



1918 Round 11 Saturday 13th July RAS Showground



Western Suburbs 14

def.

Glebe 13

Dick VEST
 Tom McCAULEY
 Paddy BURNS
 Herb GILBERT (c)
 Wally COLLINS
 Alex McPHERSON
 Albert JOHNSTON
 Harold LEDDY
 Jack REDMOND
 Clarrie PRENTICE
 William JOASS
 William PALMER
 Edward COURTNEY

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

Norm PROCTOR
 Reg STAPLETON
 Mick SCANNELL
 Dave BROLLY
 George REYNOLDS
 Eddie GALLAGHER
 Bill BENSON
 Frank BURGE (c)
 Alby BURGE
 Arthur GRAY
 Ted SWINSON
 Jack KNIGHT
 Sid PERT

Tries Tom McCAULEY (2)

Bill BENSON
 Frank BURGE
 Ted SWINSON

Goals Alex McPHERSON (3)
 Jack REDMOND (1)

Alby BURGE (1)
 Arthur GRAY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: R Vest, full-back; H Gilbert (capt), T Boland, P Burns and W Collins, three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; A Johnson, half; H J Leddy, J Redmond, W Joass, C W Prentice, W Palmer and E Courtney, forwards

Glebe: N Proctor, full-back; R Stapleton, M Scannell, D Brolly, and G Reynolds, three-quarters; F Gallagher, five-eighth; W Benson, half; F Burge (capt), E Swinson, A B Burge, A Gray, J Knight and S Pert, forwards **T McMahan, referee**

Glebe kicked off against the wind. The ball, in fact, seemed to be slippery,... Courtney passed to Leddy, who was collared on the line. Here a free was awarded Wests, and McPherson landed a goal. W.S. 2-0 Scannell set the Glebe backs moving, but it remained for F Burge, who took from Benson, to make a response for Glebe. He raced for the corner, and though tackled on the line, scored a great try. A B Burge went close to a goal. Glebe 3 to 2..... Glebe attacked with great persistence at this stage, and from a scrum Benson tore around and added a try. A B Burge failed in his kick. Glebe 6-2. Immediately afterwards Wests broke through, and near the line Boland booted the ball past Proctor and scored near the corner. McPherson placed Wests in the lead with an excellent kick. 7-6. A force by Wests, and then Burns and Gilbert started, first Collins (well collared by Proctor) on the right, and then Boland, on the left. The last-named, very fast at all times, outpaced Scannell and landed his second try. McPherson missed. Wests 10-6.

... One of the Wests' forwards had been cautioned in the first half, but some forceful work at this point, resulted in Palmer being sent off the field. Despite the loss of a player, Wests were holding their opponents, and a long kick into touch by Gilbert put his side in a good position. From an awkward angle McPherson kicked a good goal. Wests 12-6. Next, to a chorus of Red, Red, Red Reynolds ran well on the wing and centred. In the race for the ball F Burge ran into Gilbert as the ball dropped; Pert snapped it up and sent to Swinson, who worked his way out of a tackler's hands and scored behind the goal. A B Burge easily added the extras. W.S. 12-11. Excitement ran high, and from a few yards short of half-way Redmond landed a goal. Wests 14-11. McPherson had kicked more ground than ball in a previous free, and hurt his knee. An easy chance from a free was missed by A B Burge, but Gray soon put the ball over the bar. Wests 14-13..... Wests' goal-kicking had won the match. **(The Sunday Times 14th July 1918)**

...When J Redmond kicked that goal against Glebe, he shaped with all the ginger of a man going for the Germans. He shot his foot into the ball and the entire weight and impetus of his burly body into the effort, and when the ball sailed true it made a perfect kick. **(Arrow 19th July 1918)**

Notes: This was the game that gave Wests the chance, even favouritism, to become Premiers. They were two points in front of Glebe before the match and effectively knocked them out of the premiership race. This was a great win as Wests were down a man, William Palmer, the hooker, for most of the second half. The Arrow's judgement was right because he only received a caution. The note on McPherson was ominous. He kicked the turf badly and wrenched his knee which meant he was out for the following match against Souths which would decide the Premiership. As it turned out Wests would lose without kicking a goal. The loss of the leading goal-kicker was obviously difficult. Jack Redmond's match-winning kick appeared to have been a beauty from near half-way.