



1918 Round 6 Saturday 8th June North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 7

def.

North Sydney 0

Athol WHITE
 Dick VEST
 Paddy BURNS
 Herb GILBERT (c)
 Wally COLLINS
 Alex McPHERSON
 Alf BOSSI
 Harold LEDDY
 Jack REDMOND
 Joe REIDY
 William JOASS
 William PALMER
 Edward COURTNEY

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

Herman PETERS
 L MIRANDA
 Ted TAPLIN
 Os DEANE
 Cecil BLINKHORN (c)
 Bob DENHAM
 R IDE
 Ted McINTYRE
 Jack McARTHUR
 Jim DUNWORTH
 Reg FARNELL
 George GREEN
 Stan LLOYD
 L MORRIS

Tries Paddy BURNS

Goals Alex McPHERSON (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: A White, full-back; R Vest, P Burns, H Gilbert (capt), W Collins, three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; A Bossi, half-back; H J Leddy, J Reidy, J Redmond, W Joass, W Palmer, E Courtney, forwards

North Sydney: H Peters, full-back; E Taplin, O Deane, C Blinkhorn (capt), L Miranda, three-quarters; B Denham, five-eighth; R Ide, half-back; E McIntyre, J McArthur, G Green, R Farnell, P J Duckworth, S Lloyd, forwards **J T Black, referee**

Shortly after Redmond kicked off a storm broke over the ground. Both sides attacked in turn, but could do nothing with the wet ball. The visiting forwards broke through, and a fine kick went out in the corner. A free kick relieved North, but W.S. came again, and McPherson kicked a fine goal from a mark. Western Suburbs still attacked and from a ruck Burns toed over the line and scored. W.S. 5 to nil. After, McPherson landed a penalty goal. Green retired hurt, Morris taking his place. Half-time, Western Suburbs 7 to nil
Resuming, Wests started a passing rush from a scrum. Bossi whipped it to McPherson, to Burns, to Gilbert, who slipped just when the visitors looked dangerous. Neither side could handle the greasy ball. A fine N.S. rush took them to Wests' line but White relieved. The balance of the game was little more than a scramble. The players could not keep their feet on the slippery ground. Western Suburbs 7 to nil. **(The Sunday Times 9th June 1918)**

Although North Sydney went down to the conquering Wests, it was anybody's game. The wet ground gave Wests' big forward a great advantage. It was a wet ground too, for while it only drizzled on the city grounds, there was a fair deluge over the Shore, and every Shoreman knows what a quantity of water can be stored with comfort on that oval. North Sydney were unfortunate on losing their rake, George Green, who got a kick in the head, and it must have been some kick too, to make a dent in that sunburnt melon of George's. Blinkhorn's play is still suffering as a result of his gruelling earlier in the season. Another player who was very off was the "Cut King", McArthur. Both the above are selectors, and might think of giving some of the young ones a chance for a game or so. Micky Waterhouse and a couple of others are showing fine form in the second grade. Ide and Peters, two of North's youngsters, were the pick of the back division.

Patsy Burns and Ab White were the elect of the Wests' backs. So Long Leddy was the best forward all day. In the event of Wests reaching the height of their ambition and landing the sinkers, they are all on a little Fairfield gin, to be supplied by Cuddlesome Collo, who says it runs wild up his way. Bally Meade's two college pals, who played football with the Orange behind the goal posts, took all the interest out of the main event while their little one aside game lasted, and Ball had warned them against the North Sydney firewater – he had been there before. **(The Sydney Sportsman 15th June 1918)**

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Notes: This was another solid win for Wests with the forwards being on top all day. The game was ruined by a very heavy storm and the players could not get their footing or handle the wet ball. This was Leddy's best game of the season so far and Paddy Burns and Athol White continued to play well. White seemed to be a very good full-back in the wet. Alf Bossi returned to First Grade, replacing Albert Johnston. Bossi had been playing Seconds, scoring a try there on June 1st. Note the continued behind the scenes involvement of Ted Mead; a number of the early players were still heavily involved in administration and training. McPherson was the leading goal-kicker in the competition at that stage.