



1913 Round 13 Saturday 9th August Wentworth Park



Annandale 18

def.

Western Suburbs 0

William DOYLE
Rex NORMAN (c)
George REYNOLDS
Lyll WALL
Percy LILLYMAN
J LEONARD
T KNIGHT
Edward BURDETT
Robert GRAY
James WOODWARD
Angus LENNON
Walter PALMER
Sam PERRY

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

Harry CLARK
Harold BISSETT
William WARBY
Henry NAYLOR
Claude McFAYDEN
George GAGAN
Ray STEWARD
Jim ABERCROMBIE
Frank LANE
Frank HOLT
William JOASS (c)
Albert BURDUS
Stan CARR
James MAXWORTHY



Tries Lyll WALL (2)
J LEONARD
Rex NORMAN

Goals Lyll WALL (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: H Clark, full-back; H V Bissett, H Naylor, W Warby, C McFayden; three-quarters; S Gagen, five-eighth; R Steward, half-back; S Carr, A Burdus, W Joass, G Holt, F Lane, J Abercrombie, forwards

Annandale: W Doyle, full-back; Rex Norman, C Reynolds, L Wall, P Lillyman, three-quarters; J Leonard, five-eighth; T Knight, half-back; E Burdett, R Gray, J Woodward, W Palmer, R Lennon, S Perry, forwards **H Millington referee**

The game opened very tamely, neither side exerting itself to any extent. Both the teams were below their normal strength. Ray Norman and Challis were out of the Annandale team, and Courtney, Foord, Easterbrook and McIlmurray were absentees from Western Suburbs. ... The Maroon and Gold however showed more cohesion in their play in general than their opponents did. They kept play in the Western Suburbs territory, and the ball shooting out of the ruck to Knight, Wall and Norman took their passes cleanly, the last-named scoring in the corner. Wall failed at goal. Annandale 3 to nil. Joass left the field, owing to an injury to his hand, and Maxworthy took his place. Outside the Black and Whites 25 a penalty to Annandale for a break in the scrum, gave Wall a chance, and with a good kick he crossed the bar. Annandale 5 to nil. Half-time.

On resuming, the Maroon and Gold again took up the attack, Parry and Woodward being prominent of the vanguard. The Suburbs' play was scraggy, and wholly individual, while their defence continued weak against only a moderate attack. One burst by the Annandale backs ended in points. Lillyman picked up in the Western Suburbs 25, and after a struggle among the forwards in front of goal and passing to Wall the latter crossed in the corner, and dodged his way, passed several players, and improved his position. The scorer converted. Annandale 10 to nil. The Maroon and Gold now had command of the game, and harassed their opponents in all quarters. Two tries came in quick succession. From a scrum outside Western Suburbs 25, Leonard got hold, and went through with the ball. He short-punted when pressed, and, following on, scored after a scramble. Wall failed. Annandale 13 to nil. Returning to the attack, Wall, who was prominent throughout the back division, gathered in when on the move, and working his way through weak tacklers, scored in good position. The same player added the extras. Annandale 13 to nil. The concluding stages of the game were contested with considerably more vigour than was shown earlier in the play of both teams. The Annandale team took the field with misgivings as to the result due to the enforced absence of Challis and Norman. But after the interval the Maroon and Gold pulled themselves together and never left the issue in doubt. Wall was the best back on the field, both in attack and defence, besides scoring 10 of the 18 points. Leonard and Reynolds were also prominent in attack. Doyle shaped well at full-back. Lennon and Gray were the pick of the vanguard, who always kept their opponents well in hand.

Abercrombie, the old Glebe player (**totally wrong!**), appeared for Western Suburbs and, with Burdus was about the pick of a second-rate set of forwards. Clark (full-back), Bissett and Naylor did good defensive work. (**Sunday Times 10th August 1913**)

Notes: This was another game severely affected by smallpox vaccinations and representative duties. Jim Abercrombie (falsely identified as an Old Glebe player) had been identified earlier in the season as coaching so it's obvious he had to pull on the boots due to a shortage of forwards, Wests losing their three best forwards of recent games and William Joass during the course of the game. There was also a great shuffle in the representative teams, meaning Naylor was selected in the Australian team to tour NZ and Bissett took Naylor's place in the NSW team to play Qld. There is only one W Warby in Birth records, William Warby b. 1894 and he seems to have been pulled up from the Juniors. James Maxworthy was an ex-Enfield Federal Junior who had been playing Second Grade.