



1908 Round 6 Saturday 30th May RAS Showground



Eastern Suburbs 9

def.

Western Suburbs 8

William FRY
 W SMITH
 David BROWN
 Horace MILLER
 Percy MACNAMRARA
 Harold KELLEY
 Lou D'ALPUGET
 Harry FLEGG (c)
 Herbert BRACKENREG
 Hash THOMPSON
 Bob MABLE
 Lou JONES
 Lawrence O'MALLEY

Fullback
Wing
Centre
Centre
Wing
Five-Eighth
Halfback
Lock
Second Row
Second Row
Front Row
Hooker
Front Row

Tom PHELAN
 Frank FROST
 Raymond GORMLEY
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Percy FRANKS
 James HODGSON
 Edward ELLIS
 William ELLIOTT
 Ted MEAD
 Robert ELLIS
 Jim STACK (c)
 Alfred MOUNT
 Jim ABERCROMBIE



Tries

Horace MILLER (2)
 David BROWN

Frank FROST
 James HODGSON

Goals

James HODGSON (1)

Match Description

In the early match at the Agricultural Ground, Eastern Suburbs continued their unbeaten record and Western Suburbs contra-distinctly added up their list of defeats, though it was a very narrow shave, the Westerners surprising their opponents..

Eastern Suburbs - S Fry, fullback; W Smith D Brown, H Miller and P V J Macnamara, three-quarters; L D'Alpuget half; H Kelley, five-eighth; L O'Malley. L Jones, R Mable, H Thompson, H Brackenrigg and H Flegg, forwards

Western Suburbs - Phelan, fullback; Booth, Frost, C McFadden and P Franks, three-quarters; Hodgson and E Ellis, halves; J Abercrombie, T Mount, E Mead, J Stack (c), R Elliott and W Elliott, forwards (**R Elliott is R Ellis and Booth is Ray Gormley**) **Mr G Seabrook referee**

Eastern Suburbs kicked off and the play was at once transferred to WS 25. Some good and fast football followed, with WS defending with success for some time. Miller, the ES fast three-quarter, intercepted a pass from one of the opposing three-quarters, and, sprinting strongly, scored a fine try, which Jones failed to convert. ES 3 to nil.

The wind was keeping ES back a bit, but they were nevertheless playing all over their opponents. Miller and D'Alpuget were showing good form in attack, with Ellis and McFadden conspicuous for Western Suburbs. Eventually WS got going with the ball at their toes. Dribbling well, Hodgson fell over and scored a try; Abercrombie failed at goal - 3 points all. D'Alpuget next secured from a scrummage, and sent it to Brown, who gained a lot of ground before passing to Miller, who, running fast, scored in the corner. Jones failed at goal. Half-time, Eastern Suburbs 6 to 3.

Western Suburbs showed a bold front on returning and had the Eastern Suburbs 'racehorses' defending for a while. D'Alpuget saved with a good 'line kick'. WS were penalised and Thompson just missed scoring a goal. Soon after, Miller almost scored a third try, Phelan just grabbing him in time. MacNamara was here conspicuous for some fine play. But Phelan was again sound; he was a great improvement on past performance at fullback for the side. WS forwards got the ball going again at the feet again, and Frost scored another try, which Hodgson converted amid much cheering. Western Suburbs thus led by 8 to 6.

Eastern Suburbs now rose to the occasion. They were soon over the line through the agency of D'Alpuget, who sent it on to Brown, who scored in the corner. Thompson failed at goal. ES 9 to WS 8. The scores were unaltered at the close. Western Suburbs showed improved form, being beaten by only 1 point - 9 to 8. (**Sunday Times 31st May, 1908**)

.....The referee, Mr. G. Seabrook, made a mistake which cost W.S. the game. He blew his whistle when they looked like securing a try, thinking that the man with the ball had gone out of touch..... (**The Referee 3rd June 1908**)

Notes: One newspaper had a Booth as playing on the wing but not listed in others. It appears to be a misprint and as Ray Gormley played in the centres in the next game (and appeared in other team lists for this game) it's fair to assume he played in the centres in this game. Again, there was confusion over Robert (forward) and Edward (halfback) Ellis. The report in The Referee said that Wests should have won the game except for a poor refereeing decision. This was the first appearance for Frank Frost.