



# 1920 Round 14 Saturday 28th August Sydney Cricket Ground



## Western Suburbs 29

def.

## Eastern Suburbs 5

Athol WHITE  
 Llyall WALL  
 Paddy BURNS  
 Herb GILBERT (c)  
 Wally COLLINS  
 Frank GRAY  
 Alf BOSSI  
 Harold LEDDY  
 William JOASS  
 Harry TANCRED  
 Clarrie TYE  
 Clarrie PRENTICE  
 Edward COURTNEY

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

Fred HUME  
 Les ARTHUR  
 Jim CROWELL  
 Edward CONNERTON  
 Tommy BURNS  
 Harry CAPLES  
 Sid KAUFMAN  
 Stan KING  
 Alfie THOMPSON  
 Bill CAMERON  
 Robert WILLIAMS  
 Sid PEARCE (c)  
 Charlie LEES  
 C STEEL

### Tries

Herb GILBERT (2)  
 Paddy BURNS  
 Wally COLLINS  
 Frank GRAY  
 Harry TANCRED  
 Llyall WALL

C STEEL

### Goals

Llyall WALL (3)  
 Clarrie PRENTICE (1)

Jim CROWELL (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** A White, full-back; L Wall, H Gilbert, P Burns, W Collins, three-quarters; F Gray, five-eighth; G Bossi, half-back; E Courtney, H J Leddy, H Tancred, W Joass, C W Prentice, C F Tye, forwards

**Eastern Suburbs:** F Hume, full-back; L Arthur, J Crowell, R Connerton, T Burns,, three-quarters; H Caples, five-eighth; S Kaufman, half-back (injured and replaced by C Steel); S King, A J Thompson, W Cameron, R Williams, S Pearce, C Lees, forwards **W P Finegan, referee**

Play for a time was very staid, with Western Suburbs somewhat the better generally and superior in the scrummages. Easts were breaking away from their own 25 (after a fine Western Suburbs passing rush had placed them on the defensive), when Burns intercepted a pass, and streaking from the 25 line, was tackled by Hume, but grounded the ball in-goal. Wall converted. 5 to nil. Soon Gilbert was over, running strongly after he took a pass. Another goal, and Wests led 10 to nil. Play favoured the Blacks, though before the next score a penalty goal came to Crowell. Then Gray, breaking along the wing, centred, and Tancred had an easy path to three points. Wall again converted. 15-2. Just prior to this score C Steel replaced Kaufman (injured shoulder).The game bore a Western Suburbs flavour, and after the ball came from the scrum Gilbert, in a tricky run, scored near the goal, but Wall failed in a very easy kick. 18-2. Half-time.

Superior scrummaging by Wests and very poor tackling by Easts were the cause of the difference in the teams. Early in the second term Western Suburbs' forwards, at the 25, heeled to Bossi, who whipped it to Gray. The five-eighth easily shook off the flimsy tackles and scored. 21-2. Easts were better scrummagers in this half, but Wests held them safely. For Western Suburbs, Wall and Collins scored, Prentice converting one. For Eastern Suburbs, Steel scored a try. **(Sunday Times 29th August 1920)**

...The Rugby League finding that the number of dates before the season closes is too small to permit of the usual programme being carried out, has decided to play the First Grade matches today. The programme is: Balmain v Western Suburbs..... **(The Referee 1st September 1920)**

**Notes:** Wests bounced back to form with a thorough beating of Easts. Once again the team was being affected by injuries but it was still a solid performance. Alf Bossi made his first appearance for the year after playing in Seconds and Paddy Burns returned after a long absence and a game in Seconds where he scored a try. Frank Gray emphasised his ability with another try (6 tries in 3 games). Athol White finally got a run at full-back after being in good form, forcing Llyall Wall out to the wing. Dick Vest was still injured. Note the reference in *The Referee*; the Rugby League decided to play the following match on the Wednesday, and after Balmain beating Wests call the rest of the season off, with Balmain declared Premiers.