They drove South Sydney back, and near the goal-line Griffiths snapped up the ball and passed to McFayden, who beat Hallett and scored in the corner. Griffiths failed with the kick. 18 to 8.

The local men greatly improved in their play on changing ends. Nevertheless, the leaders attacked strongly, but the resolute tackling ended a number of brilliant movements. H Horder kicked over the full-back's head but H Butler got to the ball first, and fell on it between the posts. Hallett converted. 23 to 8. Cann added the next try, which Hallett converted. 28 to 8. Once again the South Sydney backs initiated a passing movement, and, carrying it on smartly H Horder crossed near the corner, to see Hallett fail with the kick, 31 to 8. At this stage, Joass, who was playing ably, had to retire owing to injury. The local team, playing gamely, rushed the ball to the 25, where Foord intercepted and scored a good try, which Stuntz failed to convert. S.S. 31 to 11. Just on close of the game, Hallett kicked a penalty goal, which made the score 33 to 11. **(Sunday Times 4th May 1913)**

W Foord, from the Union, was the best forward of the Magpies, and if Ranji Joass had been among the pigs instead of wasted at full-back, the scores might have been somewhat closer. **(Sydney Sportsman 7th May 1913)**

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Notes: This match saw the return of Harold Bissett who had played only one match in 1912. Johnno Stuntz, the former Australian (1909), Eastern Suburbs and South Sydney player, had played in trial matches and made his debut for Western Suburbs here. The Sportsman's right; it seemed strange to play Ranji Joass at full-back. This was also the debut match for Eddie Griffiths (who had played 47 matches for Eastern Suburbs) and Stan Carr. This was also the official opening of Pratten Park although matches had been played there before.