



1945 Round 13 Saturday 4th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 39

def.

South Sydney 8

Dick JOHNSON
 Jack SNARE
 Bob ANDREWS
 Arthur CLUES
 Alf CARDY
 Eric BENNETT
 Jack RUSSELL
 Don MILTON
 Cliff PEIME
 Wal TAYLOR
 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

Joe LEO
 Jack WUNSCH
 Vince LAWRENCE
 Vic ANDERSON
 Frank CURRY
 Billy STOKES
 Clem KENNEDY
 Arthur SLATTERY
 Jack HUTCHINSON
 Kevin WILLCOCKS
 James ARMSTRONG
 Keith AITKEN
 Eddie HINSON (c)

Tries

Alf CARDY (2)
 Eric BENNETT (2)
 Jack SNARE (2)
 Arthur CLUES
 Jim SEERY
 Jack WALSH

James ARMSTRONG
 Arthur SLATTERY

Goals

Bob ANDREWS (6)

Joe LEO (1)

Match Description

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

South Sydney: Full-back: J Leo; three-quarters: J Wunsch, V Lawrence, V Anderson, F Curry; halves: N Stokes, C Kennedy; forwards: A Slattery, J Hutchinson, K Willcocks, J Armstrong, K Aitken, E Hinson **Referee: J O'Brien (The Sun 4th August 1945)**

Wests looked like champs against Souths yesterday at Pratten Park, and finished in grand fashion winners 39-8. The first half was evenly contested, Wests led 10-5. However, the Rabbitohs lost Wunsch at lemons, and during the second term failed dismally in the art of tackling. The winners' halves, Jack Russell and Eric Bennett, were very bright and resourceful. Russell overshadowed his opponent, Kennedy, and was the best on the ground. Snare was an outstanding winger, and scored two tries and tackled grandly. Jack Walsh was an ideal leader and the best forward on the ground. He was ably supported by J. Seery and D. Milton. **(Truth 5th August 1945)**

Jack Walsh, Western Suburbs captain and veteran of more than 100 first-grade games, played the greatest game of his career against his old club South Sydney, at Pratten Park yesterday. Walsh's play and leadership inspired his team in its 39-8 victory. The try in which Walsh bumped off four forwards and side-stepped through a mass of players, must rank as one of the best of the year. Said Souths official Billy Bruce; "Walsh is the State's outstanding front-rower. I have never seen him in such form. I wish he were still wearing Souths' colours." As he is only 26 years old, he must stand an excellent chance of representing in post-war Tests." Souths were unfortunate to lose Wunsch with a broken hand at half-time. Lawrence went off with concussion in the last few minutes. Wests' nine tries were the result of perfect co-ordination between forwards and backs. Wingers Snare and Cardy scored two tries each after a chain of perfect passes. Wests halves, Russell and Bennett, showed outstanding form. Russell overshadowed the State half, Clem Kennedy. Clues natural ability helped him as a centre, but he told me he was much happier in the forwards. Wests, who have now qualified for the semi-finals, have a youthful and heavy pack, which will prove a headache to any team in the finals. Credit must go to Souths for the way they battled on to the last. They were best served by Kennedy, Anderson, Hinson and Armstrong. Attendance was 6050. **(The Daily Telegraph 5th August 1945)**

Although suffering from boils, Alf Cardy played one of his best games on Saturday. **(Rugby League News 11th August 1945)**

.....

Notes: Wests were very convincing winners and ran riot in the second half when Souths five-eighth, Jack Wunsch, went off at half-time. Jack Walsh was the dominant forward, some saying it was his best ever game. Arthur Clues played out of position in the centres, replacing Col Maxwell, while Wal Taylor came up from reserves and Don Milton went to lock. Jack Russell had a brilliant game, completely over-shadowing the State half, Clem Kennedy. Cliff Peime played with a severe case of boils but still played well.