



1950 Round 3 Saturday 15th April Redfern Oval



South Sydney 23

def.

Western Suburbs 9

Clive CHURCHILL
 Johnny GRAVES
 Kevin WOOLFE
 Milton ATKINSON
 Cliff SMAILES
 Bill STEWART
 Des BRYAN
 Gregory HAWICK
 Jack RAYNER (c)
 Ken MACREADIE
 Bernie PURCELL
 Ernie HAMMERTON
 Bryan ORROCK

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

Bill KEATO
 Jack WALL
 Jack WOODS
 Dev DINES
 Jack LACKEY
 Frank STANMORE
 Keith HOLMAN
 Peter McLEAN
 Ron WATSON
 Vic WILLIAMS
 Jack WALSH (c)
 Alan HORNERY
 Bill HORDER



Tries Johnny GRAVES (2)
 Jack RAYNER (2)
 Bernie PURCELL

Jack WALL

Goals Bernie PURCELL (4)

Bill KEATO (3)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: C Churchill; three-quarters: J Graves, K Woolfe, M Atkinson, C Smailes; five-eighth: W Stewart; half: D Bryan; forwards: G Hawick, J Rayner (capt), K Macreadie, B Purcell, E Hammerton, B Orrock

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: J Wall, J Woods, D Dines, J Lackey; five-eighth: F Stanmore; Half: K Holman; forwards: P McLean, R Watson, V Williams, W Horder, A Hornery, J Walsh (capt) **Referee: A Oxford (Rugby League News 25th April 1950)**

Rugby League referee Aubrey Oxford terminated a hectic match for South Sydney international winger Johnny Graves at Redfern Oval yesterday when he ordered him off the field. During the match Graves knocked out his rival winger Jack Wall with an elbow, was cautioned for rough play, was knocked out twice, and scored two tries. Oxford ordered off Graves and Western Suburbs second row forward Vic Williams five minutes from the end for fighting. Souths defeated Wests 23-9 in a rough match. Oxford cautioned nine players, one of them twice, for roughness. Eight players had to receive first-aid attention. Spectators heckled Graves almost throughout the match, and hooted him as he left the field. When Graves knocked out Wall early in the first half, angry spectators shouted to the referee, "Send him off". Graves had followed the ball, which Souths' half-back had punted high downfield. Wall was standing close to the touchline, waiting to catch the ball, when Graves ran into him with his arm bent. Wall dropped to the ground unconscious. He was unable to resume play for several minutes. After the match Wall's right eye was closed and badly swollen. Early play indicated that the match would become rough. Referee Oxford stopped play after seven minutes to caution West second-rower R Watson, for an illegal tackle of international full-back Clive Churchill. Watson had knocked Churchill over after Churchill had kicked the ball. The match was hard fought throughout, particularly in the forwards. South forwards won the match with intelligent play and backing up. ... Graves scored two brilliant tries. In scoring the first try he had to run 30 yards to finish a passing movement. His second try required quick thinking, because he was hemmed in on the wing by rival winger Wall and full-back Keato. By propping and a sudden change of pace, Graves came inside his two opponents and scored five yards from the corner post. This try gave South a 14-4 lead after a disputed goal by Purcell which was disallowed by the referee. Wests' backs were weak. Receiving a 4-1 service from the scrums, West backs continually lost ground, and it was not until Grave's left the field that Wall scored West's only try. When Rayner was running in for his second try, West fullback, Keato, stood off, possibly because of result of an injury he suffered when he tackled Rayner earlier in the match. Purcell scored his try after a wild pass by West five-eighth Frank Stanmore, who had been tackled. Purcell gathered the ball and scored. Graves, who had missed three attempts at goal, again failed with the kick. Kangaroo full-back Clive Churchill gave his best display of the season. This should bring him again into favour for representative matches. His catching and kicking of the ball could not be faulted. He also often joined with the backs in passing movements.... West full-back Keato kicked three goals from five attempts, but his general play was weak. Wests' captain, Jack Walsh, tried hard to pull his side together, but the backs were too weak to be effective. Walsh's famous bumping runs did not bring results, because Souths' forwards went low and tackled him around the ankles. **(The Daily Telegraph 17th April 1950)**

Notes: This was a ferocious, spiteful match. Wests' winger, Jack Wall, was knocked out early in the match by a late tackle from Johnny Graves but it drew no penalty. Jack Walsh gave Graves a nice 'square up' who, although staggered, still went on to score two good tries and get belted a number of times before being sent off for fighting with Vic Williams, who was also sent off. All in all, there were nine cautions and numerous injuries such as Dev Dines getting a lacerated ear. Wests' spoiling tactics seemed to backfire because, although Hornery won the scrums 4-1, they didn't seem able to penetrate. Three losses was not a good start to the season.