



1914 Round 10 Saturday 25th July RAS Showground



South Sydney 20

def.

Western Suburbs 3

Howard HALLETT
George REYNOLDS
Hash THOMPSON
Harold HORDER
Arthur McCABE
Ray NORMAN
Arthur BUTLER (c)
William SPENCE
Jim DAVIS
Eddie HILLIARD
Roy ALMOND
Harry BUTLER
Owen McCARTHY

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

Harry CLARK
Charlie COLLIER
Cecil FOORD
Henry NAYLOR
Henry McILLMURRAY
George GAGAN
Nelson WILLIAMS
Clarrie TYE
Martin ANDERSEN
Westley EASTERBROOK
Fred LANE
William JOASS (c)
Arthur GILLETT
Hector LEE



Tries Harold HORDER (3)
Arthur McCABE
George REYNOLDS
Hash THOMPSON

Henry McILLMURRAY

Goals Eddie HILLIARD (1)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back, Hallett; three-quarters, Reynolds, Thompson, McCabe, Horder; halves, Norman, A Butler; forwards, McCarthy, H Butler, Hilliard, Davis, Spence, Almond

Western Suburbs: Full-back, Clarke; three-quarters, McIlmurray, Foord, Naylor, Collier; halves, Gagen, Williams; forwards, Gillett, Tye, Lane, Anderson, Joass, W Easterbrook **Referee: Mr J T Black**

Rain was falling steadily when Gagen kicked off for Western Suburbs. From a scrum Butler passed to Norman, to McCabe, and the latter, swerving side-ways through the three-quarter line, scored. Reynolds failed at goal.... Thompson found the line inside Wests' 25; but Clarke and McIlmurray drove the invaders back. The check proved only temporary, as Butler, Norman, Reynolds and Horder, passing surely, were quickly moving goal-wards. The latter kicked, and with Norman racing alongside, followed on. Horder a try, Hilliard a goal. South Sydney led by 8 points to nil. ... From a scrum near Western Suburbs' line the ball came to A Butler, and Horder cutting around had the ball and dived over with a try. Hilliard's attempt was a grubber. The next try also came from Horder. Norman picked up and cut through towards the wing. Horder called to him to kick, and when he did so, Horder raced on and kicking over the line, scored. H Butler's attempt was wide. South Sydney 14 points to nil at half-time.

Lee, who had replaced Gagen, injured in the first half, failed to hold. A Butler's kick-off, and South Sydney penned Western Suburbs to their 25 till the forwards came through with the ball at toe. Norman tried to stop them, but they swept over him..... South Sydney got the leather from the ruck, three quick transfers, and Thompson raced over and scored a try. His kick at goal was a poor one. On resuming Western Suburbs attacked hotly, and South Sydney had to fight hard to prevent them from scoring. Back to half-way where McCabe, gathering in, cut through. Thompson had it next, and sent on to Reynolds, who scored. McCarthy failed at goal. A line-finder put Western Suburbs in the attack, but Butler and Horder cleared well, the latter losing his pants in the operation. A minute or two later McIlmurray scored Western Suburbs' only points. The full-time whistle went with the scores unaltered: South Sydney 20, Western Suburbs 3. **(The Sun 25th July 1914)**

"I saw Stipe Steward, Wests' little nuggety scrum, out in the wilds of Rockdale last week. It was his first day out of bed since the disastrous Tamworth trip. He is not sure whether it was the game up there or going to church that caused the swelling of his knee. By the look of him he won't be much good for football any more this season.....If the rain doesn't soon hold off on Saturday afternoon we will have to breed a new kind of footballer with webbed feet, so that they will be perfectly at home on the field." **(Sydney Sportsman 29th July 1914)**

"Wests missed Courtney but fought pluckily throughout, despite the handicap of his loss." **(The Saturday Referee and the Arrow 1st August 1914)**

Notes: Nelson 'Bungey' Williams played his only game for Wests in First Grade at half. He had played in the Ashfield Juniors. Gagan was injured and replaced by a regular Second Grader in Hector Lee. Wests were starting to be affected by injuries; note the comments on Courtney and Steward. There had been almost two months of constant rain, making playing conditions very difficult. A lot of shots on goal were missing with the mud-soaked balls which had been used for Second Grade matches. A long way from the pampered kickers of today!