



1955 Round 7 Sunday 29th May Redfern Oval



South Sydney 27

def.

Western Suburbs 2

Clive CHURCHILL
 Ian MOIR
 Martin GALLAGHER
 Greg HAWICK
 Bob HONEYSETT
 Johnny DOUGHERTY
 Col DONOHOE
 Les COWIE
 Jack RAYNER (c)
 Bernie PURCELL
 Denis DONOGHUE
 Ernie HAMMERTON
 Jim RICHARDS

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

Dick MURPHY
 Bill BAILEY
 Jack FITZGERALD
 Don COLLIER
 Barry OWEN
 Bill BROWN
 Keith HOLMAN (c)
 Nev CHARLTON
 Bill CARSON
 Pat HYDE
 Eddie HOOPER
 Hec FARRELL
 John HARRISON



Tries Bob HONEYSETT (2)
 Johnny DOUGHERTY (2)
 Jack RAYNER

Goals Bernie PURCELL (6) Dick MURPHY (1) Field Goal

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Murphy; three-quarters: W Bailey, D Collier, J Fitzgerald, B Owen; five-eighth: W Brown; half: K Holman (c); forwards: N Charlton, P Hyde, W Carson, J Harrison, H Farrell, E Hooper

South Sydney: Full-back: C Churchill; three-quarters: I Moir, M Gallagher, G Hawick, R Honeysett; five-eighth: J Dougherty; half: C Donohoe; forwards: L Cowie, B Purcell, J Rayner (c), J Richards, E Hammerton, D Donoghue **Referee: C Pearce (as per program Rugby League News 29th May 1955)**

Rugby League Test stars Clive Churchill and Keith Holman yesterday answered the Metropolitan selectors who had dropped them from the Combined Sydney team. They played outstanding football in the South Sydney v Western Suburbs match at Redfern Oval. Souths, at full strength for the first time this season, returned to form and won 27-2. Churchill, playing full-back for Souths, repeatedly linked up with the three-quarters to start attacking moves. He figured in moves which brought three of the five tries Souths scored. He produced a stroke of genius in the move for the last try, which right-winger Bobby Honeysett scored six minutes before the end. Lock Les Cowie broke through from half-way and passed to second-rower Bernie Purcell. Churchill moved up into the attack and got the ball from Purcell on Wests' 25 line. Wests' defence bore down on him. But right in the face of it, Churchill squatted on the ground and a high tackle passed over his head. With the Wests' players then off-balance, Churchill immediately sprang to his feet and whipped a quick pass to Purcell, who had moved outside him. Purcell sent the ball on to Honeysett, who scored. Holman, although on a badly beaten side, was always a worry to Souths. His brilliant, constructive play behind the scrums and rucks started many moves which his team-mates were unable to capitalise. He narrowly missed two tries himself following his well-known short kick. **(Daily Telegraph 30th May 1955)**

Lock Len Cowie and centre Greg Hawick starred in South Sydney's comfortable win over Western Suburbs, by 27 points to 2, at Redfern Oval yesterday. Cowie's nose was broken in the first five minutes of play. When a break in play came, a doctor examined Cowie and pushed the broken bone back into place. Cowie immediately resumed playing and stayed there until the finish. Moreover, he gave his most convincing display of the season, marked by excellent positional play. His tackling was sound. Cowie showed that, when fit and in form, he is still Sydney's most constructive lock forward. The nearest Wests got to scoring was when Holman, from a scrum in the second half, short-kicked, dashed through, and just failed to catch the ball over the goal-line. Donohoe also shaped well. He worked some good moves with the speedy Dougherty, and made one splendid burst in the second half, and defended soundly. South Sydney, at full strength for the first time, gave its best display in weeks. The teamwork was good, the inside backs were enterprising, and, with their combined speed, outshone their opponents. The pack played strongly, and the work was capped by the goal-kicking of Purcell, who landed six goals in his first seen attempts, but missed with three subsequent kicks. Young right-winger Honeysett scored his first try after beating full-back Murphy's attempt to tackle him. He also kept Bailey in check. Murphy scored Wests' only points by snapping a field goal early in the play. Lock Nev Charlton played solidly, though affected by a heavy cold. Five-eighth Brown ran hard. **(Sydney Morning Herald 30th May 1955)**

Notes: Souths fielded a full strength team for the first time in the season and they comprehensively outplayed Wests, although Holman, Charlton and Brown all played solidly in a beaten team. Churchill was back to his brilliant best, ably supported by Greg Hawick and Les Cowie. Cowie and Charlton finished with equal honours as the two best locks in Sydney.