



1934 Round 13 Saturday 28th July Sydney Sports Ground



St George 7

Stan ROBINSON
 Len BRENNAN
 Jack LYNCH
 Bernie MARTIN
 Fred GARDNER
 Harry KADWELL (c)
 Sid LOUDEN
 Bill KILLIBY
 Charles RICE
 Len KELLY
 Tom HAYWOOD
 Percy FAIRALL
 Reg SCHUMAN

def.

Western Suburbs 6

Frank McMILLAN (c)
 Vince SHEEHAN
 Stan TANCRED
 Alan BRADY
 Alan RIDLEY
 Alec McDONALD
 Vic HEY
 Frank SPONBERG
 Jack McCONNELL
 Max GRAY
 Charlie CORNWELL
 Bob LINDFIELD
 Alan BLAKE



Tries Tom HAYWOOD

Charlie CORNWELL
Alec McDONALD

Goals Jack LYNCH (1)
Stan ROBINSON (1)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: Stan Robinson; three-quarters: F Gardner, B Martin, J Lynch, L Brennan; halves: H Kadwell (capt), S Louden; forwards: W Killiby, L Kelly, C Rice, R Schuman, P Fairall, T Haywood

Western Suburbs: Full-back: F McMillan (capt); three-quarters: A Ridley, A Brady, S Tancred, V Sheehan; halves: A McDonald, V Hey; forwards: F Sponberg, J McConnell, M Gray, C Cornwell, R Lindfield, A Blake **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 4th August 1934)**

Despite the fact that the Sports Ground was in worse condition than it has ever been with pools a foot deep in places and mud inches deep over three parts of the playing area, the game was good and fast. In the first half Saints had not looked anything behind Wests, but a bit of luck allowed McDonald to score a try with a dribble over the line after Saints had overrun the ball. Then in the second half Wests started with so much dash that it looked sure that they would land the money, especially when Charlie Cornwell scooted for twenty yards defying the defenders before landing a great try. Then how did Saints put their shoulders to the wheel! They were all over their rivals, and as attack after attack was shot home it was certain that they must score. That score came when Martin picked up a dropped ball, shot down the wing and sent inside to Kelly. When the latter was dropped, the ball rolled free and solid little Haywood pounced on it, ran over the line and improved his position so well that Robinson was able to pot the goal. With scores at 6-5 in favour of Wests the battle started properly, and Saints always seemed to have the whip hand until things broke their way and Lynch landed the winning goal. Any report of the game would not be complete without a tribute to the wonderful form of Stan Robinson, St. George's full-back, for it was due to the unerring and accurate kicking of this youngster that Saints won. Frank McMillan played a great game, but everybody expected this dandy veteran to show up young Robinson on an English ground. Robinson, however, refused to be shown up, took the ball and never missed, kicked McMillan out of position and ended up the day with some runs down the wing that would have been champion even on a dry ground. The experiment of playing Vic Hey as half was not given a fair go under the conditions, so that everybody's still in the dark as to how he would have gone, but it must be said that five-eighth McDonald did really well, although he did kick a bit too much..... McConnell was Wests' hardest worker, but Cornwell provided most danger to Saints by reason of his wonderful handling and dashing runs. Of Saints, Rice, Schuman and Haywood stood out. **(Truth 29th July 1934)**

Making a rapid recovery from what appeared at one time to be a severe enough injury to keep him out of the game for the rest of the season, Les Mead will probably take part in the final matches for the club. A keener player never donned a jersey and his absence from the side has been greatly felt in the last two matches..... The freedom from injuries, which Wests' players enjoyed for the greater part of the season, has now taken a change in the opposite direction, as, in addition to Les Mead, his understudy A McGuinness, is having an enforced spell in company with G Sherry, F Comber, K Lambert, and O Norman, each of whom would now be claimed as valuable assets in the various grades if they were fit to play.... The return of Bob Lindfield to Wests' pack gave his backs a welcome return of a supply of the ball, but unfortunately the day was so unsuitable for safe handling that a comparison of their efforts when opposed to Easts could not be made by their many critical supporters. **(Rugby League News 4th August 1934)**

Before the start of the first grade fixture between Western Suburbs and St George at the Sports Ground on Saturday F McMillan was presented with a cut glass rose bowl and a sweet dish by the Western Suburbs Club President by Mr E McFayden. This was to commemorate the full-back's 150th club game with Western Suburbs. He has played 165 in all. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 30th July 1934)**

Notes: This game was played in atrocious conditions; heavy rain and ankle-deep water. It was McMillan's 150th game and he played well. Bob Lindfield was back and predictably won the scrums well, but the conditions didn't suit backline play. This loss was predicated by the increasing injury toll for Wests although it was good news on Les Mead. Wests now shared the premiership lead with Easts after this loss.