



# 1918 Round 13 Saturday 27th July St Luke's Park



## Western Suburbs 11

def.

## North Sydney 10

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

Ted TAPLIN  
Herman PETERS  
Reg FARNELL  
Os DEANE  
Cecil BLINKHORN (c)  
Wal MURPHY  
Bob DENHAM  
Ted McINTYRE  
Jack McARTHUR  
Jim DUNWORTH  
L MORRIS  
George GREEN  
Stan LLOYD

### Tries

Wally COLLINS  
Edward COURTNEY  
Clarrie PRENTICE

Cecil BLINKHORN  
Wal MURPHY

### Goals

Alex McPHERSON (1)

Os DEANE (2)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, R Vest; three-quarters, H Gilbert, T Boland, P Burns, W Collins; halves, A Johnson and A McPherson; forwards, H J Leddy, J Redmond, W Joass, C W Prentice, W Palmer, E Courtney

**North Sydney:** Full-back, E Taplin; three-quarters, R Parnell, C Blinkhorn, H Peters, O Deane; halves, W Murphy, R Denham; forwards, E McIntyre, G Green, P J Dunsworth, J McArthur, E Morris and S Lloyd **Referee: C Russell**

When Redmond kicked off for Wests the ground was practically under water. Wests' forwards dribbled up to their opponents' line, but McPherson put the boot in too strongly, and the ball went out of touch. Gilbert got through a moment later, but after crossing lost the leather. Taplin returned to centre. After a long spell of scrambling play, during which Norths twice forced, Prentice picked up in Norths' 25, and dived over. Redmond failed at goal, making Western Suburbs 3 to nil. Courtney was the next to cross, the result of clever footwork by Redmond and McPherson. The last-named added the extras making the half-time scores; Western Suburbs 8, North Sydney nil.

Shortly after the second half started, Collins scored but Redmond failed to add the extras and the scores were now Western Suburbs 11, North Sydney nil. Deane, Peters, Green and Murphy were prominent in a passing movement, which ended in the last named scoring. Deane kicked the goal, making the scores Western Suburbs 11, North Sydney 5. In the concluding stages, Deane kicked a goal and Blinkhorn scored a try for Norths. The whistle went with the final scores Western Suburbs 11, North Sydney 10. **(The Evening News 27th July 1918)**

Owing to the wet ground the game was more or less of a scramble.... **(The Sun 27th July 1918)**

Redmond opened the game, with the ground under water, and the rain falling heavily. Scrums and "speculators" predominated, but the play favoured the home team, Norths being compelled to force on numerous occasions.....the half was not interesting, there being a total absence of concerted work on account of the wretched conditions. **(The Sunday Times 28th July 1918)**

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**Notes:** This was a game significantly affected by the weather. Most other sport in Sydney was called off and St Luke's Park was a bog. The forwards were dominant early but obviously were affected by the heavy track and just held on in the end. McPherson was obviously still feeling the effects of his injured knee and didn't take the first shot at goal. When Redmond missed, he took one and landed it, but then didn't have another shot. Reidy, Bossi and Holt were reserves so obviously when both Bossi and Johnston were fit, Albert Johnston was the preferred five-eighth or half. Souths beat Glebe 15-11 in a very close game on this day meaning they only had to beat Newtown in the last round to be Premiers.