

Match Description

Souths: Fullback A Conlin, Backs E Jarman, E Fry, F Storie, T Anderson Halves A Butler, J Levison Forwards A Hennessy, J Rosewell, R Green, W Cann, J Davis, H Butler

Western Suburbs: Fullback J Phelan, Backs L Byewell, B Duggan, A Brown, P Franks Halves R Gormley, T Watkins Forwards J Abercrombie, T Mount, J Mead, C Luhr, J Stack (c) R Ellis Mr Edward Hooper, Referee

Played on the Agricultural Ground. South Sydney outclassed their opponents at all points of the game. Cann was the first to score a try for South Sydney, Rosewell kicking the goal. Fry was the next to score, but Rosewell failed at goal. The passing was good on the part of South Sydney, and the Western Suburbs backs had not the pace to beat the opposing combination. Stone, after some neat passing, was the next to score a try, but Rosewell again failed at goal. From the half-way mark Abercrombie took a place kick at goal for Western Suburbs and scored a goal. Leveson and A. Butler scored tries for South Sydney, and the latter kicked a good place goal. Cann shortly before half-time scored another try, which Butler converted. At half time the scores were — South Sydney, 26 points; Western Suburbs, 2. After the spell South Sydney added 16 more points but not before Western Suburbs had annexed a try through Gormley. Abercrombie added the goal. J. Davis, Green, Jarman, and Anderson scored tries for South Sydney, and Butler and Rosewell converted two of them. **(The Daily Mail 29th April 1908)**

Notes: T Watkins is Thomas Williams Watkins. Les Byleveld was also known as Les Byewell. Both Watkins and Byleveld as well as Charles Luhr had played in trial matches. Note the comment on the lack of pace in the Western Suburbs backs.

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