



# 1917 Round 12 Saturday 14th July St Luke's Park



## Western Suburbs 6

drew with

## Annandale 6

Athol WHITE  
 Dick VEST  
 Pat CARROLL  
 Herb GILBERT (c)  
 William MATTHEWS  
 Alex McPHERSON  
 George GAGAN  
 Clarrie PRENTICE  
 Joe REIDY  
 William JOASS  
 Jack REDMOND  
 Edward COURTNEY  
 Frank HOLT  
 Alf BOSSI

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

George CHALLIS  
 Jim BAIN  
 R GOUGH  
 W GODDARD  
 S PARKER  
 G JOLLY  
 F WELLINGTON  
 Walter HADDOCK (c)  
 Thomas DAGG  
 G EVES  
 Peter COLL  
 J WOOLL  
 William GEOGHEGAN



### Tries

### Goals

Alex McPHERSON (3)

George CHALLIS (3)

### Match Description

**Annandale:** G Challis, full-back; J Bain, W Goddard, R Gough, S Parker, three-quarters; G Jolly, F Wellington, halves; W Geoghegan, T Dagg, J Wooll, G Eves, P Coll, W Haddock, forwards

**Western Suburbs:** A White, full-back; S D Matthews, H Gilbert, Carroll, R Vest, three-quarters; A McPherson and G Gagan, halves; Prentice, W Joass, J Reidy, F Holt, E Courtney, J Redmond, forwards **C Russell, referee (The Sunday Times 15th July 1917)**

The game at St. Luke's on Saturday provided plenty of excitement for the football fans, both sides being in the picture during the whole of a good, hard game. Referee Boxer Russell, giving a good example of the Rugby League code, kept the players moving from start to finish. Both White and Challis had plenty to do, and the fact that no try was scored by either side speaks volumes for the great defence put up by both full-backs. The scores were the result of good goal kicking on the part of Challis for the 'Dales and McPherson for Wests. Challis had a pair of boots he got during his sojourn with Easts, and kicked like Wally Messenger at his best, the whole three of his goals being got from well behind the 25 mark, and were all great kicks. He had bad luck to miss on two or three other occasions, one from the half-way mark being a beaut, only missing by inches. McPherson was in good form with his toes also, his three goals being all good ones from difficult angles. Some kicker this chap. He might have pulled the game out of the fire only that Ted Courtney conceived an idea of his own, and, much to the chagrin of skipper Gilbert, threw what looked like a sure goal away. Challis, playing at his best, was quite safe at full-back, his fielding and kicking being splendid, and he brought his man to earth every time. He ran more than usual, and got the three-quarters going on a number of occasions. Fatty Haddock proved very unsociable during the game, and gave Wests no chance to get the ball from the scrum, beating Courtney and Co. 999 times to 1. Some record this. ...

Jim Bain played a great game on the wing, and put it all over the opposition, just to show the mug selector he was justified in picking him in the 13 to play the best they can find. Jolly at half is fast developing into a great player, and 'Dales are beginning to wonder which of the stronger clubs is going to snare him, as soon as he makes a name for himself.

Goddard and Parker played a good sound game at centre. Goddard at times broke through brilliantly, good sound defence on the part of Wests' backs saving time and again. Geoghegan, Coll and Eaves were the pick of a good set of forwards. Geoghegan, shining out above the others, was in everything that was doing, and always seemed to be knocking about when wanted. Gilbert, McPherson and White were easily the pick of the fruit-pickers' back division, Gilbert being grand to watch. Joass and Courtney, the two young fruit-pickers, with Tony Redmond, played a fine game amongst the forwards, one pass from the ruck by Redmond to Gilbert being a grand move on Tony's part. Cantankerous Carroll got a pain in the wish-bone, and had to retire just before half-time, Puss Bossi taking his place. **(The Sydney Sportsman 18th July 1917)**

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**Notes:** This was a very tough tackling, defensive match with both teams apparently evenly matched. Harold Leddy was originally in the forwards but dropped out pre-game and Clarrie Prentice moved from the centres to forwards, Pat Carroll coming into the centres. He lasted half the match, replaced by Alf Bossi. Tom Dowsell was listed as a reserve. This match was notable with a few accounts saying that Walter Haddock consistently out-hooked Tedda Courtney, a very rare occurrence. McPherson and Gilbert both continued their outstanding form, McPherson continuing his good goal-kicking.