



1913 Round 8 Saturday 5th July Sydney Sports Ground



South Sydney 29

def.

Western Suburbs 5

Howard HALLETT
 Clarrie HORDER
 Harold HORDER
 Hash THOMPSON
 Os BROWN
 Arthur McCABE
 Arthur BUTLER (c)
 William LEWIS
 William CANN
 Eddie HILLIARD
 Owen McCARTHY
 Harry BUTLER
 William SPENCE

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

Harry CLARK
 Claude McFAYDEN
 Harold BISSETT
 Henry NAYLOR
 Charles ROTHWELL
 Ray STEWARD
 George GAGAN
 William JOASS
 Stan CARR
 William FOORD
 Albert BURDUS
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Edward COURTNEY (c)



Tries

William CANN (2)
 Harold HORDER (2)
 Arthur BUTLER
 Clarrie HORDER
 William LEWIS

George GAGAN

Goals

Howard HALLETT (1)
 Harold HORDER (1)
 William SPENCE (1)
 Hash THOMPSON (1)

William FOORD (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back, H Hallett; three-quarters, C Horder, H Horder, H Thompson, O Brown; halves, A J McCabe, A Butler (c); forwards, W Spence, H Butler, O McCarthy, E Hilliard, W A Cann, W Lewis

Western Suburbs: Full-back, H Clark; three-quarters, C McFayden, H Naylor, H V Bissett, C Rothwell; halves, G Gagen, R Steward; forwards, E Courtney (c), W Easterbrook, A Burdus, W Foord, S Carr, W Joass **Referee, Mr A Farrow.**

Western Suburbs attacked strenuously from the commencement; and were pressing continuously, but Hallett's defence was an impenetrable barrier, and his long punts frequently cleared dangerous positions. C Horder made a couple of dashes along touch and placed South Sydney in a good attacking position. From a passing punt Lewis registered South Sydney's first score, and H Horder converted. South Sydney 5 to nil. Western Suburbs became aggressive, and the backs, combining nicely, Naylor, by a fine spurt, placed Bissett in a good position. The three-quarter made headway, then transferred to Gagen, who outpaced his opponents, and scored in a good position. Foord goaled, and the scores at half-time were 5 points all.

Western Suburbs restarted brightly but Hallett cleared, and setting South Sydney on the attack, their backs completely nonplussed their opponents with brilliant passing movements that were bewildering in their rapidity. Tries came quickly – H Horder (two), Cann (two), and A Butler and C Horder (one each), Hallett, Thompson and Spence kicked goals. Joass was injured towards the close, and was forced to retire for a while, but reappeared, and played to the finish. Western Suburbs could do nothing to check the attacking movements of their speedy opponents, and the final score of 29 points to 5 accurately demonstrates the difference between the two sides on the day's play. **(Sydney Morning Herald 7th July 1913)**

"The sending out by the League for the rest of the season of a player for using language to the referee, and the suspension of another player for having a word or two in the dressing room ought to have a quieting effect on a number of other players on various grades who haven't got proper control over their beer funnels.

Lots of footballers are not aware that the referee has control over the players in the dressing room as well as in the field, and it is a very common occurrence to hear say, Smacker Smith, confiding to his cobber loud enough for the referee to hear that the latter's father is still a rollicking bachelor, or that the presentation of a gory rule would be of great service to him – of course this always occurs when the ref has the bad luck to step in the loser's room. No doubt these penalties will have a deterring effect." **(The Sydney Sportsman 9th July 1913)**

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Notes: This was a disappointing second half as they fell away in defence, but this South Sydney team was full of stars. The Sportsman comments from "The Scrum", as he was called, are very funny, but also showed the increasing trend to question referee's decisions.