1919 Round 6 Saturday 28th June RAS Showground

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Glebe 8

Norm PROCTOR Tom LEGGO William STIRTON Mick SCANNELL Charlie OGLE Alec BOLEWSKI Bill BENSON Frank BURGE (c) Laidley BURGE Arthur GRAY Alex JOHNSTON Sam QUIGLEY Ted SWINSON W REYNOLDS

Alec BOLEWSKI (1)

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

Western Suburbs 5

Dick VEST Tom McCAULEY Roy FARNSWORTH Herb GILBERT (c) Wally COLLINS Alex McPHERSON George McGOWAN Clarrie TYE Joe REIDY William JOASS Jack REDMOND Clarrie PRENTICE Westley EASTERBROOK

Alex McPHERSON

Alex McPHERSON (1)

Tries

Goals

Tom LEGGO William STIRTON

Match Description

Glebe: Full-back, Proctor; three-quarters, Leggo, Stirton, Scannell, Ogle; halves, Bolewski, Benson; forwards, Swinson, Pye, L Burge, Johnston, F Burge, Gray

Western Suburbs: Full-back, Vest; three-quarters, Collins, Farnsworth, Gilbert, McCauley; halves, McPherson, McGowan; forwards, Tye, Joass, Prentice, Easterbrook, Redmond, Reidy Referee: T Dickenson

Western Suburbs kicked odd against the breeze. ... Wests' forwards were obtaining the ball from the scrum, but Glebe's tackling kept them held out. Both sides were playing hard and the ambulance man was required pretty often. Glebe now came with a rush, and Scannell was nearly in, but Wests' defence was too solid. At last Benson obtained and sent to Leggo, who scored. L Burge failed to convert. Scannell was now hurt and Reynolds took his place. Half-time then sounded, with Glebe leading by 3 points to nil.

On resuming Wests carried play to Glebe's territory, but Glebe's forwards, headed by F Burge and Pye, transferred play to the other end, where Stirton, following on, kicked over the line and scored. Bolewski added the extras. Glebe's backs were playing the better game. One of the Glebe forwards was retired, and the game became a scramble. From the scrum Redmond obtained and sent to McPherson who scored. He also converted the try. Glebe were having the best of the matters and were nearly in twice but Vest saved finely on each occasion. McPherson, obtaining from a scrum, kicked through and Gilbert, following on, lost the ball when a try seemed certain. Glebe were now hard pressed, but their forwards, working well, brought play to the centre. The full-time whistle then sounded. Final scores: Glebe 8, Western Suburbs 5. **(The Sun 28th June 1919)**

J Redmond re-appeared last week in the forwards of Western Suburbs, after a lengthy absence through influenza......veteran E Courtney was missed from the forwards of Western Suburbs in the Glebe match, especially after shaping so ably against the New Zealanders. (Arrow 4th July 1919)

The most notable features about this game was the amount of "slather" by each team.... Myrtle McGowan took advantage of a lull in the game while Zam-Buk was fixing a player up and casually swung onto Frank Burge's chin. Some fellows do pick their marks. What Frank should have done to the cheeky little beggar was to have put him across his knee and tanned his sit-me-down till he gave him a headache....... Mick Scannell had to leave the field owing to an injury and Ranji Reynolds took his place. Stirton, from the Seconds, got a doubtful try during the second spell, and Bolewski landed a goal.... (The Sydney Sportsman 2nd July 1919)

Notes: This looked to have been a very close, hard-fought match, with plenty of niggle. Athol White was out after playing for NSW and Vest went back to full-back, Farnsworth to the centres and McGowan back at half. Jack Redmond also returned after a severe bout of influenza. This was a rare missed match for Tedda Courtney – he must have had a hard match against the New Zealanders. Herb Gilbert, also backing up, had a chance to win the match late but dropped a pass.

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