



1952 Round 11 Saturday 28th June Pratten Park



South Sydney 15

def.

Western Suburbs 10

Don MURDOCH
Johnny GRAVES
Frank THRELFO
Kevin WOOLFE
Cliff SMAILES
Norm SPILLANE
Greg HAWICK
Les COWIE
Jack RAYNER (c)
Bernie PURCELL
Denis DONOGHUE
Ernie HAMMERTON
Bryan ORROCK

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

George BAIN
Bill CALLINAN
Gerry LOWE
Col RATCLIFF
Jack FITZGERALD
Frank STANMORE
Leo TREVENA
Peter McLEAN (c)
Don SCHOFIELD
Arthur COLLINSON
Don STAIT
Hec FARRELL
Bill HORDER



Tries
Cliff SMAILES
Frank THRELFO
Johnny GRAVES

Frank STANMORE
Arthur COLLINSON

Goals
Johnny GRAVES (2)
Bernie PURCELL (1)

George BAIN (2)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: D Murdoch; three-quarters: C Smailes, F Threlfo, K Woolfe, J Graves; five-eighth: N Spillane; half: G Hawick; forwards: L Cowie, B Purcell, J Rayner (c), B Orrock, E Hammerton, D Donoghue

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: W Callinan, C Ratcliffe, G Lowe, J Fitzgerald; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: L Trevena; forwards: P McLean (c), D Schofield, A Collinson, W Horder, H Farrell, D Stait **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 19th July 1952)**

South Sydney gained a convincing 15-10 win over competition leaders, Western Suburbs, in the Rugby League match of the day at the S.C.G. yesterday, despite losing a man in the first half. Souths lost its centre Kevin Woolfe just before half-time and played the rest of the game with a five-man pack. Lock-forward Len Cowie moved out from the scrum to fill Woolfe's place. Woolfe sustained an injury to the back and will be X-rayed tomorrow. Yesterday's game was Wests' second loss of the season. It had been beaten by St. George last Saturday. Down 3-7 at half-time, Wests picked up to a quick 8-7 lead soon after the resumption, and went on to lead 10-7 after full-back George Bain landed a penalty goal. Part of Wests' bad showing can be excused by the injury to its hooker, H. Farrell, who pulled a leg muscle early in the first half. Farrell hobbled around the dressing-room after the game, and is doubtful of playing for a few weeks. He was strapped up at halftime so that he could continue with the game. South's hooker Ern Hammerton had a field day, winning the giant's share of the scrums, thus offsetting the loss of Woolfe and then Cowie from the pack. One of Wests' big weaknesses was in the centre. In the second half coach Tom McMahon moved Gerry Lowe out to Fitzgerald's wing because of his bad tackling. Brought into the centre, Fitzgerald was hurt in a heavy tackle and late in the game reverted to the wing. The match was South's eighth win in a row after a bad start this season. ... The other outstanding chance for the Kangaroo side was Frank Stanmore who played a very subdued game. Stanmore proved that he had recovered from his pulled leg muscle but did little yesterday in attack or defence. **(The Sunday Herald 29th June 1952)**

South Sydney, with a man short for the whole of the second half, yesterday defeated the Rugby League leaders, Western Suburbs, at Sydney Cricket Ground by 15 points to 10. None of the possible tourists with the Kangaroos enhanced his claims. South Sydney led 7-5 at half-time after a first half of missed chances. Before the interval Kevin Woolfe was assisted from the field. He had received a kick in the base of the spine in a wild melee and was unable to stand. The Rugby League doctor said after the game that Woolfe had received a kick in the back and an X-ray was advisable. Before Woolfe left the field Graves had kicked two goals and Frank Threlfo had scored a try in the right-hand corner. While Woolfe was receiving attention, Collinson scored under the posts after five Wests men had handled in a passing rush of 40 yards. Wests started the second half with a brilliant under-the-posts try by Stanmore and two goals by Bain. Wests for a few minutes held a 10-7 lead but the team never looked like winning and the result was certain 20 minutes from the end. Generally it was poor fare for a crowd of 24,071. Wests hooker Harry Farrell pulled a leg muscle early in the second half and thereafter Hammerton, in a five pack, won 70 per cent, of the scrums. Stanmore came through a tough match without injury. But he is woefully out of shape and made very few bursts. When he moved he cut the defence wide open. West full-back George Bain opened brightly but faded in the later stages. His tackling is suspect. **(The Daily Telegraph 29th June 1952)**

Notes: Wests lost their second game in a row in a lack-lustre display. Souths played the second half with 12 men but Wests' hooker, Hec Farrell, was a passenger after injuring his leg. Collinson, the best player on the field, scored a great 40-yard team try, but in the end the surfeit of ball got the strong Souths' team home.