

1942 Round 2 Saturday 9th May St Luke's Park

South Sydney 18

Jack COOKE Jack WUNSCH Fred FELSCH (c) Billy STOKES Alby THORNE Ernie SINGLES George LANDOW James ARMSTRONG Frank WORRALL Jack WALSH Jim DENNEHY John WHITFIELD Alf GALLAGHER

Jim DENNEHY

Billy STOKES Frank WORRALL

Jack WUNSCH

Fred FELSCH (3)

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

def.

Western Suburbs 9

Bill KEATO Bruce BROWN Ron HILL Jack GRAHAME/KNOX Colin FEWTRELL Les HOSCHKE Albert McGUINESS (c) George LUCAS Harry GREW Fred MCKEAN Wal TAYLOR Neville SPENCE Cec WILLIAMS

Bruce BROWN Les HOSCHKE George LUCAS

Match Description

Tries

Goals

South Sydney: Full-back: J Cooke; three-quarters: J Wunsch, F Felsch (capt), W Stokes, A Thorne; halves: E Singles, G Landow; forwards: J Armstrong, F Worrall, J Walsh, J Dennehy, J Whitfield, A Gallagher

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, R Hill, J Grahame, C Fewtrell; halves: L Hoschke, A McGuiness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, H Grew, W Taylor, N Spence, C Williams Referee: J McGauley (Rugby League News 16th May 1942)

South Sydney were not flattered by their 18-9 Rugby League win over Western Suburbs at St. Luke's Oval yesterday. Soon after half-time Wests lost their brilliant forward, H. Grew, with an injured eye but attacked and defended splendidly with 12 men. Despite the weight of Souths' pack, Wests kept the ball in the forwards during the first half against the strong breeze, and the plan proved fairly successful. Souths won the ball regularly, but failed to profit as much as they should have. Landow, at five-eighth, was well marked by Hoschke, and was continually forced back into the pack. After the interval both sides threw the ball about. F. McKean (Wests' second row) covered every member of Souths' pack. He was seen tackling man after man. **(The Daily Telegraph 10th May 1942)**

South Sydney defeated Western Suburbs in convincing style at Concord by 18 points to 9. On their form in the two matches to date they look like being a strong force in the premiership. Play by both teams was highly spectacular, and had the 5000 spectators on their toes all through the second spasm. The 'Rabbit-ohs' look an evenly balanced team, with nippy, versatile and penetrating backs, and virile and speedy forwards. J. Dennehy, who played as an extra back for the winners most of the second half, impressed as being an intelligent player, who should be permanently placed in that position. Jack Walsh was the best forward on the ground, performing herculean feats in both rucks and loose. F. Worrall and Armstrong were great 'he-men' forwards. J. Wunsch's display on the right flank was the best seen from him since joining the club. For the locals, who lost the services of H. Grew late in the second half. G. Lucas, who played as an extra back, was easily the most colourful player. He was dashing, versatile, and energetic. L. Hoschke and B. Brown were the pick of the rear guard. H. Spence and C. Williams were the best of a second rate pack of 'pigs.' (Truth 10th May 1942)

The winners were a superb combination, excelling in short and snappy passing by the backs, while the forwards displayed superior penetrative powers. Wests' inside backs were uncertain, where handling and positional play being open to improvement. The game itself was open and fast, keenly contested and generally devoid of roughness. The losers were unfortunate in losing H Grew in the second half with a gash in the head necessitating stitches. The winners were best served by J Walsh, Worrall and J Dennehy who played as an extra back, both of whom were brilliant. F Felsch and J Wunsch were also prominent. For the losers G Lucas, who played as an extra back, was outstanding, supported by B. Brown and R Hills (backs) and F McKean and W Taylor (forwards). A McGuinness was not as prominent as usual and W Keato had an off-day. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 11th May 1942)**

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Notes: Pratten Park was unavailable for the season so all home games were played at St Luke's Park, Concord. This was a very fast, exciting game where Fred McKean was Wests' best player. Again, injuries determined the result. Harry Grew was forced to leave the field with a big gash over his eye which required stitches, while Jack Grahame also hobbled around on an injured knee, Two weeks in a row Wests had been forced to play with 12 players.