



1913 Round 6 Saturday 14th June Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 11

def.

Annandale 6

Harry CLARK
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Henry NAYLOR
 Harold BISSETT
 Charles ROTHWELL
 Ray STEWARD
 George GAGAN
 William FOORD
 William JOASS
 Arthur GILLETT
 Albert BURDUS
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Edward COURTNEY (c)

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

George CHALLIS
 George REYNOLDS
 Lyall WALL
 Rex NORMAN
 J LEONARD
 Ray NORMAN (c)
 T KNIGHT
 George MUNCE
 James WOODWARD
 William KYLE
 Angus LENNON
 Walter PALMER
 Sam PERRY

Tries Harold BISSETT
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Ray STEWARD

Goals William FOORD (1)

Lyall WALL (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: H Clark, fullback; C McFadden, H Naylor H V Bissett and C Rothwell, three-quarters; R Steward, five-eighth; S Gagen, half-back; E Courtney (c) , W Easterbrook, A Burdus, A Gillett, W Joass and O Foord, forwards

Annandale: G Challis, fullback; G Reynolds, L Watt, Rex Norman and J Leonard, five-eighth; T Knight, half-back; G Munce, James Woodward, W Kyle, W Palmer, R Lennon and S Perry, forwards. **H Millington, referee**

Western Suburbs had a keen game at Pratten Park, Ashfield. Neither side had secured a win and the battle had something of the keenness and rivalry of a final. The pace started fast. Annandale at once attacked, with Kyle, Wall and Ray Norman prominent. At the 25, from a penalty for not playing the ball, Wall, making his first appearance with Annandale, landed a fine goal. Annandale, 2 to nil. Immediately afterwards, Rex Norman was off-side close to the 25, and Foord landed the goal, 2 all. Annandale's strength lay in the forwards, who, while bustling their opponents in the loose and ruck, were a good deal superior in the scrum. Western Suburbs made a good rally, and good combination by their backs early in the game produced points. From a scrum outside the 25, Gagen passed to Steward, to Naylor, to Bissett, who scored in the corner. Clark failed at goal. Western Suburbs 5 to 2. The local supporters were on still better terms with themselves when Steward snapped it up in the ruck and dived over the goal-line with another try, giving Western Suburbs 8 to 2 at half-time.

With Western Suburbs invading the goal, Kyle and Lennon cleared the line. After getting in a good return kick, Challis was prevented from following up, and Wall with a strong left foot put on a fine goal with a sodden ball from 10 yards inside half-way. Western Suburbs 8 to 4. Play was now very lively, and the forwards fought desperately. Despite the slipperiness of the ground the players kept their feet well. A good sprint along touch by Rothwell, and a pass in-field, knocked on by Foord, carried the ball on Annandale's line. After hard forward work Easterbrook got the ball, jumped across the line and scored. Clark failed at goal. Western Suburbs 11 to 4. In this spell play was too strenuous at times, too much attention being paid to the man, players on both sides erring. After one mix-up in the centre, Kyle was sent off the field. Wall kicked his third goal from inside Western Suburbs' 25, as a result of the local men not "playing the ball" Western Suburbs 11 to 6. During a spell of 15 minutes, Annandale were a good deal superior, both back and forwards. The backs slung the ball about and several tries were nearly on the line. But they met strong defence, and this allied to the greasiness of the ball kept them out.

Naylor and Bissett stood out prominently among the winners' backs and W Joass and Courtney showed best form among the forwards. Ray Norman was the best back on the ground, his judgement being in sharp contrast to that of most of the other backs. Challis, the fullback, also performed finely. Kyle, Lennon and Perry were the best of the Annandale forwards. **(Sunday Times 15th June 1913)**

....Play became rather strenuous after this, and there were several mix-ups, but the referee was watchful and restored a calm by sending an Annandale player off the field. **(Sydney Morning Herald 16th June 1913)**

Peculiar Perry was good in the ruck, but did not shine as in previous years – it must have been the thoughts of when he battled with the Magpies in days gone by. Rothwell, a raw-boned recruit from the Seconds, played a dashing game for the fruit-pickers on the wing, and promises good things. **(The Sportsman 18th June 1913)**

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Notes: This was the first win of the season for Wests. Note the former Wests' players, Sam Perry and Walter Palmer playing for Annandale. Charles Rothwell had been playing very well in Second Grade and obviously made a good impression.