



1917 Round 1 Saturday 12th May Sydney Cricket Ground



South Sydney 13

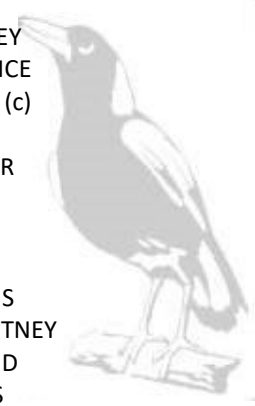
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Western Suburbs 5

Wally DYMANT
 Gordon VAUGHAN
 C PHELPS
 Clarrie HORDER
 William BRUCE
 Jim BREEN
 George McGOWAN
 Bill GROVES
 Eddie HILLIARD
 George MOORE
 John KERWICK
 Arthur OXFORD
 Roy ALMOND (c)

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

Athol WHITE
 Tom McCAULEY
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 Herb GILBERT (c)
 Paddy BURNS
 Claude POTTER
 Alf BOSSI
 Harold LEDDY
 Hector LEE
 Albert BURDUS
 Edward COURTNEY
 Jack REDMOND
 William JOASS



Tries
 William BRUCE
 Clarrie HORDER
 John KERWICK

Tom McCAULEY

Goals Wally DYMANT (2)

Athol WHITE (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: W Dymant, full-back; W Bruce, B Phelps, C Horder, G Vaughan, three-quarters; J Breen, five-eighth; G McGowan, half; E Hilliard, W Groves, A Oxford, G Moore, J Kerwick, R Almond (capt), forwards

Western Suburbs: A White, full-back; T McCauley, C W Prentice, H Gilbert (capt), P Burns, three-quarters; C Potter, five-eighth; A Bossi, half; W Joass, E Courtney, J Redmond, A Burdus, H Lee, H J Leddy, forwards **C Russell, referee**

Western Suburbs won the toss, and defended the Paddington end, with the breeze against them. South Sydney were awarded a penalty, and Dymant kicked a goal. Western Suburbs were playing a very strong game, but, in numerous instances, in marked contrast to their opponents, failed to grass the man in possession of the ball. After a strong attack near Wests' line, a scrum was formed, from which the ball went to Bossi, to Leddy, to Courtney, to Prentice, and inside the half-way McCauley received the pass and going on scored a great try for Wests. 3-2. After the resumption there was nothing to choose between teams until nearing the end of the game, when the superior condition of South Sydney asserted itself. Western Suburbs played a magnificent game until the close, when C Horder, Bruce and Kerwick scored tries and Dymant kicked a second goal. **(The Sunday Times 13th May 1917)**

Western Suburbs Items -Mr E McFayden, hon secretary of the Western Suburbs District Club, sends me the following news relating to the first grade team: "Officials of the team for the season 1917 are – Captain, Gilbert; vice-captain, E Courtney; selectors, C W Prentice, E Courtney, H Gilbert. The following 17 players are chosen for the first grade team – A White, C W Prentice, H Gilbert, E Courtney, T McCauley, P Burns, A Burns, C Potter, A McPherson, J Redmond, A Burdus, A Smith, F Holt, R Vest, H J Leddy, H Lee, W Joass" **(Arrow 12th May 1917)**

They Ought to be Good - W Joass, no junior, by the way, struck me as being the best all-round forward. He was far less showy than the other five, but he was there all the time doing his share with persistent energy.....and J Redmond might have been a jolly good man on the side in the later stages but for the fact that he managed to reach the spot for action often after the ball had been carried elsewhere. The spirit was willing; the flesh was weak..... H J Leddy shaped well, but Lee needs coaching in the art of fielding the ball in any position, whether it be on the ground or in the air, and especially to appreciate that two hands are better than one.A Burdus ought to make the finest of all the forwards, and will probably do so when he discovers that the ball, or the man with it, is the main thing.To sum Western Suburbs up, I should say they are the makings of a capital team, The backs ought to be capable of developing into something good if the forwards get together and give us their best.P Burns came in as five-eighth in the second half, and for a time in the first half, Burns, to my mind, ought to have been played scrum-half from start to finish. He shaped so well in that position in the trial match against South Sydney that one does not know why he is not given the work when the colours are up.H Gilbert was the best back and very good at that. **(Arrow 19th May 1917)**

Notes: This was a radically new team for Wests. Notable inclusions were the great Herb Gilbert from Easts, Jack Redmond, ex-Glebe, returning from war, Patrick "Paddy" Burns from Newtown, Albert Burdus coming back after playing for Wests in 1913 and Claude Potter (known as George) from Balmain. Clarrie Prentice had moved from the forwards to partner Gilbert in the centres, a move which worked well in the trials. Wests had beaten Souths in the trials and were expected to perform well but the loss seemed to have been due to a lack of condition in the final minutes. They dropped the ball twice in scoring positions as well. Paddy Burns broke his leg and didn't play another game in the season.