WESTERN SUBURBS

1914 Round 12 Saturday 8th August Goulburn Showground

Western Suburbs 6

Harry CLARK Harold SLY Henry NAYLOR Cecil FOORD Henry McILLMURRAY Charlie COLLIER James NICHOLSON Westley EASTERBROOK Martin ANDERSEN Clarrie TYE

Edward COURTNEY (c)

William JOASS

Fred LANE

Martin ANDERSEN Edward COURTNEY

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def.

William DOYLE William LINDSAY Wing William GEOGHAN Centre Centre **Rex NORMAN** Wing **S PARKER** Five-eighth A WHEATLEY Half **T KNIGHT** Lock John AYLING Second Row James PYE

Annandale 4

William DOYLE (2)

Second Row James WOODWARD

Front Row John PYE
Hooker Walter PALMER
Front Row Angus LENNON

Match Description

Tries

Goals

Western Suburbs: H Clarke, full-back; C Foord, H McIllmurray, H Naylor, H Sly, three-quarters; C Collier, five-eighth; J Nicholson, half; E Courtney, C Tye, F Lane, M E Anderson, W Joass, W Easterbrook, forwards

Annandale: J Doyle, full-back; W Lindsay, S Parker, Rex Norman, W Geoghan, three-quarters; A Wheatley, five-eighth; T Knight, half; R Lennon, Ayling, W Palmer, John Pye, J Woodward, James Pye, forwards Mr A Ballerum: referee (The Saturday Referee and the Arrow 22nd August 1914)

Western Suburbs and Annandale journeyed to Goulburn last Saturday to play their second round engagement, and incidentally to illustrate the game in that centre. Dealing with the match, the Goulburn Herald says: "In the first half Anderson scored a try for Western Suburbs and Doyle kicked a penalty goal for Annandale. The try counted three points and the goal two, the scores at half-time being 3 points to 2 of favour of Western Suburbs." Naylor was mainly instrumental in obtaining the try, as he carried the ball almost to the line with a beautiful run. He was tackled and dropped the ball, but almost immediately afterwards Anderson picked it up and ran over. In the middle of the second half Doyle kicked another penalty goal, making the scores 4 points to 3 in favour of Annandale. Towards the end of the game McIllmurray put in a good run along the southern boundary line, and passed to Courtney who dived over. The attempt at goal failed and the game ended in Wests winning 6 to 4. The game was not a fast one, but there were occasional passing rushes that were worth watching, a feature being that each man was always in his place to take the ball. Mr A Ballerum was referee, and he ordered two players off in the second half for attempting to strike each other. As compared with Union rules, the League provides a faster and more open game, the heavy scrum and line-out being abolished. The rules are not so intricate, and the referee's duties do not appear to be as arduous. (The Saturday Referee and the Arrow 15th August 1914)

These two clubs played their competition game at Goulburn as an exhibition to the local people, who have decided to become civilised and take on the League game. It was the biggest attendance at a football match in Goulburn for the last ten years. Although a very poor exhibition was given, the public, although unacquainted with the League rules, got more excited over this game than they did over a local early fixture. Terrible Tye and Wobbly Woodward had a bold slap at each other's face, and the fighting spirit had so got into the spectators over the war that they exhorted the referee to pull the game up and let the two settle the scrap right away. Ted Courtney showed his old dash, and scored a good try, and just missed another. Ranji Joass was the best player on the ground, and took no notice of the flint-like surface of the field. Both full-backs were the only other players worth a mention. Lamp-post Clarke drew the 16 marble later in the day and Ranji missed the bus. (The Sydney Sportsman 12th August 1914)

Saturday afternoon's match was to have supplied that something more, but it failed to materialise. Of course, it will be admitted that the players were handicapped by night travelling...... the match should not have been so unattractive, with men like Courtney, Joass, Easterbrook and McIllmurray for the Suburbanites, and Rex Norman, Lindsay, Geoghan and Doyle for Annandale brilliancy was looked for.....(Goulburn Evening Penny Post 11th August 1914)

Notes: This was an unusual event as the two teams went to Goulburn to play an exhibition, yet still competition, match. Reports on the match were scant with the local Goulburn paper very critical of the standard of play, although both teams travelled through the night and played on a rock hard surface. The team lists weren't published for more than two weeks. Clarrie Tye and James Woodward were sent off for some apparently serious fighting. Tedda Courtney returned from injury but was overshadowed by Ranji Joass, best forward on the field.