

1913 Round 2 Saturday 10th May Wentworth Park

Glebe 19

Dugald McGREGOR Roy ALGIE Tom LEGGO Jack HICKEY Dave GARLICK Fritz THEIRING Chris McKIVAT (c) Albert GRAY Frank BURGE Dan KELLY Sam GRIFFITHS Sid PERT Jack REDMOND

Tom LEGGO (2)

Roy ALGIE

Albert GRAY

Fritz THEIRING

Tom LEGGO (2)

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

def.

Vere MASTERS Harold BISSETT Johnno STUNTZ Henry NAYLOR Claude McFAYDEN George GAGAN Ray STEWARD Edward COURTNEY (c) Albert BURDUS Westley EASTERBROOK William JOASS Eddie GRIFFITHS William FOORD

Western Suburbs 9

William FOORD Henry NAYLOR Johnno STUNTZ

Tries

Go**als**

Match Description

Glebe: Fullback, McGregor; three-quarters, Algie, Leggo, Hickey, Garlick; halves, Thiering, McKivat; forwards, F Burge, Kelly, Pert, Gray, Griffiths, Redmond

Western Suburbs: Fullback, Masters; three-quarters, Bissett, Stuntz, Naylor, McFayden; halves, Gagen, Steward; forwards, Courtney, Burns (Burdus), W Joass, Easterbrook, E Griffiths, Foord

Western Suburbs lost the toss. ... A splendid combined effort by Western Suburbs now proved successful. Bissett fielded in his 25, and raced off in great style, beating several opponents. Near his opponents' quarter he passed to Stuntz, who cleverly gathered in, raced to the line, and cross-kicked. Bissett again secured, but lost over the line, and Naylor coming fast, fell on the ball and finalised an excellent movement. Foord failed to convert, and Western Suburbs led by 3 points to nil. The Glebe forwards, Burge and S Griffiths showing up, charged vigorously towards the opposing line. Good tackling kept them out but a penalty kick going their way gave Leggo a chance, and he landed a fine goal. Western Suburbs 3 points; Glebe 2 points. A series of struggles saw Western Suburbs sorely pressed, and McKivat, picking up, sent to Thiering, to Leggo, who easily scored, but he failed to convert. Glebe were ahead by 5 point to 3 at half time.

On resuming, Stuntz and Bissett were prominent in a passing bout which ended in Glebe's 25. From a scrum here the Red pack broke away, and charged in willing fashion to the opposing quarter, where Thiering snapped up and gave to Leggo, who sprinted across the line, and scored the second try. The same player failed to add the extras. Glebe 8 points; Western Suburbs 3. Steward secured from a scrum, sent to Naylor to Bissett, to Stuntz. The fleet ex-Eastern Suburbanite made for the line and scored, but failed to convert his try. Glebe 8 points to 6. Suddenly, in his own half, McKivat intercepted, sent to Thiering, who put in a great run, then gave to Garlick, to Gray, who scored between the posts. Algie (*Leggo in all other reports*)easily converted. Glebe 13 points, Western Suburbs 6 points Naylor snapped up in mid-field, and raced almost to Glebe's line, where he passed to Foord, who raced across and grounded the leather. E Griffiths failed to convert. Glebe, 13 to 9. Almost at once Glebe were over. McKivat started the movement, and Algie, the last to handle, kicked across the line and, racing fast, fell on the ball and scored. Leggo failed at goal. Glebe, 16 to 9. Continuous attacks by Glebe saw Redmond field a flying ball, and send to Thiering, who got across safely. McGregor failed to convert, Glebe 19; Western Suburbs 9. Fulltime came with the scores unaltered. **Mr Charles Hedley, referee (The Sun 10th May 1913)**

"Swallow" Gagen, an ex-Federal Junior worked the Wests' scrum in a blithering manner and compared favourably with his seasoned opponent........ "Henna" Naylor, Wests' brilliant back, unfortunately did his knee ten minutes before the whistle and Glebe immediately assumed the offensive and notched two tries in rapid succession....... (Sydney Sportsman 14th May 1913)

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Notes: The player that made his debut here as S Gagen in all newspaper lists was actually George Gagan, There is a 1912 Enfield Federals photo which has an S Gagan as Captain and G Gagan as well. There is only one George Gagan in the birth records, b. 1892 in Burwood. He had an older brother, Thomas S Gagan, who was the Captain in the 1912 photo but never played First Grade. S Gagan also appeared in a 1910 photo of a Junior Representative Combined Team. The 1913 team photo taken at the end of the year has George Gagan in it. The reference in <u>The</u> <u>Sportsman</u> to him as "Swallow" Gagan is the best clue because it is not until 1916 in a reference to a smoko being given for Private George Gagan on his return from the war that he is again referred to as "Swallow" Gagan (spelt correctly). This match again highlighted the rivalry of McKivat and Naylor; the injury to Naylor seeming to change the possible result. Stuntz had scored two tries in his first two matches for Wests.