



1932 Round 12 Saturday 13th August Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 14

def.

Eastern Suburbs 10

Charlie CANT
 Alan RIDLEY
 Ken SHERWOOD
 Ray MORRIS
 Alan BRADY
 Jack McGLINN
 Les MEAD
 Frank SPONBERG
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Frank SPILLANE
 Bill BROGAN (c)
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Cecil RHODES

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

Billy HONG
 Hilton DELANEY
 Jack LYNCH
 Jack GUINERY
 Morrie BOYLE
 Gordon FLETCHER
 Viv THICKNESSE
 Les ROGERS (c)
 Jim MORRISON
 Max NIXON
 Perc ATKINSON
 Dick BROWN
 M RAYNER

Tries

Alan RIDLEY (2)
 Alan BRADY
 Charlie CORNWELL

Morrie BOYLE
 Jack LYNCH

Goals

Les MEAD (1)

Jack LYNCH (2)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: C Cant; three-quarters: A Ridley, R Morris, K Sherwood, A Brady; halves: L Mead, J McGlinn; forwards: F Sponberg, F Spillane, C Cornwell, C Rhodes, R Lindfield, W Brogan (capt)

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: W Hong; three-quarters: M Boyle, J Lynch, J Guinery, H Delaney; halves: G Fletcher, V Thicknesse; forwards: L Rogers (capt), J Morrison, W Rayner, M Nixon, R Brown, P Atkinson **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 20th August 1932)**

The 8,737 spectators at the principal League fixture were treated to a better exhibition of football than was expected. The absence of Norman, D Brown, S Pearce and Stehr with the State side in Queensland left the Eastern Suburbs side depleted but the reserve men played stubbornly and it was only in the last five minutes of play that Western Suburbs scored the winning points. The winners were without McMillan C Pearce and Ryan. Rogers won the toss for the tricolours and decided to take first use of the strong westerly wind that blew down the ground.

Notwithstanding this, Western Suburbs scored first, Brady getting across in the initial 10 minutes of play. Lynch recorded first points for Easts with a neat penalty from his second attempt. Lindfield raked the ball with regularity from the frequent scrums and the superiority nullified to a great extent the desperate efforts of the opposition to score points. Eastern Suburbs was unlucky not to score on several occasions, however the wind was playing havoc with the passes and eager hands dropped the ball at critical moments. Lynch was conspicuous in attack, his swerve and turn of speed showing to advantage and he touched down under the posts to give his side the lead. A conversion by the same player made the scores 7-3 in Eastern Suburbs favour. Western Suburbs continued to gain possession from the scrums and it was determined tackling that kept the black and white side out. Points came at last. Morris was weakly tackled and managed to get the ball to Cornwell. The big forward, after a fine run from his own side of half way, crossed the line with Lynch clinging to his heels. Cant missed the goal. Eastern Suburbs engaged in several brilliant passing bursts and after the ball had travelled to and fro along the back line Lynch cut through neatly and when near the Western Suburbs line gave Boyle a good pass and the winger scored. Rayner could not convert. The Interval came with the scores 10-6 in the tricolours favour.

As was expected Western Suburbs had much the better of play after the resumption. Lindfield gave his side a lion's share of the ball, the centre men exploited high punts and the wind carried the ball well down into the Eastern Suburbs twenty five. ... Ridley, who was unimpressive in the first half, scored next. A scrum was put down near the East line and the extra man on the blind side gave the big winger an easy try in the corner. Cant again missed the goal. The play was now most strenuous. ... Brogan had to receive attention but continued to play. The opposing sets of forwards had a torrid time tackling and rucking from one side of the field to the other. It seemed to be the tricolours day by 10 to 9 with less than five minutes of play left but Ridley, with a fine swerving run, shook off several tacklers and scored near the posts. Mead goaled and Western Suburbs snatched victory by 14 points to 10..... Mead and McGlinn had a merry afternoon with possession from most scrummages but the five eighth was painfully orthodox. With the exception of the outstanding difference in regard to hooking success the forwards were evenly matched. Rogers, Atkinson and Morrison of East and Cornwell, Brogan and Sponberg of West did best. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 15th August 1932)**

Notes: Easts were without Norman, Dave Brown, S Pearce and Ray Stehr and Wests without McMillan, Cliff Pearce and Bill Ryan, all playing for NSW. There was a very strong westerly blowing which favoured Easts in the first half, but they kicked it dead a few times. The tackling was ferocious in this match but the deciding factor was again Lindfield's dominance in the scrums. He was fast becoming a legendary hooker. The game was in doubt until the final five minutes when Alan Ridley beat a number of players and scored under the posts. There was also an upset in Reserves when Wests beat the competition leaders, Easts, 5-2.

