



1935 Round 12 Saturday 20th July Cricket Ground



Eastern Suburbs 27

def.

Western Suburbs 12

Tom DOWLING
Fred TOTTEY
Dave BROWN (c)
Jack BEATON
Rod O'LOAN
Ernie NORMAN
Viv THICKNESSE
Andy NORVAL
Henry PIERCE
Joe PIERCE
Max NIXON
Tom McLACHLAN
Ray STEHR

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

Frank McMILLAN (c)
Vince SHEEHAN
Cliff PEARCE
Alan BRADY
Alan RIDLEY
Stan TANCRED
Les MEAD
Bob ALLISON
Athol SMITH
Max GRAY
Bill WHEELER
George SHERRY
Ron EATON



Tries

Rod O'LOAN (2)
Dave BROWN
Viv THICKNESSE
Fred TOTTEY

Alan RIDLEY
Stan TANCRED

Goals

Jack BEATON (3)
Dave BROWN (3)

Les MEAD (3)

Match Description

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: T Dowling; three-quarters: R O'Loan, D Brown (capt), J Beaton, F Tottey; halves: E Norman, V Thicknesse; forwards: A Norval, S Pearce, H Pierce, M Nixon, T McLachlan, R Stehr

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan (capt); three-quarters: A Ridley, C Pearce, A Brady, V Sheehan; halves: S Tancred, L Mead; forwards: R Allison, M Gray, A Smith, R Eaton, G Sherry, W Wheeler **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 27th July 1935)**

Never has a crowd seen such a joyfully mad 10 minutes as that witnessed by 17,704 yelling fans at the Cricket Ground yesterday when, after Wests had led 12-10 with a quarter of an hour to go, Dave Brown's dandy long range goal from halfway was the signal for a meteoric Tricolor finish in which they put on 15 points by the very champagne of football, and landed the bacon by 27-12. ... Had Wests got their fair share of the ball, Easts would have been so far behind that even a miracle could not have saved them, but they had to thank little McLachlan for saving them. He got the ball 32 times from the scrum to Sherry's 10 and that prevented Wests' undoubtedly speedy attack from going; into action. ... For once Alan Ridley was kept pretty safe and Easts must hand the bouquet to Rod O'Loan for the manner in which he stopped the big winger after he had scored in the first couple of minutes. Early in the piece Wests were in great glee when Brady and Mead paved the way for Ridley to go over for an easy try, to which Mead added the extras and gave his side an early lead of 5-0. But soon after Norman got through and sent O'Loan on a diagonal run to the line and Wests only led 5-3. A goal by Beaton and it was five all, but after Tottey had messed things a couple of times Tancred put over a brainy short punt over Easts' head, raced after it, gathered the ball and cantered over under the bar. A goal by Mead and Wests were in great heart, leading 10-5, the score at half-time.

First score in the second half came from Mead's toe to make Wests 12-5, but it wasn't long before Tottey scored the try mentioned earlier and a grand goal from the corner by Brown made it Wests 12-10. Gradually Easts got the upper hand, Wests growing tired after their titanic efforts. Indulging in sparkling snappy bursts Thicknesse, Tottey, Pearce and Nixon carried the game to Wests' line, where Brown received the last transfer under the posts and when Beaton did the necessary Easts led 17-10 and still going strong. Norman carried on the good work with a rush along the touchline before sending Sid Pearce away. A pass to O'Loan and Ridley found the task of catching the flyer beyond him, just landing him on the line but too late to stop the try. Brown capped that beauty with another goal from the touchline and Easts were home and dried with a lead of 22-12. Then, to put the finishing touch to Wests' misery, Viv Thicknesse propped, swerved and side-stepped right through half of Wests' players before leaving Mead dazzled with a sidestep that put him over under the bar for Beaton to land the goal and send Easts off winners by 27-12. **(Truth 21st July 1935)**

As a result of his receiving a severe head injury when his side was leading by 12 points to 10, Vince Sheehan had no further recollection of the game against Easts. Upon returning to the dressing room, Vince collapsed and was assisted home, where he returned to full consciousness at a late hour on Saturday night and had to be firmly convinced that Wests had been defeated. **(Rugby League News 27th July 1935)**

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Notes: This was a fast, exciting game where Easts ran riot in the last fifteen minutes as Wests tired, having to defend after George Sherry was thrashed in the scrums by 32-10. Numerous goal kicks were also missed and Wests should have had a greater lead than the 12-5 they had when Easts started their come-back. Bill Wheeler made his debut; Athol Smith was the best forward for Wests and Vince Sheehan showed the lack of a concussion protocol by playing next week!!