



1943 Round 5 Saturday 22nd May Sports Ground



South Sydney 17

def.

Western Suburbs 7

Les GILBERT
Robin SMITH
Fred FELSCH (c)
Leon QUINLIVAN
Jack WUNSCH
Billy THOMPSON
Frank McDOWELL
Arthur SLATTERY
Fred LANE
Jim ARMSTRONG
Jack WALSH
Sid FEEGAN
Eddie HINSON

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

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



Tries Fred FELSCH
Jim ARMSTRONG
Billy THOMPSON

Ron FIELDS

Goals Fred FELSCH (3)
Jim ARMSTRONG (1)

Bob ANDREWS (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: B Dawson; three-quarters: R Fields, B Brown, R Andrews, J Whitehurst; halves: S Eisenhuth, A McGuinness; forwards: A Clues, J Woods, A Keato, R Campbell, W Brown, F McKean

South Sydney: Full-back: L Gilbert; three-quarters: R Smith, F Felsch, L Quinlivan, J Wunsch; halves: W Thompson, F McDowell; forwards: A Slattery, J Armstrong, F Lane, E Hinson, S Feegan, J Walsh **Referee: A Shiner (Rugby League News 29th May 1943)**

About 4000 were present when Felsch kicked off. Bell and Hutchinson were omitted from South Sydney. Wests' team was as selected. McGuinness headed a Wests' rush and took the play into Souths' 25. Walsh was penalised and Andrews kicked an easy goal, Wests 2-nil. R. Smith and Felsch were prominent in a Souths' attack and from a melee in Wests' 25, Armstrong broke through and scored near the posts. Felsch kicked the goal. Souths 5-2. The kick-off was recalled and from the scrum flew from McGuinness to Clues, to Campbell, who lost the ball. Souths were penalised, and Andrews kicked a great goal from 40 yards out. Souths 5-4. Armstrong was offside on his own side of halfway, but Andrew's kick was short. The ball flew from Felsch to Quinlivan to Wunsch. who was hurled into touch by Fields. Fields made a great dash, and looked like scoring, but he crashed into the corner post. Then R. Smith dashed downfield but Eisenhuth saved by booting the ball dead. Souths were throwing the ball about in fine style. Andrews had a long shot at goal. The ball hit the upright and Felsch gathered and sent to Flattery to Walsh, who was stopped by McGuinness. From a scrum in West's 25, W. Brown was penalised and Felsch kicked a great goal. Souths 7-4. A great dash by Eisenhuth took the play to South's 25 but his pass to B. Brown was ruled forward with the line wide open. The referee was heckled by the crowd. Fields then forced his way over. Andrews' shot at goal was disallowed by Referee Shiner after the touch judges had disagreed. Wests 7, Souths 7. Souths came back and Thompson scored but Felsch's kick was just outside Souths 10, Wests 7. Half-time scores: South Sydney 10, Western Suburbs 7.

From a scrum in Souths' 25 the ball flew from McGuinness to Eisenhuth to Andrews, to B. Brown. Brown turned infield, but lost the ball inches from the line. Andrews made a poor shot at goal. Felsch had a long shot at goal, the ball just missing the upright. Souths worked the play to Wests' 25, the ball going from Thompson to Lane, to Felsch, to cut through the centre to score wide out. He kicked a great goal. Souths 15, Wests 7. Just as the full-time bell was ringing Felsch kicked a great goal from the touch-line. Souths 17, Wests 7. **(The Sun 22nd May 1943)**

The Sydney Sports Ground crowd heckled Referee Shiner during yesterday's South Sydney v. Western Suburbs Rugby League match. South Sydney finished with 11 men, but won 17-7. Leon Quinlivan (Souths) left the field with a probable fractured shoulder 10 minutes before the end. E. Hinson (Souths) and J. Woods (Wests) were ordered off a few minutes later for fighting in a scrum. The crowd first heckled Shiner 20 minutes after the start, when he recalled Bruce Brown, Wests' winger, for a forward pass. Brown had a clear field ahead, and a try seemed certain.Souths looked the winners throughout the game.... McGuinness and Andrews were outstanding for Wests. **(The Daily Telegraph 23rd May 1943)**

Ron Fields, a newcomer to Wests, is showing good form, and, given an opportunity this player will be a danger to any team. **(Rugby League News 29th May 1943)**

Notes: This was a fast, open game, in doubt until the last ten minutes. Wests had two tries disallowed; the Bruce Brown decision of a forward pass greatly heckled by the crowd. Jack Woods was sent off late for fighting.