



# 1914 Round 9 Saturday 18th July RAS Showground



## Eastern Suburbs 25

def.

## Western Suburbs 10

George CHALLIS  
 Dan FRAWLEY (c)  
 Robert TIDYMAN  
 Dan FLANNERY  
 Wally MESSENGER  
 Leslie CUBITT  
 Arthur HALLOWAY  
 Robert WILLIAMS  
 Sid PEARCE  
 Lawrence O'MALLEY  
 Charlie LEES  
 W ALLMAN  
 Jack WATKINS

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

Harry CLARK  
 Charlie COLLIER  
 Cecil FOORD  
 Henry NAYLOR  
 Henry McILLMURRAY  
 George GAGAN  
 James NICHOLSON  
 Clarrie TYE  
 Martin ANDERSEN  
 Westley EASTERBROOK  
 Fred LANE  
 William JOASS  
 Edward COURTNEY (c)



**Tries** W ALLMAN (2)  
 Dan FLANNERY  
 Dan FRAWLEY  
 Wally MESSENGER

Edward COURTNEY  
 Westley EASTERBROOK

**Goals** Wally MESSENGER (5)

George GAGAN (2)

### Match Description

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back, G Challis; three-quarters, D Frawley, R Tidyman, D Flannery, W Messenger; half-backs, L Cubitt, A Halloway; forwards, R Williams, S Pearce, L O'Malley, Lees, W Allman, J Watkins

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back, H Clarke; three-quarters, H McIlmurray, H G Naylor, C Foord, C Collier; half-backs, G Gagen, J Nicholson; forwards, W Easterbrook, C Tye, W Joass, M E Anderson, F Lane, E Courtney **Referee, Mr J T Black**

Western Suburbs quickly had the premiers in trouble, but the latter's defence answered the call, and play gradually worked back to the mid-field. There Messenger got possession and made a spirited dash along touch, and then kicked in-field, but Western Suburbs were alert, and Cubitt was stopped. From a ruck of opponents, Naylor made a fine opening for Western Suburbs, which was not thrown away, and Courtney scored and Gagan goaled. Western Suburbs 5 to nil. Eastern Suburbs now rallied, and a vanguard rush headed by O'Malley and Watkins gained ground. A moment later another burst by Eastern Suburbs sent the Western Suburbs further back, and for a time the game was fairly even. Courtney and Easterbrook, following fast on the ball, which Gagen sent down field, found Challis too slow, and Easterbrook scored. Gagen goaled. Western Suburbs were now leading by 10 points to nil. Messenger opened his side's scoring account from a penalty kick, and a little later Frawley was forced out on the corner flag after a pretty passing movement amongst the Eastern Suburbs' backs. A little later Messenger again goaled from a penalty, and then Frawley crossed in the corner and gained Eastern Suburbs; first try. Messenger added the extras. No further score resulted, and at half-time Western Suburbs were leading by 10 points to 9.

Western Suburbs held their own for a time until the Eastern Suburbs' back division began to move smoothly, and then the defence went to pieces. Messenger was the first scorer, and he gave his side a lead of four points by converting the try. Shortly afterwards, Courtney was compelled to retire owing to an injury, and his loss was severely felt. Eastern Suburbs were, however, playing the better game, and were irresistible. Tries were secured in quick succession by Flannery and two by Allman, the last of which Messenger converted, Eastern Suburbs won by 25 points to 10. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 20th July 1914)**

The ground was under water, the ball greasy, and Wests' spoiling tactics were worrying Easts, who could not get going. **(Sunday Times 19th July 1914)**

"The famous Granville pirate, Easterbrook, got Wests' second try.... **(The Sydney Sportsman 22nd July 1914)**

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**Notes:** This was a disappointing result as Wests led 10-0 at one stage. Tedda Courtney went off with an injured shoulder when Easts were in front 14-10 so it obviously had an effect on the result. Harold Sly went back to Second Grade and scored a good try. This was another game played in the mud and Sydney was going through a very wet spell. Clarrie Tye also came back after having a week off with injury. The comment on Easterbrook relates back to his Junior Rugby Union days. The Archives have a 1909 photo of Easterbrook in a Second Grade team, the Pirates, winning the Union Medals Competition.