



# 1908 Round 11 Saturday 8th August RAS Showground



## Eastern Suburbs 24

def.

## Western Suburbs 2

William FRY  
 Dan FRAWLEY  
 Percy MACNAMARTA  
 David BROWN  
 Horace MILLER  
 Albert ROSENFELD (c)  
 Lou D'ALPUGET  
 W SMITH  
 William LESLIE  
 Lou JONES  
 Herbert BRACKENREG  
 Sid PEARCE  
 Harry FLEGG

**Fullback**  
**Wing**  
**Centre**  
**Centre**  
**Wing**  
**Five-Eighth**  
**Halfback**  
**Lock**  
**Second Row**  
**Second Row**  
**Front Row**  
**Hooker**  
**Front Row**

James HODGSON  
 Arthur BROWN  
 Raymond GORMLEY  
 Frank FROST  
 Charlie ELLIOTT  
 Edward ELLIS  
 Claude McFAYDEN  
 Horace HERINGTON  
 Ernest HOLLOWAY  
 Granville GILBERT  
 Robert ELLIS  
 Jim ABERCROMBIE (c)  
 Ted MEAD



**Tries** Dan FRAWLEY (3)  
 Lou D'ALPUGET  
 Harry FLEGG  
 Albert ROSENFELD

**Goals** Herbert BRACKENREG (2)  
 Lou JONES (1)

James HODGSON (1)

### Match Description

**Eastern Suburbs:** S Fry, fullback; D Frawley, PVJ Macnamara, D Brown, H Miller, three-quarters; A Rosenfeld five-eighth; L D'Alpuget half; H Flegg, S Pearce, H Brackenrigg, L Jones, W Leslie and W Smith, forwards.

**Western Suburbs:** J Hodson, fullback; J Brown, H Gormley, H Frost and W Elliott, three-quarters; W Ellis, five-eighth; W McFayden half; H Meade, J Abercrombie, Ellis, G Gilbert, A Holloway and W Herrington, forwards. **Mr Charlie Hutchison Referee**

At the Agricultural Ground, Eastern Suburbs had an easy victory. The ground was dotted with ponds of various sizes, and the players received many an involuntary plunge bath.

Eastern Suburbs defended the southern goal, the wind with them. After ten minutes loose play D'Alpuget scored for them. Their backs next brought off a good passing rush, considering the conditions, and Frawley crossed in the corner and improved his position. Brackenrigg converted 8-nil.

The Western Suburbs fullback kicked to Macnamara at centre. The veteran ploughed through the mud and near the line transferred to Rosenfeld, who crossed and ran behind the posts. Brackenrigg converted, 13-nil. Western Suburbs worked up the field. A hard kick across in front of goal, and Fry carried across and forced. Scrum and ES were penalised right in front of the posts and Hodgson kicked a goal. 13-2 The state of the ground made clean clever play almost impossible. The players rushed into the many lakes with apparent relish. E. S. gradually worked over the line, where Flegg dropped on it and scored. Jones kicked a good goal. Half-time 18-2

The teams judiciously had no interval but merely changed ends. The opening ten minutes was extremely ludicrous. Players plunged into the big stretch of water on the western touch and the water splashed up as high as their ribs. Fully fifteen minutes of this water polo ensued. Then Frawley kicked over in the corner, and following in fast, scored a try. Jones failed at goal 21-2 Macnamara, Brown and Frawley passed neatly and the last-named again scored. 24-2. Play of the amusing nature which had existed continued until 'no-side'.

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**Notes:** There was some confusion about the listed teams between the Evening News and Sunday Times. The Evening News lists Messenger but he was not mentioned in any match report so it appears to be the inaccurate one. The Sunday Sun said "Eastern Suburbs, without Messenger .....". This match was played in extreme muddy conditions and the referee was dunked by the players after the match. Taken in good heart apparently! Charlie Elliott (2nd Grade captain), brother of Bill, made his first appearance.