



1919 Round 7 Saturday 5th July Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 29

def.

Annandale 3

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

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

N McGUINNESS
 S PARKER
 D FITZGERALD
 J BAIN
 Sidney HUGHES
 Arthur BUTLER
 Ernie USHER
 G EVES
 E BATES
 Edward BURDETT
 Thomas DAGG
 Walter HADDOCK (c)
 Robert GRAVES



Tries Dick VEST (3)
 Tom McCAULEY (2)
 Wally COLLINS
 Clarrie PRENTICE

Robert GRAVES

Goals Alex McPHERSON (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs : A White, full-back; W Collins, T McCauley, P Burns, R Vest; three-quarters; A McPherson, five-eighth; R Farnsworth, half; J Reidy, W Joass, W Easterbrook, C Tye, C W Prentice, J Redmond, forwards

Annandale: N McGuinness, full-back; S Hughes, D Fitzgerald, S Parker, J Bain, three-quarters; E Usher, five-eighth; A Butler, half; G Eves, E Bates, T Dagg, R Graves, W Haddock, E Burdett, forwards **Referee W Neill. (The Sunday Times 6th July 1919)**

Haddock set the ball in motion for Annandale, and McCauley returned to centre. From a scrum Farnsworth short-kicked and Redmond, following on, was nearly in, but a knock-on spoiled a try. Annandale's forwards got the ball at toe and transferred play to the other end, where Hughes made a good run, but was tackled on the line. A free kick for off-side relieved Wests, the ball going out at the quarter-way. From the scrum, Western Suburbs' forwards heeled, and Prentice obtaining, sent to McPherson, to McCauley, who scored behind the posts. McPherson converted. Western Suburbs kept up the attack, but off-side play enabled Annandale to relieve. Western Suburbs now started a fine passing rush. Collins picked up inside the centre, and sent a long pass to McCauley, to McPherson, who grounded in the corner. McPherson failed with the kick. Western Suburbs were soon in again, the ball coming to Vest, who short-punted, and, following on, scored. McPherson landed a grand goal from the touch-line. Prentice was next to score, and at half-time Western Suburbs led by 16 points to nil.

On resuming, Hughes intercepted and rushed down the field, but was well tackled by Collins. McCauley picked up, made a great run, and scored in a handy position. McPherson missed with the kick. In the final stages Collins and Vest added tries for Wests, McPherson converting both. Graves got a try for Annandale, making the final scores: Western Suburbs 29, Annandale 3. **(The Sun 5th July 1919)**

Notes: This was another solid win for Wests who were without Herb Gilbert, Tedda Courtney and George McGowan. Ranji Joass deservedly was given the captaincy. Wests returned to Pratten Park after a long absence for the only time in the season. The above report from the Sun had McPherson scoring the second try but all other reports had Vest scoring a brilliant try off a McCauley pass. Tom McCauley had scored another double; he was becoming a very valuable player. Dick Vest's triple was a just reward for his continuing brilliant play. He had plenty of pace and evasiveness.