



1935 Round 16 Saturday 17th August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 45

def.

University 14

Jim SHARMAN
 Bill PURCELL
 Cliff PEARCE (c)
 Alan BRADY
 Alan RIDLEY
 Stan TANCRED
 Les MEAD
 Athol SMITH
 Max GRAY
 Ron EATON
 Alan BLAKE
 Henry HANNAN
 Vince CLEARY

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

Frank LEARMOUTH
 Harry RATCLIFFE
 Tom McINERNEY (c)
 Trevor NEWCOMBE
 Michael MORAN
 Billy McCULLOCH
 Roy TURNER
 Russell COOPER
 Tom EDWARDS
 Jim COMANS
 James MARKS
 John BECKLEY
 Charles MCKAY

Tries

Athol SMITH (3)
 Vince CLEARY
 Ron EATON
 Max GRAY
 Bill PURCELL
 Alan RIDLEY
 Jim SHARMAN

John BECKLEY (2)
 Tom McINERNEY
 Harry RATCLIFFE

Goals

Les MEAD (8)
 Jim SHARMAN (1) Field goal

John BECKLEY (1)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: A Ridley, C Pearce (capt), A Brady, W Purcell; halves: S Tancred, L Mead; forwards: A Smith, M Gray, R Eaton, A Blake, H Hannan, V Cleary

University: Full-back: R Learmouth; three-quarters: M Moran, T McInerney, T Newcombe, H Ratcliffe; halves: W McCulloch, R Turner; forwards: R Cooper, T Edwards, J Comans, J Beckley, J Marks, C McKay **Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 24th August 1935)**

McCulloch started the game. West's first score came a second later, when Gray snapped up and ran across between the posts. Mead landed the goal, and Wests led by 5 to nil. ... Pearce opened a fine scoring movement, coming strongly and sending to Eaton, who ran in. Mead's kick at goal was again successful. Western Suburbs 10, University nil. University scored immediately after, Beckley securing in West 25, giving the "dummy" to Sharman and crossing in the corner. McInerney failed at goal. Western Suburbs 10, University 3. Wests retaliated and Smith crossed after Pearce had made an opening. When Mead kicked the goal Wests led 15 to 3. Purcell was the next scorer. Blake started it, and sent to Mead, to Sharman, who kicked. Brady had it and then Pearce who sent to Purcell. He ran in near the corner flag. Pearce took the kick, but missed. Western Suburbs 18, University 3. During this movement, Gray was injured, and carried to the side-line. Half-time scores:— Western Suburbs, 18, University 3.

Gray did not return after the interval. Wests went further ahead, however, when Ridley scored his first try. There was some scrambling play just inside University's 25 when Ridley picked up smartly and ran in. Mead failed at goal. Western Suburbs 21, University 6. Right on top of this Smith scored a fine try after a determined individual effort, and when Mead kicked the goal Wests were in front, 26 to 6. Beckley now left the field to receive ambulance attention, but was soon on again. Two penalty goals by Mead made the scores: Western Suburbs 30, University 6. Sharman was the next scorer. He supported Mead in a nice little burst down the sideline and crossed over with a heap of players on top of him. Pearce failed at goal. Western Suburbs 33, University 6. Then Smith ran in for a try right under the posts and Mead landed his seventh goal. Wests 38, University 6. Another try came soon after. Cleary was the scorer and Mead again kicked the goal. Wests 43 to 6. University scored then, Beckley getting a try after following on. He kicked the goal, making the scores, Western Suburbs 43, University 11. McInerney scored a try for University after a tricky run. The kick at goal failed. Western Suburbs 43, University 14. A few seconds later Sharman snapped a field goal. Western Suburbs 46, University 14. **(The Sun 17th August 1935)**

In the absence of Vince Sheehan, Billy Purcell made a very creditable first appearance with Wests' first grade side on Saturday, and succeeded in notching a nice try. Purcell's determination in going for the line is somewhat similar to that of Ray Hines, and he promises to enjoy the latter's popularity as a crowd pleaser... **(Rugby League News 24th August 1935)**

Notes: This was an important win for Wests as they moved up to third on the ladder. Max Gray left the field with a head injury so the win had even more merit. Billy Purcell made a good debut, coming in for the injured Sheehan, and scoring a try with a good run. Athol Smith continued his great form, scoring an unusual three tries for a forward. Jimmy Sharman kicked a good field goal after two previous attempts.