



1935 Round 13 Saturday 27th July Pratten Park



South Sydney 29

def.

Western Suburbs 11

Les McDONALD
Harold THOMPSON
Arthur DEAN
Harry EYERS
Keith WYLIE
Percy WILLIAMS (c)
Jack STEWART
Jim McCORMACK
Eric LEWIS
George KILHAM
Eddie HINSON
Michael WILLIAMS
Frank CURRAN

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
Bill McLEOD
Athol SMITH
Max GRAY
Bill WHEELER
Gordon PUGH
Ron EATON



Tries Percy WILLIAMS (2)
Frank CURRAN
Harry EYERS
Eric LEWIS

Max GRAY

Goals Percy WILLIAMS (6)
Les McDONALD (1)

Les MEAD (4)

Match Description

South Sydney: Full-back: L McDonald; three-quarters: H Thompson, H Evers, A Dean, K Wylie; halves: P Williams, J Stewart; forwards: J McCormack, E Lewis (capt), G Kilham, F Curran, M A Williams, E Hinson

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan (capt); three-quarters: A Ridley, C Pearce, A Brady, V Sheehan; halves: S Tancred, L Mead; forwards: W McLeod, M Gray, A Smith, R Eaton, G Pugh, W Wheeler **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 3rd August 1935)**

..... The South Sydney men were a much superior combination on the day. They threw the ball about in grand style and were ever eager for an opening. They also excelled with their tackling and the Western Suburbs three-quarters made little ground for the major portion of the match. Time after time Western Suburbs secured the ball from the scrums only to see it fumbled by the inside backs. ... Referee McMahon caused a sensation midway through the first half when he ordered the rival hookers from the field. During a short period, the half backs had made almost a dozen attempts to place the ball into the scrum correctly before the Referee took action. Both Pugh (Western Suburbs) and M Williams (South Sydney) appeared to be striking much too soon. Western Suburbs sadly missed the services of Hey. On one occasion, after good work by Mead, Ridley emerged into the open with a clear field but before he could get properly into his stride the diminutive Wylie came like a flash from the opposite wing and downed the big fellow. Western Suburbs was dangerous early, Pearce breaking through nicely. He raced to McDonald and gave an easy pass to Wheeler who was tackled near the line. Instead of playing the ball Wheeler appeared to place the ball over the line and a penalty got South Sydney out of trouble. From a scrum near the Western Suburbs 25 yards line, P Williams secured and raced past Mead. Although he struck one of the uprights with his shoulder Williams scored between the posts. Mead landed an easy penalty for Wests. McMillan injured his knee in a collision with Curran and after twice receiving attention returned to the field and Western Suburbs played with two full backs, McLeod leaving the lock position. McMillan was playing under difficulties and midway through the second half he left the field limping badly. At half-time the scores were South Sydney 7, Western Suburbs 4.

Shortly after the resumption, Tancred, who had been handling poorly, failed to hold a pass from Mead and Evers snatched the ball and ran round McMillan to score near the posts. Mead followed with his third penalty goal and then Western Suburbs staged a grand move which ended in Pearce crossing with Hinson hanging to him, but interference to P Williams and Wylie caused a line umpire to race in and the referee recalled the players and ordered a five yard scrum. Next P Williams secured from a scrum and leaving the defenders standing crossed between the posts. Mead was the star when Western Suburbs' only try was scored. He ran 40 yards before sending to Gray who although tackled managed to cross. Mead goaled from well out. Western Suburbs was demoralised later and two more South Sydney tries followed. It was the second time this season that South Sydney downed Western Suburbs. P Williams, who benefited when McLeod was withdrawn from the opposing pack played grandly at half back and scored 18 points. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 29th July 1935)**

Notes: This game had a number of unusual features. Both hookers were sent off before half-time for repeated scrum infringements. They shook hands as they left. News came through of Vic Hey starring for Toowoomba, beating Ipswich 39-7. He was being sorely missed. McMillan was injured early and limped off the field. Bill McLeod went back to full-back and stayed there, even when McMillan limped back on. The extent of the injury was understated; McMillan never played another match for Wests. Pearce played very strongly and Ridley had a try disallowed but Souths were too strong in the end.