



1933 Round 3 Saturday 6th May Marrickville Oval



Western Suburbs 21

def.

Newtown 6

Frank McMILLAN
Les MIDSON
Stan TANCRED
Cliff PEARCE (c)
Alan BRADY
Vic HEY
Les MEAD
Frank SPONBERG
Jack McCONNELL
Charlie CORNWELL
Bill BROGAN
Bob LINDFIELD
Charlie WRENCH

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

Tom ELLIS
Les HESSION
Alf GRIFFITHS
Joe GARTNER
Alan RIGHTON
Keith ELLIS (c)
Hans MORK
Jack THORNTON
Jack HUXLEY
Alf SMITH
Clarrie TUPPER
Arthur FOLWELL
Henry PORTER



Tries Charlie WRENCH
Stan TANCRED
Les MEAD

Goals Frank McMILLAN (6) Tom ELLIS (3)

Match Description

Western Suburbs: Full-back: McMillan; three-quarters: L Midson, C Pearce (capt), S Tancred, A Brady; halves: V Hey, L Mead; forwards: F Sponberg, C Cornwell, J McConnell, W Brogan, R Lindfield, C Wrench

Newtown: Full-back: T Ellis; three-quarters: A Righton, J Gartner, A Griffiths, L Hession; halves: K Ellis (capt), H Mork; forwards: J Thornton, J Huxley, A Smith, C Tupper, A Folwell, H Porter **Referee: C McGrath (Rugby League News 20th May 1933)**

Western Suburbs owed victory to the superior handling and passing of the back division together with the splendid goal kicking of McMillan whose ability in that department was responsible for twelve of the points scored by his side At the same time, many of the spectators considered that it was a forward pass which led to the converted try just before the interval and escaped the notice of the referee. Short snappy rushes by the opposing backs In which Mork, K Ellis, Griffiths and Righton for Newtown and Mead, Hey, Pearce, Tancred and Midson for Western Suburbs, were usually prominent were the features of a brief period but the defence on both sides was solid and no score resulted. Play continued even and it looked as if the half time scores would be four points to two In favour of Western Suburbs but a few minutes before the bell Newtown was penalised at half way, the ball going out at their 25. From the ruck Mead picked up and dashing along the wing scored In the corner. McMillan converted with a fine kick. The kick out went to centre where from a scramble the ball was sent to Tancred who appeared to be off side. He sent to Hey on to McConnell back to Hey and onto Wrench who sped across near the posts. It was thrilling play and when McMillan kicked an easy goal as the bell rang Western Suburbs supporters were jubilant, 10 points having been added in less than five minutes.

Newtown attacked strongly after the Interval and eventually the defenders were penalised fora scrum breach and T Ellis kicked a goal and he repeated this a few minutes afterwards. Pearce and Tancred were prominent in several rushes and play was transferred to Newtown's territory where McMillan landed another penalty goal. The last stages of the game saw Newtown attacking strongly but faulty passing nullified a lot of good work. A penalty was made good use of by McMillan, the ball going out near Newtown's quarter-way. Here there was a great tussle which was ended just before full time when Midson broke away and sent Tancred In alongside the posts, giving McMillan his sixth goal for the match and eighteenth for the three competition games played this season. McMillan was undoubtedly the star player for Western Suburbs as apart from his spectacular kicking, his tackling was superb and frequently he set his three-quarters going. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 8th May 1933)**

Stan Tancred, playing alongside Cliff Pearce in Wests' three-quarter line, is filling the vacancy left by Ray Morris with every credit. A product of the local Junior League has risen rapidly in the grade ranks and a continuation of his strong, straight running and hard tackling should take him to the highest rungs in the ladder of the game..... Vic Hey, replacing Jack McGlenn in the five-eighth position for Wests, is fulfilling the prophecy made by good judges who witnessed his schoolboy display in an early match when the English team was here in 1928, that he would make his mark in bigger stuff as time rolled on. A brother of Dave, who is now playing at Tamworth, Vic is moulded on sturdy lines, able to give and take the roughest handling, and is possessed of a neat and elusive step. **(Rugby League News 20th May 1933 p11.)**

Notes: Les Midson, in for the injured Ridley, and Jack McConnell made their First Grade debuts in a match that featured some very rugged tackling. Charlie Wrench was also back, replacing Cecil Rhodes. Points were scored freely late in the first half, although Wrench's try was apparently scored off a forward pass. McMillan was, however, the standout star, again, kicking six goals, meaning he had kicked 18 goals in 3 matches. He was also dominant in attack and defence. Note the comment on Vic Hey – his genius was recognised early on as a schoolboy.