



## 1933 Round 4 Saturday 13th May Pratten Park



### North Sydney 22

def.

### Western Suburbs 17

Chris SCHIEMER  
Grantley BENNETT  
Ken WOOD  
Ken SHERWOOD  
Alf BIRTLES  
Wally HAMILL  
Arthur EDWARDS (c)  
Bill KELLEWAY  
George WILLIAMS  
Fred WILLIAMS  
Noel WALPOLE  
Ron EATON  
Edward SHEPHERD

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

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



#### Tries

Ken SHERWOOD  
Ron EATON  
Alf BIRTLES  
Grantley BENNETT

Les MEAD (2)  
Frank SPONBERG

#### Goals

Wally HAMILL (3)  
Chris SCHIEMER (2)

Frank McMILLAN (4)

#### Match Description

**North Sydney:** Full-back: C Schiemer; three-quarters: G Bennett, K Wood, K Sherwood, A Birtles; halves: W Hamill. A Edwards; forwards: L Shepherd, N Walpole, R Eaton, W Kellaway, F Nolan, G Williams

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: F McMillan; three-quarters: A Ridley, 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 **Referee: T McMahon (The Rugby League News 27th May 1933)**

Within a few minutes of the commencement, C. Schiemer, Norths' full-back, kicked a penalty goal. Norths 2, Wests nil. This success was followed by a fast passing movement among Norths' backs. The ball travelled to Birtles, who sprinted hard and dived across in the corner. He failed to convert the try. Norths 5, Wests nil. Norths continued to press, but a penalty relieved Wests. .... Then a northern forward rush again. R. Eaton played nicely. Hammill followed on, kept the ball at toe, passed, and Bennett, the winger, scored. Schiemer failed to convert. North Sydney 8, Western Suburbs nil. A penalty against Norths gave McMillan the chance to kick his 19th goal this season. North Sydney 8. Western Suburbs 2. A moment later Sponberg, one of Wests' brilliant young forwards, received the ball from Brogan 40 yards from the line. Showing the speed of a wing three-quarter, Sponberg brilliantly broke through, beat the opposition, and scored a fine try, which McMillan converted from a difficult angle. Norths 8, Wests 7. .... Norths were penalised near halfway, and this time McMillan kicked an excellent goal, which placed Wests ahead. Western Suburbs 9, Norths 8. Edwards made a good opening from a scrum near Wests' 25. Bursting through, he passed to Eaton, who scored. Schiemer failed to convert. Norths 11, Wests 9. Norths were now pressing again. This time Wests were penalised on the 25 line near the wing, and Hammill kicked a good goal. Norths 13, Wests 9. A good line kick by Edwards, from a penalty after the resumption sent play up to Wests' corner, where another penalty was given to Norths. Hamill kicked an easy goal. North Sydney 15, Western Suburbs 9. McMillan found the line near the 25 from a penalty. From the scrum, the ball was heeled to Mead, who passed to Hey. The latter burst through nicely, and returned to Mead, who scored. McMillan failed to convert. North Sydney 15, Western Suburbs 12. Half-time scores:—North Sydney 13, Western Suburbs 9.

A penalty kick by McMillan from 10 yards inside half-way and against the wind landed beneath the posts. North Sydney attacked. Sherwood took the ball from McMillan on Wests' 25 line and scored. Hamill converted. North Sydney 20, Western Suburbs 12. Pearce, Hey, Brogan and Cornwell led a fierce Western attack, which ended in Cornwell almost scoring. He was well tackled by Schiemer a few yards from the line. Norths returned the attack. Edwards gained 40 yards with a line kick and a few minutes later Schiemer landed a superb field goal. North Sydney 22, Wests 12. ....Fifteen minutes now remained. Mead scored a good try for Wests within seven minutes of the final bell, and McMillan converted with a fine kick from the corner. Norths 22, Wests 17. Full-time score. **(The Sun 13th May 1933)**

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**Notes:** Alan Ridley was back from his ankle injury and ran into an ex-Wests player in Ken Sherwood who scored a good try for Norths. This was another hard-tackling match where McMillan was pole-axed in the first half and wasn't himself after that, even passing off the ground, apparently dazed, directly to Sherwood who scored. Sponberg's try was a beauty where he gave a good side-step then showed dazzling speed for a forward to race 40 yards. Wests got close at the end and nearly scored on full-time but simply ran out of time.