



1919 Round 13 Saturday 23rd August Wentworth Park



Western Suburbs 10

def.

Glebe 8

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
Reserve

Dave BROLLY
 Tom LEGGO
 Alec BOLEWSKI
 Eddie SUMMERS
 Charlie OGLE
 Phil REGAN
 Bill BENSON
 Albert GRAY
 Laidley BURGE
 John PYE
 Alby BURGE
 Sid PERT (c)
 Ted SWINSON
 George REYNOLDS

Tries Tom McCAULEY (2)

Tom LEGGO
Charlie OGLE

Goals Alex McPHERSON (2)

Alec BOLEWSKI (1)

Match Description

Glebe: D Brolly (injured and replaced by G Reynolds), full-back; T Leggo, E Summers, A Bolewski, C Ogle, three-quarters; P Regan, five-eighth; W Benson, half-back; B Gray, L Burge, A B Burge, J Pye, S Pert, E Swinson, forwards

Western Suburbs: A White, full-back; W Collins, W Connelly, Patrick Burns, T McCauley, three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; G McGowan half-back; J Reidy, C Tye, W Joass, E Courtney, W Easterbrook, J Redmond, forwards **Referee: A Thornton.**

A B Burge kicked off against the breeze, and Glebe were compelled to force within a minute of starting.....In close play near centre Benson secured, sent to Regan, to Bolewski, who cut in finely, and sent to Summers, to Pert, to A B Burge, who lost the ball when a score looked certain. Glebe again attacked, Bolewski and Summers being responsible for some fine work. In Wests' territory Summers gave Ogle a chance, which resulted in the last-named scoring a good try in the corner. A B Burge failed. Glebe 3-0. The Reds were not long in scoring again. L Burge and Gray figured in a dribbling rush, which found Glebe near Wests' 25, where Bolewski picked up, passed to Summers, to Leggo, who scored under the posts. Bolewski goaled. Glebe 8-0. Redmond and Tye were prominent in attacks on Glebe line, where the Reds were penalised and McPherson landed an easy goal. Glebe 8-2. Play was of an interesting nature, but was marred by frequent scrums. Glebe backs (especially Bolewski and Summers) were playing fine football, but the handling was a little uncertain. From a scrum near Glebe's 25 McGowan sent to McCauley, to Collins, to McCauley, who raced over and scored near the posts. McPherson a goal. Glebe 8, Western Suburbs 7. Half-time. Western Suburbs attacked on opening the second half, but brilliant tackling kept them out. Benson relieved for a time, but the Blacks came again, and Regan found the line beyond the half-way flag. Glebe pressed, and White was compelled to force. Gray was prominent in forward rushes near Wests' line. On two occasions he was tackled within a few yards of the line. McPherson cleared, and a minute later the same player failed in a penalty kick. The game had been quiet for a time, but now livened up. A kick by Reynolds re-bounced off McGowan, the ball going over the line. McGowan secured, but lost it before he could score. Wests were unfortunate, Connelly failing with three penalty kicks that only missed the goal by inches. Play was of an exciting nature. From a scrum which broke quickly Courtney secured, sent to McCauley, who raced for the line and scored near the corner flag. Connelly failed. Glebe were attacking when the final whistle blew, leaving Western Suburbs winners by 10 points to 8. **(Sunday Times 24th August 1919)**

McCauley, besides his try-getting efforts, showed the best form on the ground, and is a much improved player. **(The Sydney Sportsman 27th August 1919)**

L Wall, the Balmain full-back, appears to be the target for abuse from a section of the barrackers, who labour under the idea that he committed some offence against trade-unionism in connection with the 1917 strike. He says: "I challenge anyone to prove I went back to work before the strike was declared off." It is deplorable that such things can be obtruded into sport even by the most one-eyed of barrackers... **(Arrow 5th September 1919)**

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Notes: This was a hard, fast open game with both sides having good chances to win. McCauley missed three shots at goal by inches so Wests were most probably deserved winners. Tom McCauley had one of his best games for Wests and had scored five tries in two games. Note the comment on Lyall Wall, Balmain full-back. This may be one of the reasons he moved residence and played with Wests in the following year. Herb Gilbert had been starring for Australia in NZ, scoring two tries in their 44-21 win.