



1959 Round 13 Monday 15th June Cricket Ground



South Sydney 18

def.

Western Suburbs 13

Alan FLOCKTON
 Stan MARTIN
 Eric SLADDEN
 Arthur LANG
 Dale PUREN
 Ron WALLACE
 Col DONOHOE
 John SHEARER
 Fred NELSON
 John COTTEE
 Charlie GIBSON
 Les BROACH
 Bernie PURCELL (c)

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

Darcy RUSSELL
 Ian MOIR
 Don MALONE
 Dick POOLE (c)
 Peter DIMOND
 Roger BUTTENSCHAW
 Keith HOLMAN
 Kel O'SHEA
 Jack BOWMAN
 John CONNA
 George DOWNIE
 Bede GOFF
 Bill CARSON



Tries Eric SLADDEN
 Bob WALLACE

Ian MOIR
 Kel O'SHEA
 Dick POOLE

Goals Bernie PURCELL (6)

Darcy RUSSELL (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Russell; three-quarters: I Moir, D Malone, R Poole (c), P Dimond; five-eighth: R Buttenshaw; half: K Holman; forwards: K O'Shea, J Bowman, W Carson, J Conna, G Downie, B Goff
South Sydney: Full-back: A Flockton; three-quarters: S Martin, E Sladden, A Lang, D Puren; five-eighth: R Wallace; half: C Donohoe; forwards: J Shearer, F Nelson, J Cottee, C Gibson, L Broach, B Purcell (c) **Referee: D Lawler (The Sun 15th June 1959 – team changes)**

A converted try a minute from full-time enabled South Sydney to score an upset 18-13 win over Western Suburbs at SCG yesterday. The young Souths team, in a typical club finish, overran Wests in the closing stages and scored its only two tries to seal the win. The final 15 minutes had the crowd of 14,064 in a frenzy. Fifteen minutes from the end, Souths took the lead for the first time and then seven minutes later West scored a converted try to level at 13-all. Souths staged a grand rally which ended with five-eighth Ron Wallace scoring the winning try. Purcell played a big part in Souths' win yesterday. It was Purcell, still groggy from a stiff-arm tackle, who broke through from a ruck and passed infield for Wallace to score. Wests yesterday had three of its best players out – centre Harry Wells (leg injury), prop Nev Charlton (strained neck muscles) and five-eighth Darcy Henry (injured leg). South's lively young pack of forwards tackled tenaciously and laid the foundations for the team's win. The only player the South forwards had difficulty in handling was lock Kel O'Shea, who, playing his first match for two weeks, showed brilliant form in attack and defence. His display yesterday must bring him into calculations for the Second Test against the Kiwis in Brisbane on Saturday week. Both of Wests' first half tries came from Souths' mistakes – the first when a long pass from Col Donohoe was scooped up by Poole who sent O'Shea over and the second when Wallace passed wildly, Holman caught it and sent Moir away for a try. In the closing minutes, Sladden crossed for Souths' first try after Nelson made the break. Then O'Shea sent tacklers reeling off him and passed to Poole, who scored, levelling at 13-all. **(Sydney Morning Herald 16th June 1959)**

South Sydney Rugby League team surprisingly defeated Western Suburbs in a storming finish yesterday at Sydney Cricket Ground. Souths scored the deciding try a minute from time to win 18-13. Souths' "kids" whipped Wests' "millionaire team" with a terrier-like performance. The "kids" had 14,064 spectators wildly cheering their pluck throughout the second half. Souths' exciting win gave it a double over Wests, which it defeated 19-18 with a similar display in the first round. The win also gave Souths an outside chance of reaching the semi-finals. Wests, playing without four regular first team stars, levelled with Souths at 13-all with eight minutes left. There were thrills galore as South kept raiding deep into Wests' half. South's youngsters scrambled desperately to overcome a great performance from Wests' lock Kel O'Shea, who had been absent a fortnight because of pneumonia. O'Shea was so weak after his illness he had to be dosed at half-time to continue the match, but the repeatedly ran long distances. West captain Dick Poole turned in a below par performance. Poole will have to improve on this display to retain his position in Wests' first team. Full-back Darcy Russell, the competition's leading point-scorer, added to Wests' trouble by missing six of his eight shots at goal. **(Daily Telegraph 16th June 1959)**

Notes: Wests fielded a reshuffled team for this match. Ian Moir and Harry Wells had played for Australia on the Saturday against New Zealand and Wells, with a bruised thigh, couldn't back up. Darcy Henry was also still injured and was replaced by Roger Buttenshaw. Nev Charlton was also out but Peter Dimond made a return after a broken jaw. O'Shea, back from a bout of pneumonia, was Wests' best forward. Souths finished strongly, scoring a match-winning try only a minute from full-time. Darcy Russell only kicked two goals from eight attempts which was also a factor in the loss.