



# 1914 Round 2 Saturday 9th May Pratten Park



## Eastern Suburbs 10

def.

## Western Suburbs 2

Fred KINGHORN  
 George CHALLIS  
 Dan FLANNERY  
 Robert TIDYMAN  
 Wally MESSENGER  
 Leslie CUBITT  
 Arthur HALLOWAY  
 Percy WHITE  
 Charlie LEES  
 Jack WATKINS  
 Robert WILLIAMS  
 Sid PEARCE  
 Lawrence O'MALLEY (c)

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

Harry CLARK  
 Harold BISSETT  
 Charlie COLLIER  
 Henry NAYLOR  
 Claude McFAYDEN  
 Henry McILLMURRAY  
 Ray STEWARD  
 Westley EASTERBROOK  
 Martin ANDERSEN  
 Rueben TREMAIN  
 Fred LANE  
 William JOASS  
 Edward COURTNEY (c)



**Tries** Leslie CUBITT  
 Wally MESSENGER

**Goals** Wally MESSENGER (1)  
 Fred KINGHORN (1 field goal)

Ray STEWARD (1)

### Match Description

**Eastern Suburbs:** F Kinghorn, full-back; G Challis, D Flannery, R Tidyman, W Messenger, three-quarters; L Cubitt, five-eighth; A Halloway, half; L O'Malley, S Pearce, R Williams, J Watkins, C Lee, P White, forwards

**Western Suburbs:** H Clarke, fullback; H Bissett, C Collier, H G Naylor, C McFayden, three-quarters; H McIlmurray, five-eighth; R Steward, half; W Joass, F Lane, E Courtney, R Tremain, M E Anderson, W Easterbrook, forwards **C Hedley, referee**

For the greater part of the game, play was kept close, and at times it became a scramble. The winners were successful in the scrummages, but so well did McIlmurray mark Cubitt, that any advantage gained in this direction was neutralised. In the second half McIlmurray relaxed his efforts somewhat, and Cubitt, playing grandly, set his three-quarters going, and they gave a delightful display. The losers played resolutely throughout, and are deserving of praise for preventing their opponents from piling on the points. Wests invaded the visitors' territory, but after a fruitless shot at penalty were driven back. From a scrum Halloway set his backs going, and when the position looked decidedly dangerous, Naylor intercepted and transferred play to neutral territory. The Tricolour kept up the pressure, and Messenger just failed to score. He short-punted and gained a clear field, but the bounce of the ball was unfavourable, and the defenders relieved the situation by a force. After Kinghorn landed a field goal, the local team attacked strenuously. Bissett performed a grand run, which was marred by a faulty kick at the critical period. Clarke, the full-back, next penetrated the defence, and passed to Steward, who was quickly upset by his fleetier opponents. Interesting play followed, with the visitors making desperate efforts to score, but they could not penetrate the sound defence.

Immediately after the interval the visitors were penalised near their 25, and Steward kicked the goal, which made the scores level. The local team assumed the aggression, and threatened danger. Collier upset Kinghorn just as he secured the ball from a punt, and when a try seemed certain Cubitt saved by punching the ball dead. From a scramble near the local team's line, Pearce passed to Cubitt, who crossed near the posts. W. Messenger converted. Western Suburbs played vigorously, and by means of a forward rush, with Joass prominent, carried play to East's corner, but were quickly driven back. After scrambling play in neutral territory, Bissett punted to the corner, where he upset Kinghorn, and endeavoured to take the leather from him, but had his side penalised in consequence. Courtney and Collier took the ball to East's line, but the tackling of the visitors kept them out. From a scrum Easts, by means of a concerted effort, carried play to the centre, where a knock-on pulled them up. From some close play near the locals' 25, Tidyman passed to Messenger, who sprinted across near the corner. Challis failed to convert. Towards the finish Cubitt, who had been closely marked throughout the contest, opened up the game nicely, and the visiting backs gave a fine exhibition of combined play. Just prior to the final whistle Tidyman threw away a certain try by sending a wretched pass to Messenger, after the defence had been penetrated. **(Sunday Times 10th May 1914)**

"Easterbrook was the most prominent player and he should be heard of in the future." **(Saturday Referee and Arrow May 16th 1914)**

**Notes:** This was the only match for Rueben Tremain. He had not played any Trial or Seconds but did appear in the team list for The Sunday Times and The Referee. Clark was injured and had to retire so it was a good defensive effort. McIlmurray and Easterbrook were both standouts for Wests. The Sportsman published a list of NSW Rugby League Life Members on this day which included Jim Abercrombie, Tedda Courtney, Jim Stack, Johnno Stuntz and Cecil Foord.