



# 1960 Round 9 Sunday 29th May Redfern Oval



## South Sydney 22

def.

## Western Suburbs 13

Darrel CHAPMAN  
 Fonda METASSA  
 Allan SCOTT  
 Arthur LANG  
 Eric SLADDEN  
 Ron LOVETT  
 Ken ANDERSON  
 John GUDGEON  
 Merv CROSS  
 Fred NELSON  
 Charlie GIBSON  
 Brian MURRAY  
 Bernie PURCELL (c)

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

Ken BRAY  
 Dave BARSLEY  
 Harry WELLS (c)  
 Arthur SUMMONS  
 Peter DIMOND  
 Keith HOLMAN  
 Don MALONE  
 John CONNA  
 Kel O'SHEA  
 Garry RUSSELL  
 Denis MEANEY  
 Bede GOFF  
 Nev CHARLTON



### Tries

Ken ANDERSON (2)  
 Bernie PURCELL  
 Eric SLADDEN

Ken BRAY  
 John CONNA  
 Harry WELLS

### Goals

Bernie PURCELL (5)

Ken BRAY (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: K Bray; three-quarters: I Moir, H Wells (c), A Summons, P Dimond; five-eighth: K Holman; half: D Malone; forwards: J Conna, G Russell, K O'Shea, D Meaney, B Goff, N Charlton

**South Sydney:** Full-back: D Chapman; three-quarters: F Metassa, A Scott, A Lang, E Sladden; five-eighth: R Lovett; half: K Anderson; forwards: J Gudgeon, M Cross, F Nelson, C Gibson, B Murray, B Purcell (c) **Referee: L Samuelson (as per program Rugby League News 28-29th May 1960 + changes Sunday Telegraph 28th May 1960)**

South Sydney Rugby League team yesterday became a strong contender for semi-final honours. Souths, in a bright, convincing display, defeated Western Suburbs 22-13 at Redfern Oval. Souths led 17-8 at half-time. Captain Bernie Purcell scored 13 of Souths' 22 points. Souths' forwards, with hooker Brian Murray and second-rower Fred Nelson starring, were much too speedy for the bigger Wests' pack. The South backline always was more dangerous. The solid defence of centres Arthur Lang and Allan Scott repeatedly broke up Wests' backline movements. Lang, who after the match had two stitches inserted in a cut right eyebrow, "tamed" Kangaroo star Harry Wells. Souths' half Ken Anderson was one of the best players on the field. He scored two tries in the first half and repeatedly set his backline moving. Surprise of the match was Souths' hooker Murray. He almost shaded representative hooker Bede Goff. Goff won the scrums 18-17. Midway through the first half Anderson scored a snap try. Purcell converted to give Souths a 9-0 grip on the game. Lock Conna scored a converted try after Holman made a good run and kicked cleverly. Tries by Sladden and Anderson and a goal by Purcell gave South a 17-8 lead at half-time. Purcell scored Souths' only try in the second half with a strong 20 yard dash from a ruck to score wide out. **(Daily Telegraph 29th May 1960)**

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**Notes:** The continuing team re-shuffling was again taking its toll. Darcy Russell, in a rare occurrence, was out injured replaced by ex-Balmain player, Ken Bray. Arthur Summons was tried in the centres with Keith Holman going to five-eighth and Don Malone filling in at half. John Conna again went into lock and had a strong game. Harry Wells was surprisingly subdued while Holman had his usual inspiring game. Bede Goff, also surprisingly, only won the scrums narrowly and Souths had a bigger than expected share of the ball.