



1952 Round 2 Saturday 5th April Redfern Oval



Western Suburbs 15

def.

South Sydney 13



George BAIN
 Bill CALLINAN
 Col RATCLIFF
 Gerry LOWE
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Frank STANMORE
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter McLEAN (c)
 Arthur COLLINSON
 Don SCHOFIELD
 Bill HORDER
 Hec FARRELL
 Kevin HANSEN

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

Clive CHURCHILL
 John GRAVES
 Kevin WOOLFE
 Frank THRELFO
 Ian MOIR
 Gregory HAWICK
 Ray MASON
 Les COWIE
 Jack RAYNER (c)
 Bernie PURCELL
 Denis DONOGHUE
 Ernie HAMMERTON
 Bryan ORROCK

Tries

Col RATCLIFF
 Arthur COLLINSON
 Bill CALLINAN

Clive CHURCHILL (2)
 Ian MOIR

Goals

George BAIN (2)
 Keith HOLMAN (1)

Johnny GRAVES (2)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: C Churchill; three-quarters: J Graves, I Moir, K Woolfe, F Threlfo; five-eighth: G Hawick; half: R Mason; forwards: L Cowie, J Rayner (c), B Purcell, D Donoghue, E Hammerton, B Orrock

Western Suburbs: Full-back: G Bain; three-quarters: W Callinan, C Ratcliffe, G Lowe, J Fitzgerald; five-eighth: F Stanmore; half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean (c), D Schofield, A Collinson, W Horder, H Farrell, K Hansen **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 19th April 1952)**

Last season's Rugby League premier South Sydney yesterday sustained its second defeat this season when Western Suburbs gained a narrow 15-13 win at Redfern Oval. Wests' young full-back, George Bain, playing for the first time in that position in the first grade side, gave Wests its win in the last minute of the game. He kicked a goal from almost halfway and ten yards in from touch to give Wests its victory. Lack of even average goal kicking by Graves and Purcell cost South the match. Graves's two goals were the only successes in South's 13 attempts. A magnificent game by Clive Churchill, who scored two tries in the second half, had brought South Sydney level with Wests, 13-13, with a few minutes to go. Soon afterwards, however, a scrum infringement by South gave Bain his chance to kick a goal and win the match. Many South Sydney officials and players, as well as sections of the club's supporters, were dissatisfied with Referee Jack O'Brien's rulings during the game. Some Souths men claimed that Wests' forward Arthur Collinson's try early in the second half had been scored after he had knocked on. After the game, Collinson denied he had knocked on, claiming that a South Sydney man had handled the ball before he got it. Another disputed decision was the second try of the match, by Callinan. Many claimed that Callinan had taken a forward pass from Collinson. Some South officials also claimed that Wests' hooker H Farrell, who crouched well down in the scrums, was frequently off side. But with Souths winning the scrums by more than two to one, the referee O'Brien was applying the advantage rule. Each side scored three tries but towards the end of each half South was playing all over Wests. It was only a wonderful defence by Wests that kept Souths back from its line. Nothing can be taken away, however, from Wests' magnificent defence in view of the fact that it lost the scrums 28-12 and chased the ball throughout most of the game. Wests were away to a whirlwind start and scored eight points in the first 10 minutes. The new centre find, Colin Radcliff, made a magnificent 30 yards hard, straight run, to go over near the posts, and Keith Holman converted. Winger W. Callinan followed up by scoring soon after an opening had been made by Holman and forward Collinson. Then came a dazzling try by South's new winger Ian Moir. He had flashed over the line after a 20-yards run along the touch-line before the crowd had realised he had a chance of scoring. Before his opposing winger Callinan had realised it, Moir had skirted around him, after showing great pace off the mark... Soon after half-time another, sudden burst by Wests ended with Collinson scoring a try followed by Bain kicking a penalty goal. South's stocks slumped, however, when Bain kicked the last goal of the match to give West its second win of the season. Attendance was 12,926. **(The Sunday Herald 6th April 1952)**

Notes: Souths were unlucky in this match, missing 11 shots at goal and George Bain kicking the winning goal from near half-way after the bell. On the other hand, Wests had virtually no ball in the second half and defended grimly on their line for almost thirty minutes. Heading the heroic tackling performance were Arthur Collinson and the Captain, Peter McLean. Clive Churchill was absolutely outstanding but Col Ratcliff showed his class by fending off Churchill to score a great try. There were over 20 cautions handed out in a very rough match. George Bain had come in to replace Jack Rudd and his presence was timely. Hec Farrell being thoroughly out-scrummaged was a problem.