



1913 Round 11 Saturday 26th July North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 20

def.

Western Suburbs 6

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 Albert BROOMHAM (3)
 Joe MILLER (2)
 E FRANKS

Westley EASTERBROOK (2)

Goals Joe MILLER (1)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back E Taplin; three-quarters, A Broomham, S Deane (c) O Deane, J Miller; halves, C Sherritt, S McFarlane; forward, E Franks, W Maher, C Sullivan, G Green, J Gosper, J Baker

Western Suburbs: Full-back, H Clark (retired injured, place filled by C Foord); three-quarters, H V Bissett, H McIllumurray, H Naylor, W Gander; halves, S Gagin, R Steward; forwards, E Courtney (c), W Easterbrook, A Burdus, G Holt, W Joass, W Foord **Referee, Mr Charles Hedley**

Brilliant play from start to finish, with a minimum of mistakes, marked North Sydney's performance against Western Suburbs. The indomitable energy of the Westerners had to give way before the scientific methods of the Northerners' combination. Almost throughout the game the North Sydney backs monopolised the passing movements. McFarlane worked his pack to great advantage, and was most liberal in serving the men behind him. His partner, Sherritt, was always on the alert, and between them they kept Broomham, the Deanes, and Miller particularly busy. The brilliant Broomham threw off the lethargic mood, and was in a great scoring vein. The game opened with North Sydney attacking hotly, and the forwards obtaining possession McFarlane soon had his backs combining effectively. From the many rushes initiated by North Sydney's back division Broomham succeeded in crossing over twice, Miller goaling from the second attempt, and thus quite early the Northerners had a strong lead of 8 points. For a time, Western Suburbs rallied, with Courtney, Joass and Foord in the van. Bissett was nearly in once but a misunderstanding with McIllumurray spoilt his chance. Clark was unfortunately injured and had to retire, C Foord coming on in his stead. The Northerners again became aggressive, and Franks registered another try before the interval, at which stage North Sydney led by 11 points to nil.

On re-opening, Western Suburbs' forwards soon had their opponents on the defensive. Naylor kicked high over Taplin's head, and in the race for it his comrade, Easterbrook, beat the Northerner, and scored Western Suburbs' first try. This success stimulated the Westerners to further effort, and the forwards, getting the ball frequently from the scrummages, tested the Shoremen's defence, but the latter answered the call and kept their gritty opponents out. The Northerners now took charge of the game, and by delightful passing registered two more tries, neither of which was added to by Miller. North Sydney 17 points to 3. Soon afterwards O Deane was compelled to leave the field with an injury to the head. Towards the close play was fast and keenly waged. Western Suburbs augmented their score by a try by Easterbrook, whilst Miller added to the Northerners total by crossing over. The final score left North Sydney with victory by 20 points to 6. **(Sydney Morning Herald 28th July 1913)**

Application of the advantage in the League game does not appear to be generally understood by the crowd, or, rather, sections of it. This rule has been interpreted best by T J McMahon; but one or two other referees rarely think of bringing it into operation. A notable case of this occurred at North Sydney in the first half last Saturday. The infringement was made by S Deane near his own goal-line in facing a rush by Newtown. The Blues regained the ball and were only a few yards from the line with the road open, but the whistle had gone. **(Saturday Referee and The Arrow 26th July 1913)**

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Notes: This was another strong performance by the Wests' forwards but North Sydney was a very strong team, especially with the flying Kangaroo winger, Albert Broomham, in form. Note the comments in The Saturday Referee; the referees were having trouble applying advantage, blowing the whistle immediately there was a knock-on. Nothing seems to have changed in over a hundred years!