



# 1935 Round 4 Monday 6th May Pratten Park



## South Sydney 14

def.

## Western Suburbs 12

Jimmy STIFF  
 Harold THOMPSON  
 Harleigh HANRAHAN  
 Bernie MARTIN  
 Eddie FINUCANE  
 Percy WILLIAMS (c)  
 Jack STEWART  
 Jim MCCORMACK  
 Eric LEWIS  
 John COYNE  
 Eddie HINSON  
 Michael WILLIAMS  
 Frank CURRAN

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

Jim SHARMAN  
 Vince SHEEHAN  
 Stan TANCRED  
 Ron KNIGHT  
 Alan RIDLEY  
 Vic HEY  
 Les MEAD  
 Jack KINGSTON  
 Athol SMITH  
 Max GRAY  
 Ron EATON  
 Gordon PUGH  
 Vince CLEARY



**Tries** Bernie MARTIN  
 Jack STEWART

Max GRAY  
 Vince SHEEHAN

**Goals** Percy WILLIAMS (4)

Les MEAD (2)  
 Ron KNIGHT (1)

### Match Description

**South Sydney:** Full-back: J Stiff; three-quarters: H Thompson, H Hanrahan, B Martin, E Finucane; halves: P Williams (capt), J Stewart; forwards: J McCormack, E Lewis, J Coyne, F Curran, M A Williams, E Hinson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: A Ridley, R Knight, S Tancred, V Sheehan; halves: V Hey, L Mead (capt); forwards: J Kingston, A Smith, M Gray, V Cleary, G Pugh, R Eaton **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 3rd June 1935)**

In an extremely hard-fought game, last season's premier team, Western Suburbs met its second successive defeat. South Sydney, in a thrilling finish, scored the winning try five minutes from full time. Although the visitors' tenacious efforts well merited the victory, Western Suburbs made many bad mistakes. Western Suburbs looked to have the match won when a half-time deficit was wiped off. Towards the close, but when both Ridley and Sharman clashed in taking a long kick, the ball went astray and the way was left open for Hanrahan to break away unopposed. Even then he was overtaken by Knight, who, with a sound tackle, may have saved the day. Knight, however, tackled high, and the burly Hanrahan was able to send to Stewart, who crossed. Prior to that, Hey, who was the outstanding player on the field, had made a magnificent run to give Sheehan the try, which, when converted by Mead, had placed Western Suburbs in the lead. Hey played almost a lone hand amongst the Western Suburbs backs. Lack of support left him with no alternative but to attempt individual bursts and on the occasion of Sheehan's try he went through from a scrum with amazing speed, feinted to pass to Knight, and was brought down close to the line. Sheehan was handy, and had only to step across. Many penalties were awarded in the first half for scrum and play-the-ball breaches, and P. Williams (South) early kicked two goals. Thompson cut through the defence, to send to Hinson to Marlin, who scored South Sydney's first try, and P Williams converted, to give the visitors a lead of nine points to nil. Western Suburbs, winning most of the scrums, lacked combination, but towards the close of the session did better. It was a fine effort by Hey which gave the home team its opening score. The five-eighth dribbled through from half-way, and, picking up, gave Gray the final run with an open goal-line before him. Mead converted the try. South Sydney led at half-time by 12 points to 5.

In the second half both teams brought their lock forwards out into the hack division. McCormack made an extra five-eighth for South Sydney, but Kingston, who was limping, was an outside centre for West. Alongside Kingston, Tancred, transferred to the wing because of a leg injury sustained in the first half, was of little use in the concluding session. Mead kicked a penalty goal, bringing Western Suburbs closer, and the home team was doing best when Sheehan scored the try that gave the side the lead. Finally, however, came South Sydney's winning try. South Sydney included three promoted men, Finucane (wing), Stewart five-eighth), and Hinson (forward), and all played parts in the victory. Stewart proved a dashing player in combination with his half, P. Williams, and they were supported by sterling centres in Hanrahan and Martin. .... Next to Hey, Sheehan was the best Western back. He played in the centre in the second half. Knight, who played in place of Brady, who was resting with an injury, lacked dash. Mead was closely watched, and his forwards gave him little assistance. Of the pack, of which some of the members erred frequently, Smith and Gray were best. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 7th May 1935)**

**Notes:** Ron Knight was in for an injured Alan Brady. This was a quick two-day backup game, which was played on a Monday celebrating the Silver 25th Jubilee of King George V. It meant that a split Round would be played with Wests having a bye in Round 5 the following Saturday. Vic Hey was easily the best player on the field but he seemed to lack support and in the end it was Wests' mistakes that made the difference. Stan Tancred injured his leg in the first half and was a virtual passenger in the second half. One good sign emerging from the match was the improved hooking of Gordon Pugh, who was finally starting to live up to his reputation.