



1914 Round 4 Saturday 23rd May North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 16

def.

Western Suburbs 7

Ted TAPLIN
 Albert BROOMHAM (c)
 Sidney DEANE
 George WHEATLEY
 Os DEANE
 Charles SHERRETT
 Selby McFARLANE
 Reg GOSPER
 S WOODWARD
 Stan LLOYD
 J McINTYRE
 W MAHER
 Con SULLIVAN
 E FRANKS

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

Harry CLARK
 Ephraim MISON
 Henry McILLMURRAY
 Henry NAYLOR
 Charlie COLLIER
 George GAGAN
 Ray STEWARD
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Martin ANDERSEN
 Clarrie TYE
 Fred LANE
 William JOASS
 Edward COURTNEY (c)



Tries Albert BROOMHAM (2)
 Os DEANE
 Sidney DEANE

Edward COURTNEY

Goals Charles SHERRETT (1)
 E FRANKS (1)

George GAGAN (2)

Match Description

North Sydney: E Taplin, full-back; A Broomham, S Deane, G Wheatley and O Deane, three-quarters; C Sherritt, five-eighth; S McFarlane, half; C Sullivan, W Maher, J McIntyre, S Lloyd, S Woodward and R Gosper, forwards

Western Suburbs: H Clarke, full-back; E Mison, H McIlmurray, C Collier and H G Naylor, three-quarters; G Gagen, five-eighth; R Steward, half; W Joass, F Lane, E Courtney, C Tye, M E Anderson, and W Easterbrook, forwards **E Shaw, referee**

It was an open and exciting game at the North Shore Oval, keenly contested and interspersed with brilliancy. The first half was an even struggle, with perhaps the visitors the better side. After the interval the local side attacked aggressively, S Deane and Broomham being in excellent form. The opposition was gradually worn down, and the Shoremen won comfortably.

Soon after the kick-off the visitors assumed the aggressive, and kept North Sydney busy defending. On one occasion Courtney almost forced his way over, and a succession of scrummages was held. Gagen opened the scoring with a penalty, and then Sherritt and S Deane handled the leather, thus enabling Broomham to score a fine try. For interfering with Naylor, the locals were penalised, and Gagen placed his side in the lead with a grand goal. Easterbrook was prominent in an exciting piece of play. The local backs got going and Broomham on being confronted in-passed to S Deane, who looked a certain scorer, but Easterbrook coming from "nowhere" made no mistake with his low tackle. From the centre Steward skirted the touch line, and passed to Mison, who transferred to Courtney, and the latter crossed near the posts. At this stage Maher left the field with an injury to his shoulder, and was replaced by Franks. After a great struggle McIlmurray kicked out to Taplin, who ran across to the opposite wing and enabled O Deane to cross. It was clever play on the part of Taplin. Sherritt converted, and immediately the half-time whistle sounded.

After the interval Norths attacked strongly, but the defenders tackled grimly The defenders gained a temporary respite through Collier and Easterbrook passing and re-passing along the wing almost the length of the ground. A great effort was spoiled through Courtney not accepting a pass at a critical moment. Fast and exciting play followed, each side gaining the ascendancy alternately. From the centre S Deane broke through, but his transfer was secured by Clarke. Next Broomham received a pass, and scored between the posts after a brilliant run. The Shoremen kept up the pressure, and Taplin transferred to S Deane after running him into a good position, and the latter easily outpaced the defenders and crossed in a good position. Franks converted. The Suburbanites responded gamely, and attacked vigorously. Naylor broke away, but was grassed. The visitors combining well threatened danger, but the defence answered all requirements. S Deane and Broomham were prominent throughout, and were always dangerous. Collier and Easterbrook performed ably for the losers. **(Sunday Times 24th May 1914)** "Easterbrook was the most capable forward on the field and on his present form he is good enough for any company The others exerted themselves, with Courtney the best." **(Saturday Referee and the Arrow 30th May 1914)**

Notes: The Referee had Sherrett kicking two goals but every other paper had E Franks converting Sid Deane's try. Clark was back from the sick list and Bill Medcalf went back to Seconds. The Kangaroo winger, Albert Broomham, appeared to be the difference in this match. He was often described as a brilliant speedster. Note how Easterbrook continued to grow in stature and Tedda Courtney was the rock as usual.