



1913 Round 10 Saturday 19th July RAS Sports Ground



Eastern Suburbs 11

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Ted TAPLIN
 Albert BROOMHAM
 Sidney DEANE (c)
 Os DEANE
 Joe MILLER
 Charles SHERRETT
 Selby McFARLANE
 Jack BAKER
 Reg GOSPER
 George GREEN
 Con SULLIVAN
 W MAHER
 E FRANKS

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

Harry CLARK
 Bill GANDER
 Henry McILLMURRAY
 Henry NAYLOR
 Harold BISSETT
 Ray STEWARD
 George GAGAN
 William JOASS
 Albert BURDUS
 William FOORD
 Frank HOLT
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Edward COURTNEY (c)
 Cecil FOORD



Tries Herbert MESSENGER
 Claude NICHOLSON
 Robert WILLIAMS

Westley EASTERBROOK
 Ray STEWARD

Goals Joe MILLER (1)

William FOORD (1)
 George GAGAN (1)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back, Kinghorn; three-quarters, Frawley, Tidyman, H Messenger, Flannery; halves, Cubitt, Holloway; forwards, Nicholson, Williams, Lees, Pearce, Watkins, White

Western Suburbs: Full-back, Clark,; three-quarters, Bissett, Naylor, McIllumurray, McFayden; halves, Gagen, Steward; forwards, Courtney, Burdus, Joass, Easterbrook, Holt, Foord **Referee: Mr Charles Hedley**

Western Suburbs kicked off from the Randwick end, with a cross-wind blowing. There were about 6000 spectators present. Western Suburbs for some time attacked in fine style. McFayden was almost over in the corner, and Steward was downed when nearly across. Eastern Suburbs got out of a tight fix by forcing, and play drifted to midfield. Messenger was moving nicely with an old-time sprint, when Naylor neatly grassed him from behind. Foord, for Wests, and Lees, for Easts, were the leaders in two fine attacks, which, however, were fruitless. Wests were soon back in the opposing 25, and Naylor was nearly over. The visitors lost a good chance at scoring. "Dally" Messenger was responsible for pulling his side out of a nasty position. Cubitt picked up and booted down the field, and Nicholson, following on fast, grabbed the ball, crossed the line, and scored. Messenger failed at goal. Eastern Suburbs 3, Western Suburbs nil. Wests kept up the attack, and were showing better form than the premiers, but could not score. McIllumurray had a good chance, but ran across field and was downed. Cubitt was the prime mover in shifting to past half-way, where Messenger missed the posts from an easy penalty chance. Easts were attacking strongly on the opposition line, when half-time arrived, with Eastern Suburbs leading 3 points to nil.

On resuming Easts quickly got moving, and Frawley crossed over, only to be brought back. Then, in a good position, a penalty came in favour of Western Suburbs, and Foord landed a neat goal. Eastern Suburbs 3 to 2. White and Williams were at the head of Easts' pack in a heavy charge, and then Cubitt and Frawley figured in a couple of fast runs, but Courtney saved the situation. The premiers kept up the attack, and Messenger and Frawley, in combination, had won their way across, when the referee brought them back. Then a passing bout ended in Messenger scoring. Frawley failed to convert. Eastern s Suburbs 6 to 2.

Inside his half, Cubitt secured and passed to Messenger, whose pass was intercepted by Naylor, who raced off splendidly. When tackled, he passed to Steward and the Western Suburbs half made for the line and scored between the posts. Foord's kick narrowly missed. Eastern Suburbs 6, Western Suburbs 5. With only one point separating the teams play became willing, and Western Suburbs held the advantage in some vigorous exchanges. The Eastern Suburbs pack came rattling along and Pearce tried to force his way across, but was brought low. Then the ball flew out of his 25, and, keeping moving, travelled to past half-way. Here Steward, who was playing a really great game, secured, and dashed forward, passed to Holt, to Easterbrook, who scored in a good position, from which Gagen added the extras. Eastern Suburbs 11, Western Suburbs 10. These were the final scores. **(The Sun 19th July 1913)**

"The high wind swept fiercely across the exposed ground and was more troublesome here than at other fields.an easy shot for goal by Foord narrowly evading the posts – had it gone over Easts would have been losers for the second time." **(Saturday Referee and Arrow 26th July 1913)**

Notes: This was an unlucky loss for Wests with William Foord missing a match-winning goal from in front of the posts. Some official records have Steward converting his own try but all newspaper reports have George Gagan as adding the extras. The strong wind affected the goal-kicking obviously.