



1935 Round 18 Saturday 31st August Pratten Park



Western Suburbs 65

def.

Canterbury Bankstown 11



Jim SHARMAN
Vince SHEEHAN
Cliff PEARCE (c)
Ron KNIGHT
Fred COMBER
Stan TANCRED
Les MEAD
Bill McLEOD
Max GRAY
Athol SMITH
Ron EATON
Gordon PUGH
Vince CLEARY

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

George MAIN
Vince DWYER
Charlie CHIGNELL
Jack O'SULLIVAN
Ted BURDON
Harry HALL
Tom CAREY (c)
Charlie MORRIS
Fred BRIGHTEN
Roy McCALLUM
Eddie BURNS
Bob LINDFIELD
Fred CHAPLIN

Tries

Fred COMBER (3)
Max GRAY (2)
Vince SHEEHAN (2)
Athol SMITH (2)
Ron KNIGHT
Les MEAD
Bill McLEOD
Jim SHARMAN

Jack O'SULLIVAN

Goals

Les MEAD (12)
Ron KNIGHT (1)

George MAIN (4)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: V Sheehan, C Pearce (capt), R Knight, F Comber; halves: S Tancred, L Mead; forwards: W McLeod, M Gray, A Smith, V Cleary, G Pugh, R Eaton

Canterbury Bankstown: Full-back: G Main; three-quarters: J O'Sullivan, V Dwyer, C Chignell, T Burdon; halves: T Carey (capt), H Hall; forwards: C Morris, F Brighton, R McCallum, E Burns, R Lindfield, F Chaplin **Referee: A Davis (Rugby League News 14th September 1935)**

With the exception of a few sparkling movements, the play was below first grade standard, and was marred throughout by unnecessary hard play. On several occasions players were cautioned by the referee, but he took no definite action until late in the second half, when he ordered off R. McCallum, a Canterbury-Bankstown forward. McCallum just previously had received a severe blow in the face. Although the ground was soft and slippery after the rain, there were a number of minor casualties. An interesting and redeeming feature was the splendid play of Mead, the Western Suburbs half-back. Mead was in most movements, and in addition to scoring a try, which he converted, he also converted 10 of the 13 other tries scored, as well as kicking a penalty goal. When the game started Mead wanted nine points to reach the coveted century. He made these when, late in the first half, he kicked his fifth successive goal from tries. Mead, during the afternoon, scored 27 points, bringing his total for the season to 118. Western Suburbs was without the services of Brady, who was suffering from a boil on a knee, thus missing playing his hundredth game with his club, and his place was taken by R. Knight. Knowles was absent from the Canterbury-Bankstown three-quarter line, and Sponberg and McConnell from the forwards. Chignell went back to Knowles's place, H. Hall, C. Morris, and F. Brighton being brought up from the reserve grade to fill the vacancies. Against a poor defence, the Western Suburbs backs shone to advantage, all of them scoring tries except Pearce and Tancred, who, nevertheless, were conspicuous. While he was not called upon for much work in defence, Sharman, the full-back, figured in most of the attacking movements, and on one occasion ran through the opposition from half-way to score a good try. Smith, Gray, and McLeod were the pick of a splendid pack. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 2nd September 1935)**

Although suffering from a badly injured leg, Ron Knight ably filled the position vacated by Alan Brady last week. Ron has been a prolific scorer during the season and brought his tally, for the two grades in which he has played, up to 55 points when he recorded a try and a goal against the new club. **(Rugby League News 7th September 1935)**

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Notes: Wests were on top right from the start against the new team who were missing Lindfield and McConnell and also had McCallum sent off after a fight with Stan Tancred. Mead had a day out, kicking 12 goals and scoring a try bringing his total for the year to 118 points. Alan Brady was out with a boil on his knee, replaced by Ron Knight who had had a very good season in Reserve Grade. Wests finished third on the table and would now play Eastern Suburbs in the semi-final.