



1942 Round 11 Saturday 18th July North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 14

def.

North Sydney 12

Les RIGBY
 Bruce BROWN
 Jack GRAHAME/KNOX
 Les HOSCHKE
 Henry MARTIN
 Billy MORRIS
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 George LUCAS
 Fred McKEAN
 Ted EDWARDS
 Wal TAYLOR
 Thomas GREW
 Jack HOPE

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

Frank COTTLE
 John MORRISSEY
 Fred DHU
 Max WHITEHEAD
 Herb DHU
 Frank HYDE (c)
 L STEPHENSON
 Harry TAYLOR
 Gerald SCULLY
 Laurie DORAN
 Harry McKINNON
 C WATSON
 Frank SEABORN

Tries

Bruce BROWN
 Les HOSCHKE
 Billy MORRIS
 Albert McGUINNESS

Herb DHU
 Gerald SCULLY

Goals

Les RIGBY (1)

Harry TAYLOR (2)
 Max WHITEHEAD (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: L Rigby; three-quarters: B Brown, L Hoschke, J Grahame, H Martin; halves: W Morris, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, E Edwards, W Taylor, T Grew, J Hope

North Sydney: Full-back: F Cottle; three-quarters: J Morrissey, F Dhu, M Whitehead, H Dhu; halves: F Hyde (capt), L Stephenson; forwards: H Taylor, G Scully, L Doran, R McKinnon, C Watson, F Seaborn **Referee: J McGauley (Rugby League News 25th July 1942)**

Against Wests, Frank Hyde was injured early in the second term in a passing rush. After treatment and a rest, he resumed, but was compelled to retire. Wests went on to down Norths 14-12. The defeat will probably put them out of the semi-finals. Cottle played a great game as fullback and repeatedly stopped the wingers within an ace of scoring. He also covered considerable ground to turn defence into attack. Morrissey and H. Dhu were fine wingers for Norths. Scully and Watson were prominent in a hardworking pack. Brown and Martin showed speed for Wests and McGuinness served snappily from the scrums. Lucas and Grew were the pick of the forwards. **(Truth 19th July 1942)**

North Sydney's captain and brilliant centre, Frank Hyde, may not play again this season. He was tackled heavily soon after half-time at North Sydney Oval yesterday in the League match against Western Suburbs. He was taken to hospital with a recurrence of a shoulder injury. Norths also were without their brilliant halves, Thompson and Harrison. Although Wests won 14-12, it was no fault of F. Cottle, North Sydney fullback. His display was worthy of an international. Kicking brilliantly and setting his backs moving, he gave his side many scoring opportunities. Wests played inspired football. Their handling and positional play could not be faulted. Hooker Grew gave Wests a feast of the ball. McGuinness (half) never failed to take the advantage. Wests also fielded L. Rigby, who had placed with the thirds. Until yesterday he played with the Western District President's Cup team. He made few errors, proving a good substitute for Keato. **(The Daily Telegraph 19th July 1942)**

Two new players to First Grade today in T Grew and E Edwards have earned their position by hard work and rigid training...there seems to be a hoodoo on hookers this season, as we have at present three on the injured list, N Spence and E Mewton are out this week. **(Rugby League News 18th July 1942)** congratulations to Les Rigby, who after playing in the Thirds, when called upon to play with the Firsts, did everything asked of him. With experience, this boy should go a long way. Stan Simpson came out of retirement to play with the Reserves on Saturday and proved he is still a handy man to have in the side. **(Rugby League News 25th July 1942)**

Notes: Wests were back into the winning list with a hard-fought battle. Les Rigby, recently out of President's Cup, played Thirds at full-back and then backed up in Firsts, and played well. Thomas Grew and Ted Edwards also made debuts. Frank Hyde, the best Norths' player was taken to hospital but Wests were leading 11-2 at that stage and had to withstand a strong Norths' finish. Goal-kicking was also still a significant problem.