



1943 Round 3 Saturday 8th May North Sydney Oval



Western Suburbs 14

def.

North Sydney 11

Brian DAWSON
 Bruce BROWN
 Stan EISENHUTH
 Jack WHITEHURST
 Bob ANDREWS
 Eric BENNETT (c)
 Albert McGUINNESS
 Arthur CLUES
 Fred McKEAN
 Alan KEATO
 Ron CAMPBELL
 William BROWN
 Jack WOODS

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

Neville BUTLER
 Frank COLLINS
 Frank HYDE (c)
 Ted RUDD
 Ray AINSWORTH
 Cyril McMAHON
 Johnny McLACHLAN
 Harry TAYLOR
 Gerald SCULLY
 Colin WHITEHEAD
 Harry MCKINNON
 Frank FACER
 Laurie DORAN

Tries Bob ANDREWS (2)

Frank COLLINS
 Cyril McMAHON
 Harry TAYLOR

Goals Bob ANDREWS (4)

Neville BUTLER (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: B Dawson; three-quarters: B Brown, S Isenhuith, J Whitehurst, R Andrews; halves: E Bennett (c), A McGuinness; forwards: A Clues, F McKean, A Keato, R Campbell, W Brown, J Woods

North Sydney: Full-back: N Butler; three-quarters: F Collins, F Hyde, E Rudd, R Ainsworth; halves: C McMahan, J McLachlan; forwards: H Taylor, M Whitehead, G Scully, L Doran, F Facer, R McKinnon **Referee: R Shiner (Rugby League News 15th May 1943)**

A fast and exciting finish. Norths' backs received a fair share of the ball, and in the second half handled well, but a tendency to veer across the field often nullified promising movements. Wests' backs tackled effectively. R Andrews played a splendid game, and his goal-kicking was a deciding factor. Most prominent players for Wests were B Dawson, S Isenhuith, R Andrews, A McGuinness (backs), A Clues (who played particularly well). F McKean and Keato (forwards). For North, N Butler, F Collins, C McMahan (backs) and H Taylor, L Doran and R McKinnon (forwards) played well. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 10th May 1943)**

Bob Andrews, former Rugby Union prolific point-scorer, took all the limelight of Western Suburbs' surprise win over North Sydney in yesterday's Rugby League match at North Sydney Oval. With two tries and four goals he scored all points for Wests, who won 14-11. Andrews was also over the line on another occasion, but was recalled for a knock-on. In each of the last three seasons, Andrews had scored more than 100 points for Parramatta Rugby Union Club. Wests' coach, A. ("Smacker") Blair, said: "Wests played to instructions. Before the team went on the ground I told the forwards they must ruck fiercely and harass Norths' inside backs." Norths' backs wilted, and Andrews, in particular, took advantage of their mistakes. "If Andrews follows instructions he has the ability to score another 100 points this season. Any team that beats Wests will know they have been playing football. Norths made no excuses, but they might have won if Rudd had been in form. They scored three tries to two, but Rudd missed each of his eight shots at goal. Two of Rudd's shots were in front of the goal-posts during the last 10 minutes. Butler also missed goals. Norths scored two tries near the end, making a desperate attempt to save the match. The attendance was 8000. **(The Daily Telegraph 9th May 1943)**

Grand football kept the fans roaring at North Sydney Oval yesterday, especially in the second half, when Wests put paid to North's account 14-11. West's victory was achieved by sound, methodical teamwork. The goal-kicking, especially by Rudd, was woeful. The forwards worked like beavers and shaded the opposing pack. Bob Andrews had a field day and registered all West's points; two tries and four goals. His second try was the outcome of fine backing-up in which eight players handled. Eisenhuth's sound tackling and swift straight-running thrust stamped him as a reliable centre. Alan Keato, promoted to the forwards, figured prominently in his initial game, and seems assured to follow in the footsteps of brother Bill. Hyde, McMahan, Rudd and Taylor made valiant efforts to regain the lead for Norths which they held at half-time. But Rudd must have put his boots on the wrong feet, for he made a woeful job at flag-raising, even with easy kicks. McMahan and Rudd exchanged 'possie' in the second half, and both displayed flashes of fine individualism which led to tries. **(Truth 9th May 1943)**

Jack Whitehurst demonstrated in no uncertain manner on Saturday that he is one of the hardest tacklers in the game..... congratulations to Bob Andrews on his feat of scoring all our points. Keep it up, Bob, as a goal-kicker of ability is worth many points to any team. **(Rugby League News 15th May 1943)**

Notes: Wests had their first win of the season in a fast, open game. Bob Andrews confirmed his status. As an ex-Parramatta Rugby Union convert, he had scored over 100 points in the 1942 season. Jack Woods and Alan Keato also made their debuts. Arthur Clues also gave glimpses of his potential.