



# 1940 Round 8 Saturday 22nd June Sports Ground



## South Sydney 4

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## Western Suburbs 2

Howard HALLETT  
 Fred FELSCH (c)  
 Leon QUINLIVAN  
 Alan QUINLIVAN  
 Fred BLANN  
 Tommy ROBERTSON  
 Ernie SINGLES  
 Johnny BROWN  
 George KILHAM  
 Kevin WILLCOCKS  
 Jack WALSH  
 Jim HALE  
 Arthur MATHER

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

Doug ROGERS  
 Bruce BROWN  
 Jack WHITEHURST  
 Fred BABER  
 Harry ALLEN  
 Cal LYNCH  
 Albert McGUINESS  
 Max GRAY (c)  
 Don GULLIVER  
 Fred McKEAN  
 Jack SCHUBACK  
 Edward MEWTON  
 Jack PIPER



### Tries

### Goals

Fred FELSCH (2)

Doug ROGERS (1)

### Match Description

**South Sydney:** Full-back: H Hallett; three-quarters: F Felsch (capt), L Quinlivan, F Blann; halves: T Robertson, E Singles; forwards: J Brown, G Kilham, K Willcocks, J Walsh, J Hale, A Mather

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: D Rogers; three-quarters: H Allen, F Baber, J Whitehurst, B Brown; halves: C Lynch, A McGuinness; forwards: M Gray (capt), D Gulliver, F McKean, J Piper, E Mewton, J Schuback **Referee: W Devine (Rugby League News 29th June 1940)**

As a cure for Insomnia, the game had much to recommend it but as football it was a "washout." The attendance was poor; only 1600 were there and the standard of the play was poorer. It was the most lifeless display I have seen for a long time. The players were apathetic, play was disjointed, and infringements were numerous. Not a try was scored, because there was not a movement in the game worthy of a try. Neither side was able to get moving. Invariably the man in possession elected to kick or hang on too long. Wests won most of the scrums in the early stages, but the ball did not come out cleanly and the backs were seldom in action. Occasional dashes by Brown and Whitehurst relieved the monotony. Then Souths had the advantage in the scrums. But Singles was repeatedly caught in possession. The only scoring in the first half was a penalty goal by Rogers for Wests and one by Felsch for Souths. One reason for the drab football was the lack of protection given the backs by both sets of forwards. When the ball was played there was no attempt to prevent the forwards streaming through on to the backs. As a consequence all likely movements died close to the ruck. Wests did make an effort to throw the ball about in the second half, but a penalty enabled Felsch to win the game for Souths. **(The Daily Telegraph 23rd June 1940)**

In one of the worst exhibitions of League seen at the Sports Ground, South Sydney yesterday stonkered Wests 4-2. The game lacked all semblance of constructive football and was anything but spectacular. The vast number of penalties incurred throughout would have put a schoolboys' team to shame. The match was conspicuous by the absence of tries. Wests were on the attack from the word go and from a penalty awarded against Souths, gained an early advantage when Rogers raised the flags. The Rabbitohs retaliated shortly after, when Felsch, who was atoning for an earlier failure, sent the pill true and straight between the sticks. Half-time saw the scores two all and the multitude muttering their misgivings.

No other points were earned until five minutes before full-time, when after a series of dismal efforts, Felsch put the Rabbitohs ahead with a second penalty goal. The Red and Greens' backs lacked initiative. Hardly once during the game did they show any semblance of combination. Podgy McGuinness played his usual versatile game, always in the fray and a tower of strength to the 'FruitPickers.' **(Truth 23rd June 1940)**

South Sydney beat Western Suburbs in a poor exhibition of the code. Play throughout was drab, devoid of constructive methods and repeatedly jolted by infringements which brought numerous penalties. The chief fault was in the scrums. The most prominent for South Sydney were Walsh and Mathers (forwards) and Robertson (back). Western Suburbs tried to open up the play with Brown and Whitehurst the most active three quarters. Schuback, McKean and Gulliver were the best forwards. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 24th June 1940)**

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**Notes:** This was universally regarded as a very boring game where the backs lacked penetration because of continual smothering by forwards breaking through the rucks. Wests won the scrums but rarely looked like scoring, although McGuinness and Whitehurst looked occasionally dangerous. Felsch kicked the winning goal with only five minutes remaining.