



1918 Round 14 Saturday 3rd August Wentworth Park



Western Suburbs 19

def.

Annandale 5

Athol WHITE
 Dick VEST
 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

N McGUINNESS
 R GOUGH
 Henry PIDCOCK
 William GEOGHEGAN (c)
 Sidney HUGHES
 Ernie USHER
 Arthur BUTLER
 G JOLLY
 G EVES
 E BATES
 Robert STUART
 Bill LUCAS
 M CUSACK

Tries

Paddy BURNS
 Wally COLLINS
 Herb GILBERT
 William JOASS
 Dick VEST

William GEOGHEGAN

Goals

Alex McPHERSON (2)

Sidney HUGHES (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back, White; three-quarters, Vest, Gilbert, Burns, Collins; halves, Johnson, McPherson; forwards, Leddy, Redmond, Joass, Prentice, Palmer, Courtney

Annandale: Full-back, McGuinness; three-quarters, Hughes, Pidcock, Geoghegan, Gough; halves, Butler, Usher; forwards, Bates, Lucas, Jolly, Cusack, Stewart **H Millington, referee**

Annandale versus Western Suburbs at Wentworth Park, panned out a very attractive game. Wests made the pace from the start, and from a scrum in Annandale's 25 a quick passing movement ended in Burns scoring. Annandale attacked strongly, and showed good combination, and were unlucky not to score on several occasions. From a scrum in Wests' territory the ball reached Hughes, who made a good run along the wing, but was pulled down close to the line. Annandale forwards were holding their own with Wests' heavier pack, and play continued very even, being punctuated by smart passing movements by both sides, Gilbert and Geoghegan shining out on their respective sides. From a passing bout by Annandale Collins intercepted and scored. Shortly afterwards Prentice picked up in the 'Dales territory, and beating several men, transferred to Joass, who crossed. Half-time saw the scores: Western Suburbs 9, Annandale nil

Annandale attacked strongly immediately on the resumption, and had Wests defending. Wests again worked back to their opponents' territory, when a smart passing movement saw Gilbert score. McPherson converted. McPherson shortly afterwards landed another goal, making the scores 16 to nil. Annandale came again, and from a scrum the ball flew out to Pidcock, to Geoghegan to Gough, again to Geoghegan, who ran in from half-way unopposed, and Hughes converted. Play now became fast and strenuous, and Annandale were playing well, and were unlucky not to add more points. Wests added another try, Vest doing the trick, making the final scores Wests 19, Annandale 5 **(The Sydney Sportsman 10th August 1918)**

By winning against Annandale, scoring 5 tries and 2 goals to a try and goal, Western Suburbs take second place in the premiership. They have done very finely, and yet might have done still better with a little more ginger worked up in their forwards in one or two matches. In the two Annandale matches they piled up 13 tries and 11 goals to 2 tries and a goal, so that they have drawn clean away from their bottom-end rivals of other times.....**(Referee 7th August 1918)**

Notes: This was a strong win for Wests and, unfortunately, Souths beating Newtown in another close game meant that Wests came an unlucky second in the premiership. This was a far cry from the early days and Wests had certainly arrived as one of the main teams. In Second Grade on this day Frank Holt scored two tries and William Matthews and Eric Dennis one each, all strong back-up players if needed. It was full steam ahead for the City Cup. Alex (Barny) McPherson ended up as the leading goal-kicker in the Competition with 31 goals. Wally Collins (8) was Wests' leading try scorer. Special mention should be made of Frank Burge, the Glebe captain, who scored 25 tries in 14 games, a real footballer.