



1950 Round 12 Saturday 1st July Pratten Park



South Sydney 29

def.

Western Suburbs 22

Don MURDOCH
 Bill SNEDDON
 Len HASKINS
 Milton ATKINSON
 Cliff SMAILES
 Gregory HAWICK
 Bill STEWART
 Ray NEILSON
 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

Bill KEATO
 Jack WALL
 Jack WOODS
 Bob DIMOND
 Jack LACKEY
 Dev DINES
 Leo TREVENA
 Peter McLEAN (c)
 Kevin HANSEN
 Don MILTON
 Jack WILLIAMS
 Bill HILLIARD
 Bill HORDER



Tries
 Denis DONOGHUE (2)
 Cliff SMAILES (2)
 Len HASKINS
 Bryan ORROCK
 Bill STEWART

Jack WALL (3)
 Jack LACKEY

Goals
 Bernie PURCELL (4)

Bill KEATO (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Wall, J Woods, R Dimond, J Lackey; five-eighth: D Dines; Half: L Trevena; forwards: P McLean(c), K Hansen, D Milton, W Horder, W Hilliard, J Williams

South Sydney: Full-back: D Murdoch; three-quarters: L Hoskins, W Sneddon, M Atkinson, C Smailes; five-eighth: G Hawick; half: W Stewart; forwards: R Neilsen, J Rayner (c), B Purcell, D Donoghue, E Hammerton, B Orrock **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 29th July 1950)**

South Sydney second- row forward Bernie Purcell yesterday became the first League player to score 100 points in Sydney this season. Purcell was playing against Western Suburbs at Pratten Park. He scored four goals and reached his "100" with the last goal in the last eight minutes. Purcell's goals enabled Souths to win 29-22 after having led 16-12 at half-time. During the match 11 tries were scored - seven by Souths and four by Wests. Winger J. Wall scored three of Wests' tries. Play was hard and fast. Midway through the second half, B. Orrock (South) and W. Horder (West) were cautioned after a melee near Souths' goal-line. Wild passing by Souths' backs in the first 10 minutes enabled West three-quarters to intercept the ball five times, From two of the intercepts, West scored two tries, and only strong defence stopped two other attempts. Wests' centre, Kangaroo Bob Dimond, took advantage of the loose passing. He ran in among Souths' three-quarters waiting for the loose pass, which generally came. After, the interval, Souths' players held the ball, unless well supported. After five minutes' play Wests led 7-0 from a try by winger J Lackey and two goals by fullback Bill Keato. A brilliant try by Souths' front row forward Denis Donoghue between the posts, converted by Purcell, reduced the lead to 7-5. Keato presented Souths with a try when winger Cec Smailes kicked the ball over Wests' goal-line. Keato appeared only to stroll after the ball and Smailes, running fast, dived on the ball for a try. This try gave Souths the lead for the first-time, which South increased soon afterwards to 16-12 after half Stewart had gathered from a scrum, run the blind side, and dived over in the left corner. With eight minutes to go and behind by a point Souths attacked strongly. Brilliant defence by Dimond, who tackled forwards as well as backs, kept Souths out. The defence wilted when Smailes finished a passing rush for his second try, and Purcell's fourth goal to give Souths the lead and match. **(The Daily Telegraph 2nd July 1950)**

After an indifferent opening, South Sydney finished stronger and outclassed Western Suburbs to win 29-22 in a vigorous, though at times ragged, League game at Pratten Park yesterday. West's weakness among the forwards was obvious from the outset, and the dominant South forwards played a major part in their side's win. A nasty incident was averted in the second half, when Rayner intervened in a fracas in which the opposing forwards were involved. Prop forward Denis Donoghue was the outstanding player on the field. Others in the superior South pack to show out were Jack Rayner, hooker E. Hammerton, who won the scrums 33-15, and Purcell. Second -rower Bernie Purcell's four goals carried his total points to 101 for the season. Winger J. Wall (three tries) was the best of the beaten West, side. **(Truth 2nd July 1950)**

Notes: Bill Hilliard came in for the injured Hornery and was beaten by a 3-1 ratio in the scrums which was a major factor in the game. The excess of ball allowed the Souths' backs freedom but they also dominated in the forwards. It was a hard, fast and open game but there was a lot of fighting and cautions flowed freely. Jack Wall continued his good form with three excellent tries but this loss made things look bleak for Wests. They only had a slim chance of making the semis but were about to start a winning streak.