



1951 Round 14 Saturday 28th July Pratten Park



South Sydney 16

def.

Western Suburbs 15

Clive CHURCHILL
 Johnny GRAVES
 Milton ATKINSON
 Kevin WOOLFE
 Cliff SMAILES
 Norm SPILLANE
 Bill STEWART
 Les COWIE
 Jack RAYNER (c)
 Bernie PURCELL
 Ken MACREADIE
 Ernie HAMMERTON
 Bryan ORROCK

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

Don WORNE
 George BAIN
 Kevin MUDDLELL
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Dev DINES
 Frank STANMORE (c)
 Keith HOLMAN
 Keith CULLEN
 Peter LONG
 Arthur COLLINSON
 Don STAIT
 Alan HORNERY
 Eddie HOOPER



Tries Milton ATKINSON
 Kevin WOOLFE

Dev DINES
 Kevin MUDDLELL
 Frank STANMORE

Goals Bernie PURCELL (4)
 Johnny GRAVES (1)

Don WORNE (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: D Worne; three-quarters: D Dines, J Fitzgerald, K Muddell, G Bain; five-eighth: F Stanmore (c); half: K Holman; forwards: K Cullen, P Long, A Collinson, E Hooper, A Hornery, D Stait

South Sydney: Full-back: C Churchill; three-quarters: J Graves, K Woolfe, M Atkinson, C Smailes; five-eighth: N Spillane; half: W Stewart;

forwards: L Cowie, J Rayner (c), B Purcell, K Macreadie, E Hammerton, B Orrock **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 18th August 1951)**

Western Suburbs Rugby League secretary Lou Moses led a demonstration against the referee after yesterday's match at Pratten Park. The demonstration broke out as referee Aub Oxford was leaving the field after South Sydney had beaten Western Suburbs, 16-15. Moses stood at the entrance to the dressing rooms and shouted at Oxford. Spectators who packed the stands stood and joined Moses in the demonstration. Oxford was also booed by people around the oval. Moses shouted; "That's the worst exhibition of refereeing I've seen, Oxford." We were robbed." The entire Western Suburbs team supported Mr. Moses. They claimed South's first try, scored by Johnny Graves, should not have been allowed. They said also that the winning goal, kicked by Graves, was outside the upright. Graves' try seemed doubtful. He smashed the corner post apparently before he grounded the ball. South Sydney played most of the second half a man short. Half-back Bill Stewart was taken to hospital after tackling Wests' centre, K. Muddell, as he scored between the posts. Stewart's leg probably was broken. ... The second half, which began with the scores 14-5 in South's favour, was the fiercest in a grade match this season. Punches were thrown frequently, and linesmen reported players three times. Churchill played brilliantly at half-back, but received a severe drubbing from Wests' players. Wests' five-eighth, Frank Stanmore, was changed to the left wing half-way through the second half, when he sprained a knee. Winger D. Stait took Stanmore's position. Western Suburbs won the set scrums 34-22, but poor handling frequently cost it possession. Wests' first try came after Churchill had fumbled the ball on his 25-yardline. Wests' half-back, Keith Holman, snapped up the loose ball, ran around Churchill, and passed to Stanmore after drawing a tackler. Stanmore scored near the posts to give D. Worne an easy conversion. In the second half D. Dines and K. Muddell scored thrilling tries for Western Suburbs, both under the cross-bar. ... **(The Daily Telegraph 29th July 1951)**

A penalty goal kicked by Johnny Graves in the last 10 minutes play and hotly disputed by Western Suburbs, gave League leaders, South Sydney, a dramatic 16-15 win at Pratten Park yesterday. Later Wests' players claimed the ball had been at least a yard outside the posts and that neither line umpire was in a correct position to determine the kick. Wests also complained about referee Arthur Oxford's rulings. Oxford was hooted by the crowd almost continually in the second half and when he left the ground at full-time, Wests officials, headed by secretary Lou Moses, who said Oxford's display was easily the worst he had seen, were particularly bitter. They claimed the loss had deprived the club of its chance of making the final four. **(Truth 29th July 1951)**

Notes: This was a match full of controversy. Even Secretary, Lou Moses, led the boos after the match and claimed Wests were 'robbed'. One of the tries was highly disputed and all of the Wests' players said Graves' match-winning goal missed by at least a yard. It was a ferocious game, where Frank Stanmore wrenched a knee and was a passenger on the wing in the second half and Souths' half-back Stewart broke his left leg and was taken to hospital. Don Worne was back at full-back for his goal-kicking while Dev Dines was the best player for Wests.