



1913 Round 4 Saturday 24th May North Sydney Oval



North Sydney 27

def.

Western Suburbs 19

Tom MOORE
 Albert BROOMHAM
 Jim DEVEREUX (c)
 Os DEANE
 W THOMAS
 Sidney DEANE
 Selby McFARLANE
 B WILKINSON
 Alby BURGE
 George GREEN
 Con SULLIVAN
 W MAHER
 Reg GOSPER

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

Harry CLARK
 Johnno STUNTZ
 Harold BISSETT
 Henry NAYLOR
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Ray STEWARD
 George GAGAN
 Edward COURTNEY (c)
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Albert BURDUS
 William FOORD
 Eddie GRIFFITHS
 William JOASS



Tries

Albert BROOMHAM
 Sidney DEANE
 Jim DEVEREUX
 George GREEN
 Con SULLIVAN
 W THOMAS
 B WILKINSON

Albert BURDUS
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Henry NAYLOR
 Ray STEWARD
 Johnno STUNTZ

Goals

Alby BURGE (1)
 W MAHER (1)
 Selby McFARLANE (1)

Eddie GRIFFITHS (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: H Clark, fullback; J Stuntz, H V Bissett, H Naylor, C McFayden, three-quarters; R Steward, five-eighth; S Gagen, half; W Joass, E Griffiths, W Foord, A Burdus, J Easterbrook, E Courtney, forwards

North Sydney: T Moore, fullback; A Broomham, J Devereux, O Deane, W Thomas, three-quarters; S Deane, five-eighth; S McFarlane, half; J Gosper, W Maher, C Sullivan, G Green, A B Burge, B Wilkinson, forwards. **Charles Hedley, referee**

A great and stirring struggle was witnessed at North Sydney. Western Suburbs, for the greater part of the contest, were the better side, and held the lead, despite the fact that they were beaten in almost every scrummage. Towards the end they fell away a trifle. But the local team, playing brilliantly and surpassing themselves, quickly added 16 points, and pulled off their first win of the season. After a period of most interesting play, during which the sides attacked alternately, Joass marked at the centre, and from his high punt Naylor secured and dashed over the goal-line near the posts. It was a fine try, which Griffiths converted. The local team heeled from a scrum near the goal-line, and McFarlane got his backs going. Devereux put in a fine run and punted over the line. Stuntz over-ran the ball, and Devereux, coming up, fell on it and scored a try, which Burge converted. ... From the loose near the visitors' 25, on the wing, North made a fine combined attack, which resulted in Wilkinson scored another try. Then the visitors attacked strongly. Steward passed to Bissett, who slung a long pass out to Stuntz on the wing, and the sprinter clapped on the pace, and had no difficulty in getting through and scoring. Griffiths converted, thus placing Western Suburbs again in the lead. At this juncture someone in the crowd threw a stone into the playing arena, which passed dangerously close to the referee.

After the interval Western Suburbs, showing the form, scored two tries in succession. McFayden and Burdus were the scorers, and each try was a happy turning of opportunities into points by capital play. North Sydney then attacked strenuously for the position looked bad – 16 to 8. But they warmed up, and Broomham scored an easy try from a good pass by Devereux, who made the opening. Again, the visitors attacked, and Steward, playing a great game, further increased the lead after a neat concerted effort by the backs. Both teams were now playing grandly, and the football worked the spectators up to a great pitch of excitement. North Sydney, spurring, next scored two tries quickly – the first by Thomas after a fine passing effort, and the second by Sullivan after a forward rush. Neither was converted. This success was electric to the crowd. The local team was now only two points in arrears, and were playing with splendid aggressiveness. After a fine passing bout Green scored the necessary try, which Maher converted. This was the signal for a great outburst by the crowd – pandemonium let loose. North Sydney kept up the pressure and after some concerted work S Deane crossed near the posts with a try, which McFarlane converted....**(Sunday Times 25th May 1913)**

Notes: This was obviously a cracker of a game, the Sportsman saying it was the best game ever played at North Sydney Oval. Wests were a great attacking team but their defence was not up to par. This was the first game for Harry Clark. Johnno Stuntz had now scored three tries in four games. There were many comments on his blistering pace.