



1955 Round 16 Saturday 6th August Pratten Park



South Sydney 28

def.

Western Suburbs 17

Clive CHURCHILL
 Ian MOIR
 Martin GALLAGHER
 Bob HONEYSETT
 Dale PUREN
 Johnny DOUGHERTY
 Col DONOHOE
 Les COWIE
 Jack RAYNER (c)
 Bernie PURCELL
 Denis DONOGHUE
 Ernie HAMMERTON
 Jim RICHARDS

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

Dick MURPHY
 John THOMPSON
 Bill CARSON
 Don GRAHAM
 Kevin THOMPSON
 Bill BROWN
 Noel TREVENA
 Nev CHARLTON (c)
 Bill OWENS
 Monty PORTER
 Ron WATSON
 Bede GOFF
 John HARRISON



Tries

Ian MOIR (2)
 Col DONOHOE
 Ernie HAMMERTON
 Bob HONEYSETT
 Dale PUREN

Noel TREVENA
 John THOMPSON
 Nev CHARLTON

Goals

Bernie PURCELL (5)

Noel TREVENA (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Murphy; three-quarters: J Thompson, W Carson, D Graham, K Thompson; five-eighth: W Brown; half: N Trevena; forwards: N Charlton, W Owens, M Porter, R Watson, B Goff, J Harrison

South Sydney: Full-back: C Churchill; three-quarters: I Moir, M Gallagher, R Honeysett, D Puren; five-eighth: J Dougherty; half: C Donohoe; forwards: L Cowie, J Rayner, B Purcell, D Donoghue, E Hammerton, J Richards **Referee: A Shiner (The Daily Mirror 6th August 1955)**

South Sydney Rugby League team yesterday had a hard fight to beat Western Suburbs 28-17 at Pratten Park. Souths led 18-6 at half-time. Souths looked set for an easy win after it had scored three tries in the first 15 minutes of play. A hard tackle shortly afterwards injured Souths centre Martin Gallagher's shoulder. Gallagher went to the wing and Ian Moir went into the centre. The change proved successful, as Moir ran through the defence from half-way and scored. Souths goal-kicker Bernie Purcell then injured the muscle of his left leg. Clive Churchill and Dale Puren then took over the goal-kicking, but both failed. Purcell returned to the goal-kicking and scored from 40 yards out taking only one step. Centre Bob Honeysett scored a brilliant try for Souths in the first half from a movement that started on Souths' goal-line. Wests carried play to the Souths' line, but lost possession. Souths' captain, Jack Rayner, quickly gathered up the ball. Full-back, Clive Churchill, came into the movement to give Souths the overlap at half-way. Honeysett gave the Wests' full-back the dummy to score near the posts. ... Souths scored two tries to make the score 26-6 before Wests got going. Wests took charge of the game for the last 20 minutes of play under the brilliant leadership of lock Neville Charlton. Charlton hustled his way over near the posts for half N Trevena to convert. Returning to the attack, Wests looked certain to score when second-row forward Ron Watson was sent off the field for punching. This upset the Wests attack momentarily. Charlton pulled his side together and half Trevena went through a mass of players to score in the corner. Wests' hooker B Goff was just shaded by Souths hooker Ern Hammerton in the first half, but had the edge on Hammerton in the second half. Charlton was the best forward on the ground. He led all Wests' sorties and his cover defence saved a certain try. **(Sunday Telegraph 7th August 1955)**

South Sydney beat Western Suburbs 28-17 in the Rugby League match yesterday at Pratten Park, and played a man short during the second half. Ten minutes before full-time Referee Shiner sent Wests front-row forward Ron Watson off the field, allegedly for fighting. A South Sydney forward had appeared to punch Watson. But Shiner had no hesitation in sending Watson off. Wests showed vigour and enthusiasm in their work, and the backs handled snappily. Lock man Nev Charlton was superb and was the driving force in the Wests attack. Charlton, from a penalty 10 yards out, tapped the ball. With head down he charged for the goal-line and scored with defenders hanging all over him. Charlton nearly repeated the movement a few minutes later. **(Sun Herald August 7th 1955)**

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Notes: Ron Watson was sent off late in this match for fighting, although it appeared to be retaliation for a Souths' punch. The game was over by then, however, although Wests, led by a charging Nev Charlton, kept fighting right to the bell. Bill Carson, out of necessity put out in the centres, battled to contain the top-line Ian Moir.