



1918 Round 4 Saturday 1st June Wentworth Park



Western Suburbs 7

def.

Glebe 6

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
 Joe REIDY

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

Norm PROCTOR
 Tom LEGGO
 Frank BURGE (c)
 Dave BROLLY
 Albert WRIGHT
 Mick SCANNELL
 Bill BENSON
 Harold ANGUS
 Alby BURGE
 Arthur GRAY
 Ted SWINSON
 Alec JOHNSTON
 Sid PERT

Tries Alex McPHERSON

Goals Alex McPHERSON (2)

Alby BURGE (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: A White, full-back; W Collins, H Gilbert (c), P Burns, R Vest, three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; A Johnson, half-back; H J Leddy, C W Prentice, W Joass, J Redmond, W Palmer (injured replaced by J Reidy) and E Courtney, forwards

Glebe: N Proctor, full-back; T Leggo, D Brolly, F Burge (c), A Wright, three-quarters; M Scannell, five-eighth, W Benson, half-back; H Angus, A B Burge, A Gray S Pert, A Johnson, E Swinson, forwards **Mr C Russell, referee**

Glebe opened by attacking, and A B Burge had tried at goal from a penalty. The Western Suburbs backs combined well, but against sound defence they could not cross. A Palmer injured his ankle and Reidy took his place. From a penalty near half-way A B Burge kicked a good goal. Glebe 2-0. Proctor started the Glebe backs moving inside his own 25. Soon, from the Wests 25, A B Burge kicked another goal. Glebe 4-0.

The second half opened dull. Western Suburbs were a trifle more enterprising, and play was confined to Glebe 25, where from a penalty McPherson landed a neat goal. Glebe 4-2. Soon afterwards McPherson broke through the ruck near centre, and passed to Gilbert, to Vest on the wing. Each player carried it on amid excitement until Vest was checked. McPherson, dashing in again, fielded and scored. He failed at goal. W.S. 5 to 4. Glebe endeavoured to regain the lead so suddenly wrested from them but found the defence of the line sound. They gained their immediate objective, as from a penalty at the 25 A B Burge landed his third goal. Glebe 6-5. This brought trouble on the Reds, for from this stage to the end the local men were subjected to a very severe handling. Western Suburbs excelled themselves in attack, while the Reds fought like demons to keep them out. Just before time Glebe were penalised inside their 25, and McPherson landed a neat goal and with it a well-deserved victory. Western Suburbs 7-6 (**The Sunday Times 2nd June 1918**)

Just a win, and that's all as far as points go, but it was a good performance for the yokels to beat a powerful side like the Reds. The game had not been long in progress when Bongy Palmer trod on his ankle, and Wests lost their good rake when he had to leave the field, Reidy coming on. No tries were scored during the first spell, the only scoring being two penalty goals by Son Burge. Merry McPherson got the goal habit early in the second half, and landed a good one. McPherson scored a well-merited try, and landed another goal from a penalty, scoring all the points for his side. Sonno Burge landed another goal for the Reds, but they were unable to penetrate the defence of Wests, and during the latter stages of the game were hard at it to keep the nippy Wests from adding further to their score. Glebe made a big error in playing Frank Burge in the three-quarter line. Frank is a tower of strength to his side as a forward, who can drop out to assist the backs, but in a set position he is lost. (**The Sydney Sportsman 8th June 1918**)

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Notes: This was another tight win, but by all accounts Wests were the better team and were unlucky to not score more points. McPherson kicked the winning goal just before full-time. He was becoming a match-winner. Still, this was a good win to beat Glebe at Wentworth Park, remembering that Glebe was back to full strength when all the players who had been suspended for the 1918 season were re-instated. Wests were about to play the premiership leaders South Sydney on the following King's Birthday Monday, a match they were given no hope of winning.