



1945 Round 7 Saturday 2nd June Sports Ground



South Sydney 10

Les BELL
 Jack WUNSCH
 Jack LAWRENCE Jnr
 Les BROWN
 Frank CURRY
 William THOMPSON
 Clem KENNEDY
 Arthur SLATTERY
 Jim BORGER
 Kevin WILLCOCKS
 George HADDON
 Bill MACKIE
 Eddie HINSON (c)

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Dick JOHNSON
 Jack SNARE
 Colin MAXWELL
 Bob ANDREWS
 Fred YANZ Jnr
 Eric BENNETT
 Jack RUSSELL
 Arthur CLUES
 Cliff PEIME
 Ken IBBETT
 Jack WALSH (c)
 Ray WALDON
 Wal TAYLOR



Tries Clem KENNEDY
 Jack WUNSCH

Jack SNARE
 Fred YANZ Jnr

Goals Les BELL (2)

Ken IBBETT (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: L Bell; three-quarters: J Wunsch, V Lawrence, L Brown, F Curry' halves; C Kennedy, W Thompson; forwards: A Slattery, J Borger, K Willcocks, G Haddon, W Mackie, E Hinson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: J Snare, C Maxwell, R Andrews, F Yanz; halves: E Bennett, J Russell; forwards: A Clues, K Ibbett, C Peime, J Walsh, R Waldron, W Taylor **Referee: T McMahon (The Sun 2nd June 1945)**

South's returned to their old form and dished West's 10-8 at the Sydney Sports Ground yesterday, in a game that kept 5953 fans in a continually hectic mood. The unexpected and dramatic victory was mainly due to a glorious all-round display by Souths' diminutive scrum-half, Clem Kennedy. No better display could have been given by the very best old timers. The winners' backs all did well and Willcocks, Haddon, and Mackie were the toughest of a hardworking lot of forwards. Lawrence, Brown, Curry, and Bell all deserve praise, and Bell was better than Johnston on the day. Souths' lightweight forwards out-rucked the West vanguard. Walsh crowded his backs. How did Wests slip? Too many 'five-eight forwards.' Apparently Walsh and Clues have joined the butterflies. Clues obstructed most of the afternoon and Ref. McMahon apparently decided to give the fans a run for their money, otherwise Souths must have reaped a greater advantage from penalty kicks. The winners, with a strong wind advantage, led at the interval, but good judges wouldn't have that they could stay the distance. However, the memorable second half will always be remembered by those fortunate enough to see it. Jack Wunsch collected a great try. He opened Souths' account, and his sensational tackle of Yanz saved a certain score late in the game when they both got mixed up with the corner flag. **(Truth 3rd June 1945)**

On Thursday J. Lawrence withdrew from Souths side and was replaced by Quinlivan, but the latter was unavailable owing to military duties, and V. Lawrence was brought into the centre. A stiff southerly was blowing straight down the ground when Russell set the game in motion. Wests, headed by Bennett, rushed play deep into Souths 25 when a scrum went down and Russell threw a long pass to Bennett, to Maxwell, who lost the ball, and in the melee Willocks was hurt. ... A long kick by Bell was cleverly taken by Johnson who returned the ball deep downfield. From a scrum the ball flew from Russell to Bennett, to Andrews, who was hustled by Brown and Wests were again penalised. Bennett had the crowd on their toes when he dashed alongside the touchline, but threw a wild pass to Maxwell. Souths were throwing the ball about in fine style, but Wests' inside backs were standing well up to them. Johnson then found touch with a great kick which gained over 40 yards and from the scrum Souths were penalised. Russell made a poor attempt at goal. From a scrum in midfield, the ball flew from Kennedy to Thompson, who dashed ahead and drew Snare before sending to Wunsch, whose pace carried him over in the corner, with Johnson hanging on to his legs. Bell's kick went just outside. South 3, Wests nil. Souths were penalised, and Ibbett had a shot at goal from just inside halfway, but the bell fell short. Russell broke away and sent to Andrews to Maxwell to Snare, who flew across in the corner, Ibbett failed at goal. Souths 3, Wests 3. Walsh then broke away, but went down under an avalanche of South's forwards. Wests were penalised and Bell found touch inside South's twenty-five. Bell had another unsuccessful shot at goal from the touch-line, but play went back to half-way. Twice in succession Wests were penalised and Bell's shots at goal just flew wide of the posts. Souths took the lead when Bell kicked a great goal from the touch-line and over 40 yards out. Souths 5, Wests 3. Maxwell and Andrews then combined cleverly to put Wests on the attack, but the latter knocked on with a clear field ahead..... **(The Sun 2nd June 1945)**

Notes: Souths scored late in this match to score what was considered a big upset, considering Wests' latest form. All through the match Wests fought to overcome a scrum deficit (lost scrums 18-6 in first half). The final penalty that Wal Taylor gave away, which decided the match, was apparently a serious error of judgement. Col Maxwell was noted for his ferocious tackling and Fred Yanz scored his fifth try in three matches.