



1945 Round 12 Saturday 28th July Cricket Ground



Western Suburbs 15

def.

Eastern Suburbs 11

Ron MARTIN
 Jack SNARE
 Bob ANDREWS
 Brian THOMPSON
 Alf CARDY
 Eric BENNETT
 Jack RUSSELL
 Arthur CLUES
 Don MILTON
 Cliff PEIME
 Jack WALSH (c)
 Ray WALDON
 Jim SEERY

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

Ray PRATT
 Johnny SMITH
 Paul TIERNEY
 Johnny HUNTER
 Lionel COOPER
 Wally O'CONNELL
 Sel LISLE
 Dick DUNN
 Bert ROLLASON
 Sid HOBSON
 Wally REES
 George WATT
 Ray STEHR (c)

Tries

Alf CARDY
 Cliff PEIME
 Jack RUSSELL

Sel LISLE

Goals

Bob ANDREWS (2)
 Jack RUSSELL (1)

Ray PRATT (3)
 Dick DUNN (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Martin; three-quarters: J Snare, A Thompson, R Andrews, A Cardy; halves: E Bennett, J Russell; forwards: A Clues, C Peime, D Milton, J Walsh, R Waldron, J Seery

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: R Pratt; three-quarters: L Cooper, J Hunter, P Tierney, J Smith; halves: W O'Connell, S Lisle; forwards: R Dunn, B Rollason, S Hobson, W Rees, G Watt, R Stehr **Referee: T McMahon (The Sun 28th July 1945)**

..... Thompson was injured in a scrummage on the Wests' 25, and was assisted from the field by an ambulance officer. Arthur Clues, lock forward, came out of the scrum to take Thompson's place. Thompson suffered a dislocated shoulder when he collided with a goalpost in trying to take a penalty kick by Dunn. He was bitterly disappointed at being injured so early in his first game on the Cricket Ground and wanted to go back on the field but officials restrained him. Western Suburbs was attacking; repeatedly, principally because Waldron was winning the scrums. There was a violent upheaval on the ground, and Walsh was cautioned by the referee. Watt got up shakily, and Wests was penalised, and Dunn kicked the goal. Eastern Suburbs 2-nil. A staggering change came over the game when Russell broke away 60 yards downfield, slashed through an opening, ran straight and kicked down to Pratt, who ran up to meet the ball, but the bounce beat him and Russell, careering on, got it again, then ran 30 more yards to complete his great individual try movement. He put the ball down in a handy position for Martin's kick, but Martin missed with an easy shot. Wests 3-2. ... Andrews was often applauded for his heavy tackling. ... Walsh wheeled out of the ruck, playing like a centre three-quarter, and whipped the ball to Bennett, who turned it out again to a comrade and he sent it inside to Clues, who ran hard. Peime loomed up in the movement and tore across for the try. Russell kicked the goal, and Wests was in front 8-2. Half-time Scores: Western Suburbs 8, Eastern Suburbs 2.

.... Western Suburbs was penalised and this time Hobson took the kick just beyond Wests' 25. From a wide position, and Western Suburbs led 8-4. ... Lisle caught the Wests defence asleep, curved in and out between the opposing players and planted the ball between the posts. Pratt kicked the goal and Easts now was in front 9-8. Smith's arm was believed to have been dislocated. Western Suburbs unleashed a terrific assault on Easts line and Walsh flattened four men on his way to the Easts' line before he was tackled. From right on Easts' 25 at an acute angle, Andrews kicked a penalty goal and put Wests in front 10-9. Western Suburbs defenders made an unnecessary tackle; Pratt took a penalty kick beyond the Wests' 25, and landed the goal. The score now was Easts 11-10. Russell twice shot like a rabbit for the line, but was tackled just in time. Wests once more went to the front. From right on the 25, Andrews kicked a penalty goal, and Western Suburbs led 13-11. Clues loomed up alongside Bennett to take the pass, and he shot the ball onto Cardy, who tore for the line and just managed to get the try before his leg crashed into touch. Andrews missed the goal, and Wests led 15-11. **(The Sun 28th July 1945)**

Dick Johnson, full-back, said yesterday he will be fit for next Saturday. Maxwell's injured shoulder will be O.K. for the semi-finals, and winger Freddy Yanz, who has been nursing a broken collarbone for six weeks, is to play on Saturday. **(The Daily Telegraph 29th July 1945)**

Notes: Brian Thompson, wrongly identified as a Junior, came in for Col Maxwell but only lasted five minutes and was off with a broken collarbone. He didn't play another match in the season. Ray Waldon was winning the scrums easily and Russell and Bennett set the backs going. Very strong defence, especially by Bob Andrews was a feature of the match. The game was turned on its head when Jack Russell scored a brilliant individual 90 yard try. .