



# 1909 Round 5 Saturday 29th May Wentworth Park



## North Sydney 8

drew with

## Western Suburbs 8

Bill WHITFIELD  
 Aney MORRIS  
 S BANKS  
 Os DEANE  
 Albert BROOMHAM (c)  
 Selby McFARLANE  
 A DALE  
 J HUGGINS  
 J WHITMAN  
 Arthur BOLLARD  
 Frank COURTNEY  
 S KING  
 Joe KENDALL

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

Tom PHELAN (C)  
 Bill MEDCALF  
 Claude McFAYDEN  
 Harry BLOOMFIELD  
 James SPEIRS  
 Claude WALLIS  
 Raymond GORMLEY  
 Ted MEAD  
 Edward COURTNEY  
 Robert ELLIS  
 Charles LUHR  
 William ELLIOTT  
 James SANDY



**Tries** S BANKS (2)

Raymond GORMLEY  
James SPIERS

**Goals** Selby McFARLANE

Harry BLOOMFIELD (1)

### Match Description

**North Sydney:** W Whitfield, fullback; G Morris, S Banks, G Dean, A Broomham, three-quarters; S McFarlane and A Dale, halves; J Kendall, P Courtney, A Bollard, J Whitman, J Huggins, E King, forwards

**Western Suburbs:** T Phelan, fullback; Metcalfe, Bloomfield, McFadden, T Spears three-quarters; Wallace and Gormley, Halves; Ellis, Elliott, Courtney, Sands, Meade, G Lewis, forwards **H M Poulton referee.**

The attendance was only about 100, it being a match between non-local clubs. Some good passing by North Sydney backs ended in half-back Dale scoring the first try, that being the only score in the first half. Another good piece of passing by the Shoremen saw Banks get the second try, which McFarlane converted. With 8 to nil against them, Western Suburbs rose to the occasion. A series of attacks closed with Gormley getting a try, followed by another by Spears, which Bloomfield converted. Western Suburbs continued to attack but could not score again. **Mr (Sunday Times 30th May 1909)**

Shortly after the start a free kick was awarded to Wests, and Broomfield missed in his attempt at goal. The ball was cleverly passed to McFarlane to Broomfield to Dale, who was pulled down. For some considerable time, no play of an exciting nature eventuated, the ball merely travelling up and down the field, although perhaps North Sydney were playing the better game. From out of a breaking scrum Dale passed to Banks, and Broomham back to Banks who broke the ice for his team. Broomham failed in his kick at goal. North Sydney came on again with a rush. Dean and Bollard put in some good play. Western Suburbs, in a free kick, given through North Sydney not playing the ball, saw Bloomfield narrowly miss scoring. After an uninteresting match up to half-time the score stood at 3 to nil in favour of North Sydney.

On resuming play in the second half, North Sydney pressed heavily. Bloomfield from a mark sent the ball well into Norths' quarter, where play remained for some time. McFayden picked up the ball and passed to Spears, to Bloomfield who failed in what should have been an easy attempt at scoring. From a scrum well in Western Suburbs' 25 the ball was passed out to Dale to Deane to Broomham, and eventually Banks easily ran in. McFarlane kicked the goal. North Sydney, 8 to nil. Western Suburbs fought strenuously in their effort to score and, at times, looked like breaking through, but North Sydney proved too strong in defence. Western Suburbs' turn now came. From a scrum at half-way Gormley picked up, and dodged home. In the attempt at goal Ellis failed to increase the score. North Sydney 8 to 3. Only a quarter of an hour now remained, and West fought hard to lessen the difference in the score, and so well did they play that Spears scored a few minutes later, and Bloomfield brought the score up level in his kick at goal. Score North Sydney 8, Western Suburbs 8. Amid great excitement North Sydney were awarded a free kick in a good position, but it went wide of the mark, and a mark by Western Suburbs sent the ball out of danger. No further score was made and a drawn match resulted. Referee; Mr Poulton. **(Sydney Morning Herald 31st May 1909)**

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**Notes:** There was some dispute over the North Sydney scorers. SMH had Banks scoring the first try but Sunday Times said clearly that the halfback Dale scored the try. Dale was involved in the passing in the SMH account but the Evening News also had Banks scoring the first try. On balance it looks like Banks scored two tries. Bloomfield's conversion of the Speirs' try was apparently a magnificent kick from the sideline. There was only a very small crowd of a 100 people watched this game. Two newspapers had a G Lewis and a C Lewis playing but the Sunday Sun had a regular player in Charles Luhr. Luhr also played in the following match. There is no Lewis who ever played a trial game or Seconds match in this era so it appears to be another miscommunication.