



1932 Round 8 Saturday 2nd July Sydney Sports Ground



South Sydney 12

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Albert SPILLANE
 Benny WEARING
 Jack MORRISON
 Pat MAHER (c)
 Jack WHY
 Percy WILLIAMS
 Jim DEELEY
 Sid HARRIS
 Frank O'CONNOR
 George TREWEEKE
 Eddie ROOT
 Jack PETERSON
 Eric LEWIS

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

Frank McMILLAN
 Alan BRADY
 Ray MORRIS
 Cliff PEARCE
 Alan RIDLEY
 Jack McGLINN
 Les MEAD
 Bill RYAN
 Frank SPILLANE
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill BROGAN (c)
 Bill CARPENTER
 Cecil RHODES



Tries Eddie ROOT
 Benny WEARING

Ray MORRIS
 Frank McMILLAN

Goals Benny WEARING (2)
 Percy WILLIAMS (1)

Charlie CORNWELL (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: A Spillane; three-quarters: B Wearing, J Morrison (capt), P Maher, J Why; halves: P Williams, J Deeley; forwards: G Trewেকে, F O'Connor, E Root, J Peterson, E Lewis

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: A Ridley, C Pearce, R Morris, A Brady; halves: L Mead, J McGlinn; forwards: W Ryan, C Cornwell, F Spillane, C Rhodes, W Carpenter, W Brogan (capt) **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 30th July 1932)**

Fourteen thousand spectators were treated to a stirring exhibition in the main League fixture. The winners had a little extra finish to give them victory. Western Suburbs captain Brogan, having won the toss, elected to play with the sun behind his team thus gaining the only natural advantage possible on the day. The object was to gain as many points as possible in the first half and then rely on stamina and condition to hold the advantage to the final bell. The black and white side certainly had the better of matters in this first period but owing to Wearing's ability with penalty shots and Cornwell's lapse in this department they gained only a point advantage the half time score being Western Suburbs 5 South Sydney 4.

Early in the second half the South Sydney men who up to this stage had been unfortunate not to score on several occasions gained temporary control of the play and after several brilliant passing bursts Root and Wearing touched down and the premiers had a handy lead of 12 points to 5. The losers then gave of their best and both teams staged fast and spectacular movements but the teams were so evenly matched that the bursts ended within inches of the goal line. McMillan and Pearce were then seen in a hand to hand passing rush and the Australian Test fullback was grassed by Morrison a yard from the South Sydney line. The impact was terrific and Morrison had to receive attention. McMillan however was not to be denied and when Western Suburbs was awarded a penalty a few moments later the full back punted the ball high and following through fast took the leather out of A Spillane's hands and touched down for a try. The Touch Judge's flags were hoisted after McMillan's attempt to convert but referee Deane ruled no goal. The full time bell rang giving South Sydney the match by the margin of four points each side having notched two tries. The extra man in the back division and a slight advantage in the centre three quarter positions made sufficient difference to the winners play to earn them the points. Ryan, Western Suburbs man of parts, who was playing in first grade after a term in reserve grade, was taken out of the pack after Root had scored and proved a capable player in the back division. Maher and Morrison demonstrated their ability as a centre combination and shaded Pearce and Morris, still Pearce was the outstanding three-quarter and his determined thrusts gave the opposition many anxious moments. Morris was weak and continually jolted the attack. F McMillan was considerably superior to A Spillane at full back. Brogan Cornwell and Ryan did best for Western Suburbs but Carpenter was not as successful at raking as Petersen. Williams and Deeley in the half back positions were superior to Mead and McGlinn as a combination but Mead gave of his best and deserved better results. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 4th July 1932)**

Notes: Frank Sponberg was out with a leg injury, replaced by Bill Ryan. Lindfield was also out, replaced by Bill Carpenter and this was a major factor in the game as Jack Peterson, an ex-Wests player won the scrums convincingly. Souths, with a surfeit of possession, were able to dominate in the backs, although Les Mead, at half, was also a dominant player. Goal-kicking was again a major issue with many missed shots in a close game, Root's try for Souths was acknowledged as the try of the year. There was a sensation near the end as McMillan took a penalty kick as an up and under and took the ball straight out of A Spillane's hands to score. Souths were the slightly better team on the day in yet another close match between two evenly matched teams.