



1919 Round 8 Saturday 12th July Sydney Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 18

def.

South Sydney 8

Athol WHITE
 Dick VEST
 Herb GILBERT (c)
 Tom McCAULEY
 Wally COLLINS
 Alex McPHERSON
 George McGOWAN
 Clarrie TYE
 Jack REDMOND
 William JOASS
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 Edward COURTNEY

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

Dave LINDSAY
 Harold HORDER
 Rex NORMAN
 Clarrie HORDER
 Cecil BLINKHORN
 Alfred BLAIR
 E ANDERSON
 Perc HORNE
 John KERWICK (c)
 Reuben BAKER
 Harold HOLMES
 George MOORE
 Arthur OXFORD

Tries

Dick VEST
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 Wally COLLINS
 Edward COURTNEY

Cecil BLINKHORN
 Harold HORDER

Goals

Alex McPHERSON (3)

Arthur OXFORD (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: A White, full-back; W Collins, H Gilbert (c), T McCauley, R Vest, three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; G McGowan, half-back; C Tye, W Joass, C Prentice, W Easterbrook, E Courtney and J Redmond, forwards

South Sydney: D Lindsay, full-back; H Horder, R Norman, C Horder and C Blinkhorn, three-quarters; A Blair, five-eighth; E Anderson, half-back; J Baker, P Horne, H Holmes, C Moore, A Oxford and J Kerwick (c), forwards **Referee W Neill**

Wests kicked off, and a fumble by Horder left the Blacks in a strong position. They were awarded a free right in front of goal and McPherson easily notched his first score. Wests 2-0. After even play in the centre, a free to Souths sent the ball out near Wests' line. Anderson sneaked the ball from the next scrum, and, though the ball was sent along slowly, Blair gave to Norman, who, in the act of falling, set Blinkhorn going, and Souths gained a try, which was converted by Oxford. Souths 5-2. From a scrum the ball travelled to C Horder, who cut in nicely and passed out to H Horder, who streaked for the line like a greyhound and scored near the corner post. Oxford just missed the goal. Souths 8-2. Wests responded in great style. A couple of frees for Wests in handy position looked as if they were gifts for McPherson, but Gilbert punted out instead of giving the half a chance. Souths 8-2 at half-time. Wests added two points soon after resuming, McPherson kicking a penalty goal. Souths 8-4. Redmond sent out to Collins, who notched the first try for Wests. McPherson missed. Souths 8-7. Souths had their opponents bottled up in the 25 for a time, but the Blacks gradually pushed Souths back, and in a forward dash Redmond, after several dummy passes, sent to Courtney, who dashed over. McPherson failed again. Wests 10-8. Souths were now up against it. Courtney broke through, but was brought down by Norman. Wests' forwards, however, showed out conspicuously, and Prentice, dodging well, got over the line, and behind the posts. McPherson a goal. Wests 15-8. Souths now appeared to have no chance. Wests were repeatedly attacking, and just before the close the ball went from Gilbert to McCauley, to Vest, who scored in the corner. McPherson missed. Wests 18-8. **(The Sunday Times 13th July 1919)**

..... If Souths had possessed a pack anything like that of a few years ago, they could not have lost the match after getting such a lead. But the Western forwards were on top of them, and the game went all one way through the second half....R Vest, chosen right-wing three-quarter against Queensland, has scored at least one try in each one of five of the last six matches for Western Suburbs. On the short side, he is well built and nippy, but is open to improvement in defence. **(Arrow 18th July 1919)**

The inclusion of Vest was the surprise of the season. A good club winger, but just a straight runner. I could pick three others before him, his club mate, Collins, would have given more satisfaction. **(The Sydney Sportsman 16th July 1919)**

Notes: This was a very good win for Wests. Souths looked to be back to their best early and when you look at the dashing back-line, with the Horder brothers and Cecil Blinkhorn, Souths had a powerful team. The Wests' forwards however, led as usual by Tedda Courtney, gradually got on top and continued their recent dominance of Souths. Note the reference to Dick Vests' first representative selection. The Arrow was supportive but the Sportsman really got it wrong – Vest starred in the game against Queensland, scoring one of his many representative tries for NSW and Australia (10 for NSW, 4 for Australia).