



1942 Round 9 Saturday 27th June Sports Ground



South Sydney 18

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Jack COOKE
 Jack WUNSCH
 Alan QUINLIVAN
 Billy STOKES
 Eddie McGRATH
 William THOMPSON
 Fred FELSCH (c)
 James ARMSTRONG
 Frank WORRALL
 Eddie HINSON
 Jack WALSH
 Ernie COX
 John WHITFIELD

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

Les HOSCHKE
 Bruce BROWN
 Billy MORRIS
 Jack GRAHAME/KNOX
 Henry MARTIN
 Eric BENNETT
 Albert McGUINNESS (c)
 George LUCAS
 Harry GREW
 Fred MCKEAN
 Jack PIPER
 Neville SPENCE
 Edward MEWTON



Tries Fred FELSCH
 Alan QUINLIVAN

Bruce BROWN
 Henry MARTIN

Goals Fred FELSCH (5)
 J COOKE (1) Field Goal

Eric BENNETT (1) Field Goal

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: J Cooke; three-quarters: J Wunsch, A Quinlivan, W Stokes, E McGrath; halves: W Thompson, F Felsch (capt); forwards: J Armstrong, F Worrall, E Hinson, J Walsh, E Cox, J Whitfield

Western Suburbs: Full-back: L Hoschke; three-quarters: B Brown, W Morris, J Graham, H Martin; halves: E Bennett, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, H Grew, F McKean, J Piper, N Spence, E Mewton **Referee: J Kelly (Rugby League News 4th July 1942)**

Souths came with a pulverising finish to blanket Western Suburbs by 18 points to 8, after the scores were even, 8 all, ten minutes from the final bell, at the Sports Ground yesterday. Honours had been even at half-time, 6-all. Both the Western wingers, Martin and Brown, had penetrated the Southern defences, but Felsch kept the "Rabbit-ohs" level with three penalty goals. Spectacular field goals by Cooke for Souths and Bennett for Wests maintained the evenness of the play to within 10 minutes of the final bell. From that stage Souths took control. Quinlivan capped a back-line thrust with a try, which Felsch converted. Felsch then broke through to the line for another try, which he also converted, bringing his total for the match to 13 points. **(Truth 28th June 1942)**

F. Felsch, the captain, scored a try and kicked five goals for South Sydney against Western Suburbs at the Sports Ground yesterday. He was the outstanding player on the field; with Souths winning 18-8. Things did not start to happen until the 1627 spectators had decided the match was going to end 6-all. With only 15 minutes to go, Cooke (South Sydney full-back) made a spectacular catch, steadied himself, and kicked a 40 yards' goal. This was immediately followed by Wests rushing play to South's territory, and from the first scrum McGuinness passed to Bennett, who snapped a neat goal from in front. Felsch's belated move, by bringing Quinlivan to inside centre, was immediately successful. From a scrum Thompson gave to Felsch, who drew the opposing centre, and Quinlivan came through the opening in full flight to score under the posts. This was followed almost immediately by another try. Thompson, from a scrum, worked the "blind side," to reverse play back to the forwards when Walsh and Worrall handled before giving to Felsch, who completed the movement under the posts. Felsch goaled both tries. Wests would have won had they taken all their chances. Brown was particularly smart on occasions. **(The Daily Telegraph 28th June 1942)**

South Sydney owed its win to the individual effort of F Felsch and A Quinlivan, who in the closing stages of the game, made the opposition look like novices. Wests seemed to tire badly towards the end and tackled badly, often trying to stop progress by neck tackles. Wests also failed at goal-kicking. There were many failures within easy distance. The game was ably refereed by J Kelly. Best players; Souths, A Quinlivan, F Felsch, J Cooke (backs); J Walsh, E Hinson, J Armstrong (forwards): Wests: B Brown, H Martin, E Bennett (backs), F McKean, G Lucas, J Piper (forwards) **(The Sydney Morning Herald 29th June 1942)**

Notes: Ted Mewton was back, making his 1942 debut. Again, Wests were well in the game at half-time, 6-6, and 8-8 with ten minutes to go. They fell away again, bringing into question their overall level of fitness. They also missed numerous easy shots at goal. They were missing their regular goal-kickers, Keato and Parkinson. Bruce Brown continued his good form.