



# 1919 Round 5 Saturday 14th June St Luke's Park



**Western Suburbs 51**

**def.**

**North Sydney 0**



Athol WHITE  
 Dick VEST  
 Paddy BURNS  
 Herb GILBERT (c)  
 Wally COLLINS  
 Alex McPHERSON  
 Roy FARNSWORTH  
 Clarrie TYE  
 Joe REIDY  
 William JOASS  
 Westley EASTERBROOK  
 Clarrie PRENTICE  
 Edward COURTNEY  
 Tom McCAULEY

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

Ted TAPLIN (c)  
 Dave GARLICK  
 Harry MAUNDER  
 Os DEANE  
 J HANNAM  
 Charles SHERRETT  
 J KING  
 Vince EDWARDS  
 J MORRIS  
 J GREENWOOD  
 Alf FAULL  
 C FINCH  
 Ted JONES

**Tries**

Wally COLLINS (3)  
 Tom McCAULEY (2)  
 Paddy BURNS  
 Edward COURTNEY  
 Herb GILBERT  
 William JOASS  
 Clarrie PRENTICE  
 Dick VEST

**Goals**

Alex McPHERSON (9)

**Match Description**

**North Sydney:** Full-back, Taplin; three-quarters, Garlick, Maunder, Dean, Hanna; halves, Sherritt, King; forwards, Faull, Finch, Greenwood, Jones, Morris Edwards

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, White; three-quarters, Collins, Burns, Gilbert, Vest; halves, McPherson, Farnsworth; forwards, Tye, Joass, Prentice, Easterbrook, Courtney, Reidy **Referee: W Neill**

North Sydney had difficulty in completing its team and a number of Second Graders went up. Wests earned a penalty soon after opening, but McPherson failed badly. In North's 25, Farnsworth secured in the ruck and sent to McPherson, to Gilbert, to Collins, who sprinted across. McPherson converted. Wests came again, and in the loose Gilbert took the ball on the bounce and raced in. McPherson again converted. In Wests' 25, Gilbert secured and ran to half-way, where Vest accepted and had a clear run to the line. McPherson added the extras. Courtney opened a rush which ended in Collins again scoring, McPherson goaling. Norths rallied but White forced. From the scrum Farnsworth sent to McPherson, to Burns, who ran through Norths and scored, McPherson again goaling. A Western Suburbs' rush carried them over the line and Prentice touched down. McPherson raised Western Suburbs' score to 30. ... McCauley here replaced Vest, who was injured. Following up a kick by Gilbert, Collins secured at half-way and got across unopposed. McPherson failed to convert. Half-time: 33 to nil.

On re-opening Farnsworth secured, and made a nice opening for Joass and McPherson converted. Taplin put in a run while surrounded by Western Suburbs players, but he played a lone hand. Burns opened a passing movement, and Gilbert accepted, and covered ground before returning to Burns, who was grassed. He sent to McCauley. McPherson converted. McPherson secured in the loose and passed to Courtney, who was faced by the full-back. Courtney scored and McPherson kicked the goal. McCauley crossed soon afterwards, but he missed the goal. Final scores: Western Suburbs 51, North Sydney nil. **(The Sun 14th June 1919)**

Football was robbed of all its interest by the fact that all the clubs had to put scratch teams in the field owing to the way players have fallen to the prevailing influenza epidemic. Glebe team was by far the worst sufferer in this aspect, no fewer than nine of their regular players being unable to play..... Wests put up a record score for club games this season. Norths were certainly weak, but it was a terrible tolling up just the same. McPherson's deadly goal-kicking was responsible for a great number of the points. **(The Sydney Sportsman 18th June 1919)**

**Notes:** As can be seen by the Sportsman account the influenza epidemic had started to significantly affect the footballing ranks. Wests were playing against a virtual Second Grade North Sydney team and did the job well. There were two significant additions for Wests. Roy Farnsworth, the youngest of the Farnsworth brothers, played his first game, replacing George McGowan. Farnsworth had played in the trial games after returning from the war. He had played for Newtown from 1911-15 and represented NSW in 1912.