1932 Round 13 Saturday 20th August Earl Park

Western Suburbs 23

def.

St George 16



Ray MORRIS Alan RIDLEY Jack McGLINN Les MFAD

Frank SPONBERG

Bill RYAN

Charlie CORNWELL Bill BROGAN (c) **Bob LINDFIELD** Cecil RHODES

Alan BRADY

Ray MORRIS

Alan RIDLEY

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

Stan ROBINSON Joe BRENNAN Jack LENNOX Norm TIPPING Stan BRAIN Fred GARDINER Tom CAREY John BRIERLEY Joe SHARP Henry PIERCE Front Row Clarrie KEMP Hooker Arthur JUSTICE (c) Front Row Charlie HYLAND

John BRIERLEY (2)

Les MEAD (2) Stan BRAIN Fred GARDINER

Bill BROGAN (1) Len BRENNAN (1) Fred GARDINER (1)

Charlie CORNWELL (1) Les MEAD (1)

Frank McMILLAN (1)

Match Description

Tries

Goals

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

St George: Full-back: Stan Robinson; three-quarters: J Brennan, J Lennox, N Tipping, S Brain; halves: T Carey, F Gardiner; forwards: J Brierley, J Sharpe, H Pierce, C Kemp, A Justice (capt), C Hyland Referee: W. Fry (Rugby League News 27th August 1932)

About 2000 spectators saw W. Brogan lead Western Suburbs on to the field at Earl Park. They were at full strength. St. George were without Schuman, who was ill. C. Kent took his place in the forwards. Mead kicked off. ... The forwards on both sides were rucking vigorously. Mead picked up the ball from the base of the scrum and sent to McGlinn, to Morris, who broke through, beat the full-back and sent on to Brady, who scored. McMillan converted. Wests 5 to nil. Wests were in again two minutes later. McMillan was applauded for a fine line kick. Lindfield again hooked the bail for Wests. Mead sent to McGlinn, who this time kicked through. Morris followed on, and the bounce beating Robinson, the fullback, Morris gathered and scored. McMillan this time missed the goal. Western Suburbs 8, St. George nil. Later, Gardiner had a successful shot at goal. Western Suburbs 8, St. George 2. St. George were now attacking vigorously. Morris fumbled, and Gardiner kicked the ball into the open. With a wonderful burst of speed, he gathered neatly again, and cleared out to score. He failed to convert. Western Suburbs 8, St. George 5. The game had developed into a thrilling and spectacular display by both sides. Ridley brought play to the corner after Mead, Cornwall and Brogan had handled. Mead worked the blindside, dummied, and passed out to Ridley, who cut through to score. McMillan missed the goal. Wests 11, St. George 5. Carey, ... Feeling was running high and Justice and Pearce were cautioned. When they resumed Pearce was in it again. He broke through resolutely and passed to McGlinn, who sent back to Mead, who scored in the corner. Ryan missed the goal. Wests 14, St. George 5. Half-time scores: —Western Suburbs 14.St. George, 5.

When they resumed there was a demonstration against Brady when he clashed with Robinson. Wests got a penalty soon afterwards, and Cornwell kicked a great goal. Wests 16, St. George 5. Morris again let St. George in by bad handling. Cornwell carried the ball into the open, where Pierce hand-balled it on the bounce to Brierley, who dived across with McMillan hanging on to him. Gardiner's kick hit the post. Wests 16, St. George 8. Mead received a penalty for Illegal Interference and taking the kick himself, he landed a great goal. Wests 18, St. George 8. Brierley again scored after picking up in the ruck. Gardiner missed the goal. Wests 18, St. George 11. Lennox made an opening immediately afterwards for Brain to score in the comer. Brennan converted. Wests 18, St. George 10. Ridley clinched the victory by picking the ball up in the loose and scoring. Brogan converted. (The Sun 20th August 1932)

Notes: McMillan, Pearce and Ryan were all back from duties with NSW but St George played their best game of the season and the game was in doubt until the last five minutes. It was a highly entertaining, feisty game, with many cautions being issued. Mead was again a dominant player and had matured a great deal during the season. Wests had a strong breeze in the first half and McMillan exploited it with a great display of line kicking. The feature of the match was the resumption of the duel between Lindfield and his old foe, Arthur "Snowy" Justice. By all accounts, on this occasion Lindfield came out on top. Two legendary hookers going head to head.

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