

1914 Round 3 Saturday 16th May Pratten Park

South Sydney 17 def. Western Suburbs 9

Os BROWN **Fullback** Bill MEDCALF Henry McILLMURRAY Harold HORDER Wing **Hash THOMPSON** Cecil FOORD Centre Arthur McCABE Centre Henry NAYLOR Charlie COLLIER **George REYNOLDS** Wing Ray NORMAN Five-eighth George GAGAN Arthur BUTLER (c) Half Ray STEWARD Westley EASTERBROOK Roy ALMOND Lock Jim DAVIS Second Row Martin ANDERSEN Harry THOMPSON Second Row Clarrie TYE William SPENCE Front Row Fred LANE Harry BUTLER Hooker William JOASS Owen McCARTHY **Edward COURTNEY (c)** Front Row

Ephraim MISON

Reserve

Tries Roy ALMOND Cecil FOORD

Jim DAVIS Harold HORDER Arthur McCABE Hash THOMPSON

Goals Hash THOMPSON (1) George GAGAN (3)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back, O Brown; three-quarters, H Horder, H Thompson, A J McCabe, G Reynolds; halves, R Norman, A Butler; forwards, O McCarthy, H Butler, W Spence, H R Thompson, J Davies, R Almond

Western Suburbs: Full-back, W Medcalf; three-quarters, H McIllmurray, Cecil Foord, H G Naylor (retired injured, replaced by Mizon), C Collier; halves, G Gagan, R Steward; forwards, E Courtney, C Tye, F Lane, M E Anderson, W Joass, W Easterbrook Referee, Mr A Farrow

The brilliant South Sydney men received an unpleasant surprise in their engagement with Western Suburbs. The latter have established themselves as a team likely to extend the very best combination in opposition. Their performance against the Southerners on Saturday did not in any way detract from their reputation, as they gave the leaders in the competition a hard struggle for the honours, and only succumbed after a sturdy display against superior speed and combination. South Sydney opened the game in their usual breezy fashion by carrying play into the Westerners' territory. A score seemed imminent, when Thompson missed Horder's transfer. However, they came again shortly afterwards, when McCarthy picked up, and sent the ball to Thompson, who transferred to Horder. The flying Southerner outpaced his opponents, and touched down in the corner. South Sydney 3, Western Suburbs nil. South Sydney continued to press, and Norman, getting possession, passed to Horder who made ground and then passed to Almond who crossed over. Horder failed at goal. Slowly the Westerners transferred play to their opponents' territory, from whence Gagan goaled as a result of a penalty. South Sydney 6, Western Suburbs 2. Just prior to half-time Davis increased his side's score by scoring in good position. Horder failed to goal. Then Norman, from a penalty, brought South Sydney's score to 11 points to 2.

After the interval the Westerners pressed hard, and Gagan kicked his second penalty goal. South Sydney 11, Western Suburbs 4. On resuming Western Suburbs soon had the southern defence in difficulties, and Collier, by a capital run, sent Foord over near the posts. Gagan goaled. South Sydney 11, Western Suburbs 9. The Southerners now realised the determination of their opponents. A quick and clever movement by the Southern backs placed McCabe in possession, and he registered South Sydney's fourth try. Just before full-time the Southerners again crossed over the line, Hash Thompson outpacing the opposition. Full time South Sydney 17, Western Suburbs 9. (Sydney Morning Herald 18th May 1914)

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Notes: This was the first match for Clarrie Tye who went on to play over 50 games in the next six years. Ephraim Mison had been playing Second Grade and got his chance here after an injury to Henry Naylor and obviously impressed enough to get a few more runs in following games. Harry Clark and Harold Bissett were both sick for this match and this gave Bill Medcalf a chance to come back to first grade after many games in the Seconds. George Gagan also came back from a spell in the Seconds. A couple of reports say that when Easterbrook was injured and had to leave the field it significantly affected the result. He was becoming a very influential player.

