



1913 Round 3 Saturday 17th May Pratten Park



Eastern Suburbs 9

def.

Western Suburbs 5

Fred KINGHORN *Fullback*
 Dan FRAWLEY (c) *Wing*
 Wally MESSENGER *Centre*
 Robert TIDYMAN *Centre*
 Ernest GOWENLOCK *Wing*
 Leslie CUBITT *Five-eighth*
 Arthur HALLOWAY *Half*
 Percy WHITE *Lock*
 Jack WATKINS *Second Row*
 Charlie LEES *Second Row*
 Robert WILLIAMS *Front Row*
 Sid PEARCE *Hooker*
 Lawrence O'MALLEY *Front Row*
Reserve

J THOMPSON
 Harold BISSETT
 Johnno STUNTZ
 Joe LINDSAY
 Claude McFAYDEN
 George GAGAN
 Ray STEWARD
 William JOASS
 Eddie GRIFFITHS
 William FOORD
 Albert BURDUS
 Stan CARR
 Edward COURTNEY (c)
 Alf JOASS



Tries Dan FRAWLEY

Ray STEWARD

Goals Wally MESSENGER (2)
Leslie CUBITT (1) Field Goal

Johnno STUNTZ

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: F Kinghorn, fullback; D Frawley, W Messenger, R Tydeman, E Gowenlock; three-quarters, L Cubitt, five-eighth, A Holloway, half; S Pearce, L O'Malley, R Williams, C Lees, S Watkins, E White, forwards.

Western Suburbs: J Thompson, fullback; J Stuntz, H V Bissett, J Lindsay, C McFayden, three-quarters; R Steward, five-eighth; S Gagen, half; W Joass, E Griffiths, W Foord, A Burdus, S Carr, E Courtney, forwards **A Ballerum, referee;**

The Western Suburban team, showing improved form, held the lead for the greater part of the game in a good display of Rugby, with little between the teams. Superior kicking won the game for Eastern Suburbs, as it has done in matches galore. Western Suburbs' team delighted their supporters by the manner in which they opened. Eastern Suburbs worked strenuously in the early part of the first half to score, but the defence was very solid. Nevertheless, they scored four points by medium of penalty kicks from the boot of W Messenger. After the interval Eastern Suburbs at once attacked, and were awarded a penalty near the posts, from which Messenger failed to score. After an interchange of kicks, the E.S. backs started a good movement, but each as he received the ball, was promptly upset, the tackling being very fine. Near the Western Suburbs' goal-line E.S. were awarded a free kick. Frawley gently punted the ball, secured it again, and crossed the line, scoring the only try by a cute move. He failed to convert. This gave E.S. the lead for the first time. Play stopped for a few minutes owing to several of the local players attempting to leave the field, dissatisfied with the referee's verdict regarding the try. But the efforts of the local secretary to restore order were successful, and the game resumed. One of the touch-judges had held his flag up for about ten minutes on the field of play without attracting the referee's attention. Play was now very hard and fast, and the tackling of each side brilliant. It was no runaway win for Eastern Suburbs. Several times the E.S. backs combined well in attack, but faulty handling at the critical moment nullified their efforts. Just prior to the close, A Joass, who had replaced his brother in the first half, was sent off the field.

For E.S. Kinghorn's form was sound. Cubitt was prominent throughout and combined well with Holloway. Watkins was perhaps the best of a fine set of forwards. On the day, Foord was the best forward on the ground, leading in every rush. His kicking and tackling were also of a very high order. Courtney, Carr and Burdus are worthy of mention. Too many persons were allowed inside the enclosure. The referee did not appear to have proper control of the game at times. Perhaps this was accelerated by the barracking of the crowd. **(Sunday Times 18th May 1913)**

A splendid piece of play by the local team now proved successful. Foord was the leader in a forward charge to past half-way. Here Steward got hold, sent to Bissett, to Stuntz, who ran well, but was forced out near the line. From the ensuing scrum Steward again secured, and forcing his way through the opposing ruck, scored a great try. Stuntz converted..... A section of the crowd thought the Eastern Suburbs try had been secured illegally, and there was almost a riot, but although the score was unorthodox, it was still within the rules.....A fierce struggle between the opposing vanguards ended in a too vigorous fight, seeing a Western Suburbs player sent off the field amidst a storm of dissent from the spectators..... **(The Sun 17th May 1913)**

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Notes: This was a very controversial match with the local Pratten Park crowd becoming very unruly. A refereeing decision allowing a try against the advice of the touch judge meant the Wests' team left the field for a while and the crowd became fired up. Alf Joass was also fired up enough to be sent off shortly afterwards and the papers were full of reports of how lucky Easts were to win the game. Wests had lost their first three games but it was obvious that they were becoming very competitive.