



1945 Round 2 Saturday 28th April North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 10

def.

Western Suburbs 9

Eric BATHGATE
 Frank COLLINS
 Cyril McMAHON
 Jim HALL
 Johnny BLISS
 Rex HARRISON (c)
 Johnny McLACHLAN
 Bill MCLEAN
 Gerald SCULLY
 R PEARSON
 Harry McKINNON
 Frank FACER
 Laurie DORAN

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

Dick JOHNSON
 Jack SNARE
 Bob ANDREWS
 Colin MAXWELL
 Fred YANZ Jnr
 Eric BENNETT
 Jack RUSSELL
 Arthur CLUES
 Cliff PEIME
 Jim SEERY
 Wal TAYLOR
 Frank DODSON
 Jack WALSH (c)



Tries Frank COLLINS
 Cyril McMAHON

Cliff PEIME

Goals Frank COLLINS (1)
 Rex HARRISON (1)

Jack RUSSELL (3)

Match Description

North Sydney: Full-back: E Bathgate; three-quarters: J Bliss, J Hall, C McMahon, F Collins; halves: R Harrison, J McLachlan; forwards: W McLean, G Scully, R Pearson, R McKinnon, F Facer, L Doran

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: J Snare, C Maxwell, R Andrews, F Yanz; halves: E Bennett, J Russell; forwards: A Clues, C Peime, J Seery, W Taylor, F Dodson, J Walsh **Referee: G Bishop (Rugby League News 5th May 1945)**

Without Clues, ordered off 30 minutes before the bell, Western Suburbs were touched off by North Sydney at home 10-9. Down 10-3 at the interval; Wests scored six points in the second spell, and were unlucky to lose. Norths won a majority of the early scrums, but Wests' backs stood up on them and nullified this advantage. Judicious use of the short and crosskick would have paid dividends to Norths, who had speedsters Bliss and Collins on the flanks. Goaling of Collins (N.S.) and Andrews and Clues was weak. Russell (W.S.) introduced as a forlorn hope, kicked three out of four attempts. Though a trifle slow off the mark, Bathgate kicked and tackled soundly for the winners. The two wingers were watched closely, but Collins showed initiative and determination in attack. Half-back McLachlan made many openings and tackled well. Facer followed up last week's superiority over Kirkaldy by winning 27 out of 31 scrums. Doran and Pearson were the pick of the forwards. Best Western back was C. Maxwell, who was always dangerous in possession. Tireless J. Walsh was the best forward on the ground. Peime was not far behind, and was noticeable in the heavy ruck work. Before his dismissal Clues gave a grand lock display. **(The Daily Telegraph 29th April 1945)**

Cliff Peime, on his display against Norths, must be a serious contender for the second-row position in the coming representative games..... Jack Nicholson, carried off on Saturday is OK; X-ray showed no breaks. This player has been unfortunate with injuries since coming to us... Col Maxwell is just the type of centre we wanted, and now he has settled down he will be a source of worry to the opposition. **(Rugby League News 5th May 1945)**

Earlier use of J. Russell as a goal-kicker might have reversed the result for Western Suburbs against North Sydney. He was not tried until R. Andrews had had five failures. Russell kicked three goals from four attempts. The young North Sydney full-back, E. Bathgate, made a satisfactory debut. Defeats in the opening matches are not a measure of West's strength. The forwards are a match for any side, and Bennett, Maxwell, and Andrews need careful watching. Although he is still overweight, R. Johnson's full-back play could not be faulted. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 30th April 1945)**

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Notes: Wests were very unlucky to lose this match. Jack Nicholson was injured in the Reserves match but later tests revealed he had no breaks and in Firsts, Arthur Clues was sent off ten minutes into the second half. This was a very rugged, fiery forward clash with frequent cautions. Cliff Peime was right in the thick of it and Col Maxwell, after travelling overnight from Melbourne and arriving just in time to play, was also a standout. Once again the goal-kicking problem reared its head. Andrews missed five shots at goal until Jack Russell was called on in desperation and he kicked three out of four attempts.