



1909 Round 2 Saturday 1st May RAS Showground



Eastern Suburbs 10

def.

Western Suburbs 2

Bill KING
 Horace MILLER (c)
 Arthur LAWES
 David BROWN
 Eddie GRIFFITHS
 Tom BRUCE
 Wally WEBB
 Arthur SURRIDGE
 Harold KELLEY
 George GREEN
 T OATES
 Bob MABLE
 Mick FRAWLEY

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

Tom PHELAN (c)
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Albert HALLING
 Harold BOYLE
 Raymond GORMLEY
 Claude WALLIS
 Percy FRANKS
 Ted MEAD
 James SPEIRS
 Richard CASEY
 Charles ELLIOTT
 William ELLIOTT
 Robert ELLIS



Tries Arthur LAWES
 Horace MILLER

Goals Arthur SURRIDGE (2) James SPEIRS (1)

Match Description

In the early match at the Agricultural Ground, in the presence of a small attendance, Eastern Suburbs defeated Western Suburbs in a fairly attractive game by 10 points to 2.

Eastern Suburbs: W. King, full back; H Miller, D. Brown, E. Griffiths, A. Lawes, threequarters; T. Bruce. W Webb, half backs; M. Frawley, A. J. Surridge, P. Mable, G. Green, H Kelly, T. Oates, forwards

Western Suburbs: T. Phelan. full back: A. Halling, H Boyle, C. McFayden, R. Gormley ,three-quarters; T. Wallis, P. Franks, half-backs; R Ellis, W. Elliott, F. Casey, J. Spears, C. Elliott, E. Meade, forwards **Referee, Mr. A. Welch.**

Eastern Suburbs kicked off against a stiff breeze and with the sun in their eyes. They immediately rushed play into West's 25, where it remained for the greater portion of the first half. The Eastern Suburbs' forwards rather easily held their opponents in the scrums, Wests greatly lacking solidity in their formation. With a good pair of half-backs, plenty' of opportunities were given the three-quarters, who showed very fine combination. One good passing rush by the Easts' backs ended in a score — the only scoring of the first half — Miller crossing in the corner and grounding behind the posts. Surridge converted. The Western Suburbs' backs also exhibited good combination, though occasionally the left wing was slow in attack. Half-time: Eastern Suburbs, 5 to nil.

Immediately after resuming Wests were penalised just outside their 25, and Surridge made a successful kick. Eastern Suburbs, 7 to nil. Wests rallied and ran to Easts' 25, where from a short mark from a scrum Spears landed a fine goal. Eastern Suburbs. 7 to 2. Play was carried from end to end. Eastern Suburbs were having slightly the better of the game. A strong forward rush by Eastern Suburbs ended in Lawes falling on the ball near the corner. Surridge failed at goal. Eastern Suburbs, 10 to 2. Wests again rallied, and Halling distinguished himself by making a great dash to the ES 25. The full-time whistle now sounded, Eastern Suburbs winning by 10 points to 2. **(Sunday Times 2nd May 1909)**

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Notes: Tom Phelan returned to the fullback position where he had starred in the past. Harold Boyle got another run in First Grade after being a stalwart of the Seconds team. The iron-man Ted Mead also returned. The brothers Elliott also played together, although one of them, most probably Charlie, was listed in the Seconds team, and played two games on the same day (not that unusual in this era). Note; James Speirs kicked a goal from a mark, perfectly legal under the rules at the time. This was a very competitive performance against one of the top teams.