

1909 Round 6 Saturday 19th June RAS Showground

South Sydney 34

William NEILL Tommy ANDERSON Howard HALLETT Frank STORIE Arthur CONLIN (c) Jack LEVESON Arthur BUTLER Pat CARROLL Johnny ROSEWELL Harry BUTLER Dick GREEN Maxwell COXON Jim DAVIS William CANN Fullback Wing Centre Centre Wing Five-eighth Half Lock Second Row Second Row Front Row Hooker Front Row Reserve

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Western Suburbs 3

Tom PHELAN (C) Raymond GORMLEY Claude McFAYDEN Bill MEDCALF James SPEIRS Claude WALLIS Harry FLETCHER Ted MEAD Edward COURTNEY Robert ELLIS Horace HERINGTON Charles LUHR Samuel SHAW William WENBAN

Harry FLETCHER

Tries

Tommy ANDERSON (3) Arthur CONILIN (2) Arthur BUTLER Pat CARROLL Howard HALLETT Arthur CONLIN (2)

> Dick GREEN (2) Jim DAVIS (1)

Goals

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back. W. Neill: three-quarters. T. Anderson. H. Hallett. F. Storie. A. Conlin: Halves. J. Leveson. A. Butler; forwards. J. Davis. W. M. Coxon. R. Green, H. Butler. J. Rosewell, P. Carroll.

Western Suburbs: Full-back. T. Phelan; three-quarters, R. Gormley. Medcalf. C. MacFayden, J. Spears; halves. Fletcher, S. Wallis; forwards. R. Ellis. S. Shaw. E. Meade, E. Courtney, J. Herrington, Luhr. Referee. Mr. Edward Hooper.

The attendance had increased to about 600 when H. Butler kicked off for South Sydney. Very fast passing rushes followed, and within the first five minutes South Sydney scored 8 points, Andersen and Conlin being the try getters, while the latter player kicked a goal. Medcalf now set the Western three-quarters going, and a good passing run ensued. Butler saved by forcing. The Western forwards, not to be denied, came again with a good rush, which ended in Fletcher scoring in the corner, but no goal was kicked. South Sydney 8, Western Suburbs 3. A. Butler was the next scorer, and he grounded the ball between the posts. Conlin failed at goal. South Sydney now fairly had the game their own way, adding 10 more points to the score, Anderson and Conlin scoring tries and Davis and Green kicking goals. The half-time whistle went a little later, with South Sydney leading by 21 points to 3. When the teams came in after the interval, it was noticed that two alterations had been made, Wenban being in place of Phelan, and Cann in place of Storie, both players receiving slight injuries in the first half. Butler secured in the loose, and passed to Hallett, to Conlin, to Cann, back to Conlin, who was downed by Luhr. From the scrum which followed, Butler picked up, and passed to Leveson, to Hallett, to Conlin to Anderson, who ran round behind the posts and scored. Conlin added the extras. South Sydney 26, Western Suburbs 3. Western Suburbs now attacked, but Souths' brilliant passing stopped them. Butler, in the Western's 25, passed to Leveson, to Hallett, who scored. The same player's attempt at goal failed. South Sydney 29, Western Suburbs 3. From a scrum which followed, Rosewell picked up and passed to Carroll, who scored between the posts. Green adding the extras. South Sydney 34 - Western Suburbs 3. South Sydney's passing rushes were most brilliant throughout the game. When the final whistle sounded, the scores remained unaltered. **(Evening News 19th June1909)**

Notes: There was one conflict in the scorers for Souths with the Sunday Times having Conlin kicking 3 goals and Green one but the Evening News (printed straight after the game) had Conlin 2 and Green 2 (this is the record used). Storie for Souths and Phelan for Wests were both injured and replaced by Cann and Wenban respectively. This was the first game for Harry Fletcher, Sam Shaw and William Wenban, who had all been playing consistently in Seconds. Samuel Shaw played in the following years before serving in WW1.

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