



1930 Final Saturday 27th September Sports Ground



St George 14

def.

Western Suburbs 6

Jim McCORMACK
 Bernie MARTIN
 George WARD
 Jack LENNOX
 Eric FREESTONE
 Alf SADLER
 Arnold TRAYNOR (c)
 Charlie HYLAND
 Bill HARDMAN
 Percy FAIRALL
 Harry FLOWER
 Reg SCHUMAN
 Walter GREENLANDS

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

Frank McMILLAN
 Alan BRADY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Cliff PEARCE
 Harold RIGBY
 Jack ROSA
 Jim CRAIG (c)
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bill CARPENTER
 Frank SPILLANE
 Bill BROGAN
 Jack PETERSON
 Cecil RHODES



Tries Eric FREESTONE (2)

Goals Charlie HYLAND (4)

Jim CRAIG (2)
Frank McMILLAN (Field goal)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Fullback; F McMillan; three-quarters; A. Brady. K. Sherwood. C. Pearce, H. Rigby: half-backs. J. Rosa, J. Craig, captain; forwards. W. Carpenter. C. Cornwell, F Spillane, W. Brogan. J Peterson, C. Rhodes.

St. George: Full-back; J McCormack, three-quarters; E Freestone, J. Lennox. G. Ward. B. Martin, half-backs; A Traynor (captain), A Sadler; forwards, H Flower, R Schuman, W Hardman, B Hyland, P Fairall, W Greenland. **Referee: Lal Deane**

Expecting to see exciting football in three premiership finals, enthusiasts came to the Sports Ground early and when the big game began the attendance was one of the biggest of the season. It was estimated that there were 17,000 present. St. George fielded Sadler, of the reserve team at half-back, J. Flower, who had been chosen, being on the injured list. Cornwell was able to play in Wests' pack, and Hughes was omitted from the seven forwards originally chosen. St. George, who were making their first appearance of the season at the Sports Ground, were given a warm reception. Traynor won the toss from Craig, and took the Western end, having the advantage of a fair breeze, and the Wests having the sun in their eyes. The wind was a big advantage and St George continued to enjoy a territorial advantage, Lennox frequently putting his boot to the ball. Cornwell, the big Wests forward, was penalised, for not playing the ball. Hyland, with a splendid kick, landed a neat penalty goal and drew first blood for his team. St. George 2, Wests nil. Soon after, another penalty, this time for "shepherding" came to St George, but Hyland was wide of the posts..... With another good kick Hyland raised the flags for his second goal, following another play-the-ball breach. St George 4, Wests nil..... Wests roused their supporters again. Rhodes, Carpenter and Brogan had a dash in turn, but Pearce was caught by Lennox. Thus, the opening spell ended with a thrill, St George having a lead of four points to nil, when the players trooped from the field. The half-time scores were: St George 4, Wests nil.

The second half opened in sensational fashion, for with less than two minutes gone, St George scored. Brady mullied inside his twenty-five, and then, following a scramble, Schuman gathered the ball and sent Freestone across for a good try, amid cheers from St George supporters. Hyland landed a nice goal, this being his third. St George 9, Wests nil. ... McMillan just missed with an attempt at a field goal, but a little later, when Fairall was offside, Craig opened Wests account with a good penalty goal. St George 9, Wests 2. McCormack had to force and from the drop-out, McMillan, steadying himself landed a neat field goal. St George 9, Wests 4. In some hard play, Brogan was laid out when tackled by Flower, but he resumed after attention from the ambulance men. Craig, with a magnificent goal from near touch, reduced the deficit. St George 9, Wests 6. Less than ten minutes remained for play, and Wests, winning the scrums, still had St George defending hard. St George attacked and was penalised but McCormack caught Craig's kick and then found touch with his return. There was wild excitement when Freestone, with a thrilling try, put his side further ahead. He intercepted just outside Wests 25, beat two opponents, kicked through, beat the opposition for speed, and dived on the ball to score for a second time. Hyland landed a fine goal. St George 14, Wests 6. Full-time came with St George the winners by 14 points to 6.. (**Evening News 27th September 1930**)

Notes: Charlie Cornwell was back from injury but the continued absence of Linfield meant that Wests were starved for ball early on when running against a strong wind. Bill Brogan played a courageous game after being knocked out early. The story for Wests was a series of bungled chances with poor handling and St George's bustling defence being a feature. Cliff Pearce starred for Wests but Jim McCormack, at fullback for St George, had a blinder. The game was still very close until five minutes to go when St George scored an intercept try, the second one from a Wests' error. Wests and St George would now have to play a Grand Final and remarkably the other two grades also went to Grand Finals when the premiers Easts in both grades were beaten by Souths and St George respectively. Wests would have "Dutchy" Matternson and Bob Lindfield back for the match, a great bonus.