



1919 Round 14 Saturday 30th August St Luke's Park



Western Suburbs 31

def.

Annandale 12

Athol WHITE
 Gordon STETTNER
 Paddy BURNS
 Bill CONNELLY
 Wally COLLINS
 Alex McPHERSON
 Alf BOSSI
 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

John COMERFORD
 Percy UPHAM
 William GEOGHEGAN (c)
 Sidney HUGHES
 Henry PIDCOCK
 Ted McGUINNESS
 Ernie USHER
 N McGUINNESS
 G JOLLY
 J BEAUMONT
 Thomas DAGG
 Walter HADDOCK
 G EVES

Tries

Wally COLLINS (2)
 Bill CONNELLY
 Westley EASTERBROOK
 William JOASS
 Joe REIDY
 Gordon STETTNER

Walter HADDOCK (2)
 William GEOGHEGAN
 Percy UPHAM

Goals

Alex McPHERSON (5)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: A White, full-back; W Connelly, P Burns, L Stettler, W Collins, three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; A Bossi, half-back; J Reidy, W Easterbrook, J Redmond, C Tye, W Joass, E Courtney, forwards

Annandale: J Comerford, full-back; S Hughes, W Piddock, W Geoghegan, P Upham, three-quarters; T McGuinness, five-eighth; E Usher, half-back; J Beaumont, W Haddock, G Jolly, T Dagg, G Eves, N McGuinness, forwards. **W P Finigan, referee**

Forward play predominated early. The Blacks were frequently penalised for not putting the ball fairly in the scrums. Easterbrook broke away from the ruck with the ball at toe, and, picking up, passed to Tye, to Reidy, who scored near the corner. McPherson converted. Western Suburbs 5 to nil. Then Bossi secured from the scrum, passed to Joass, to Stettler, who kicked over the line. Collins reached the ball first and scored. Western Suburbs 8 to nil. A little later McPherson started a movement, and transferred to Collins, to Stettler, who, after a clever run, scored near the posts. McPherson converted. Western Suburbs 13 to nil. The Blacks were playing strongly, but several concerted efforts were nullified through indifferent passing. Annandale invaded Wests' territory, where Upham picked up in the loose and dashed over the line. Western Suburbs 13 to 6. After close and interesting play Connelly made a dash along the wing and scored in the corner. McPherson converted with a great kick. Western Suburbs 18 to 6. Half-time.

Close play ensued after the interval until Wests started a passing effort, which resulted in Joass crossing near the posts. McPherson converted. Western Suburbs 23 -6. A dribbling rush by the visitors carried the ball over the line, and Haddock registered a try. Western Suburbs 23 to 9. Easterbrook and Joass followed on an unsuccessful shot at goal, and the former, taking the ball on the full, just over the line, scored a surprising try. Western Suburbs 28 to 9. A combined effort by Wests' backs, in which Stettler was prominent, resulted in Collins scoring near the corner. Western Suburbs 31 to 9. Annandale now displayed much improved form, and attacked strongly, with their forwards in the ascendant. A strong rush ended in Haddock scoring his second try. Western Suburbs 31 to 12. In the race for the ball White received a face injury and was compelled to leave the field. A few minutes later the game ended. Western Suburbs 31 to 12. **(The Sunday Time 31st August 1919)**

Notes: This was a solid win by Wests with their top three still in NZ. This game marked the debut of Gordon Stettler, coming in from Seconds, who played over 40 First Grade games up to 1926. He appeared in newspaper lists as L Stettler but was always known as Gordon Stettler, although he is actually Godfrey Lonsdale Stettler b.1900 Parramatta. Alf Bossi had been Captain of Second Grade for the season (the team came second to Glebe by two points after being unbeaten for the first nine games) and played his only first grade game in the season here. He had scored eight tries for the season and Downey had been the leading goal-kicker with 24. McPherson finally found his kicking boots again for this game, his 5 goals making it 40 for the season. Wests finished equal third with Glebe but came fourth on for and against, +109 to +77.