



1919 Round 12 Saturday 16th August North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 21

def.

North Sydney 9

Athol WHITE
 Tom McCAULEY
 Paddy BURNS
 Bill CONNELLY
 Wally COLLINS
 Alex McPHERSON
 George McGOWAN
 Clarrie TYE
 Joe REIDY
 William JOASS
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 Jack REDMOND
 Edward COURTNEY (c)

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

Ted TAPLIN (c)
 Herman PETERS
 Bob DENHAM
 Jim WARD
 G CLAREMONT
 Os DEANE
 J KING
 Robert DUNWORTH
 Jack GREENWOOD
 William GOURLAY
 Alf FAULL
 George GREEN
 Ted JONES

Tries Tom McCAULEY (3)
 Alex McPHERSON
 Paddy BURNS

Ted JONES

Goals Bill CONNELLY (2)
 Alex McPHERSON (1)

Jim WARD (2)
 Ted JONES (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, White; three-quarters, Collins, Connelly, Burns, McCauley; halves, McGowan, McPherson; forwards, Tye, Joass, Courtney, Reidy, Easterbrook, Redmond

North Sydney: Full-back, Taplin; three-quarters, Peters, Ward, Denham, Clymont; halves, King, Deane; forwards, Faull, Jones, Dunworth, Green, Greenwood, Gourley **Referee: Mr A Thornton**

Joass kicked off for Western Suburbs, and play went to the opposite end. A passing rush by Deane and King, and a long kick by Ward, relieved North Sydney. White kicked to Taplin, whose return put Western Suburbs in trouble. From a scrum, Deane sent to King, to Ward, who was held up. Joass crossed a minute later, but was recalled. North Sydney kept up the attack, and for off-side play by Redmond was awarded a penalty. Ward kicked the goal. North Sydney kept Western Suburbs in their 25 for a considerable time. Reidy broke through and Courtney, joining in, they travelled to the opposite end. Here, McPherson had an unsuccessful shot at goal. North Sydney 2 to nil. From a resulting scrum McGowan secured and sent to McPherson, who had no difficulty in scoring. He failed to add the extras. Western Suburbs 3 to 2....North Sydney then started a passing rush, but Deane held on too long, and when he did get rid of the ball, Collins intercepted and raced to Taplin, with Burns in attendance. The latter scored, and although in a good position McPherson failed to kick the goal. Western Suburbs 6, North Sydney 2. North Sydney were penalised and Connelly kicked a good goal. Just on half-time McGowan secured, and racing around the blind side of the scrum sent to McPherson to McCauley, who scored in the corner. Connelly converted.. Western Suburbs 13 to 2. From the ruck the ball came to McCauley who scored in the corner. Connelly failed with the kick. North Sydney came back again, and Connelly was off-side. Ward had an easy kick. Western Suburbs 16 to 4. Western Suburbs then unwound a good passing rush. McGowan received from his forwards, sent to McPherson, to Burns, to Connelly, who cut through, but lost the ball when in a good position.....**(The Sun 16th August 1919)**

W Connelly, of Western Suburbs, made his first appearance for three years, and kicked two fine goals, one from near touch ... **Playing the Ball:** A player is to play the ball by putting it down in front of and between himself and his opponent's goal line. No player of either side is to lift either of his feet until the ball touches the ground.**(The Referee 20th August 1919)**

The barrackers at this game were extra rough and unreasonable. **(The Sydney Sportsman 20th August 1919)**

Notes: Wests were missing Gilbert, Vest and Prentice for this game as they were with the Australian team in New Zealand, so it was a very solid performance. McPherson again missed three easy shots at goal and he was replaced by Bill Connelly as goal-kicker for a while, who kicked two good goals, one from the sideline. Bill Connelly had not played since 1916 and had only just returned from the war. He played in the last two rounds and then did not play again. The Referee outlined the official rule changes as above. There had been significant unrest among spectators at the way the rules were being interpreted by referees and this was an attempt to clarify the scrummaging and the play the ball areas. Note the Sportsman comment – it seems the spectators regularly got unruly towards the end of the season!