



# 1934 Round 5 Saturday 19th May Sports Ground



## Western Suburbs 15

def.

## Eastern Suburbs 12



Frank McMILLAN (c)  
 Vince SHEEHAN  
 Stan TANCRED  
 Alan BRADY  
 Alan RIDLEY  
 Vic HEY  
 Les MEAD  
 Frank SPONBERG  
 Max GRAY  
 Jack McCONNELL  
 Charlie CORNWELL  
 Bob LINDFIELD  
 Alan BLAKE

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

Tom DOWLING  
 John LANE  
 Dave BROWN (c)  
 Jack BEATON  
 Frank BUCHANAN  
 Ernie NORMAN  
 Viv THICKNESSE  
 Andy NORVAL  
 Henry PIERCE  
 Joe PEARCE  
 John CLARKE  
 Tom McLACHLAN  
 Max NIXON

### Tries

Alan BRADY  
 Frank SPONBERG  
 Stan TANCRED

Jack BEATON  
 Andy NORVAL

### Goals

Les MEAD (2)  
 Frank McMILLAN (1)

Dave BROWN (3)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: F McMillan (capt); three-quarters: A Ridley, A Brady, S Tancred, V Sheehan; halves: V Hey, L Mead; forwards: F Sponberg, J McConnell, M Gray, C Cornwell, R Lindfield, A Blake

**Eastern Suburbs:** Full-back: T Dowling; three-quarters: J Lane, D Brown, J Beaton, F Buchanan; halves: E Norman, V Thicknesse; forwards: A Norval, S Pearce, H Pierce, M Nixon, T McLachlan, J Clarke **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 4th June 1934)**

.... The play opened with Eastern Suburbs on the offensive. ... Brown opened the scoring with a fine penalty goal which was followed shortly afterwards by a great try by Beaton. McLachlan secured as a forward played the ball and ran obliquely towards Beaton and gave him possession. Into his stride at once the centre ran around Hey's fruitless flying dive, changed his pace to beat McMillan, and flashed along touch to cross near the corner. Brown's attempt to convert just failed. Gaining respite, Western Suburbs worked the ball back. From a ruck the backs swept away. Brady, upon receiving, went straight ahead and gave to Ridley. He was tackled but Cornwell came on the scene, secured, and Tancred was on hand to score. Almost immediately Western Suburbs succeeded again. Hey got the ball clear and then Mead had it. Veering to Ridley's flank he reversed to Sponberg. Out went the pass to Ridley who was blocked but threw back to the lock-man who had anticipated the pass and he crossed over for McMillan to convert. Lindfield was injured just prior to half time but resumed after a few minutes. Western Suburbs 8, Eastern Suburbs 5.

Soon after restarting Norval receiving from Beaton went ahead and was partially stopped by McMillan but scrambled to his feet again. Hey came fast but his tackle was also broken and Norval struggled forward to success. When Brown goaled, Eastern Suburbs took the lead by 10 points to 8. Each side got into difficulties but extricated itself by fine defence until Mead made the scores level with a penalty goal. ... Eventually during an Eastern raid, Beaton was held back by Tancred following a tackle and Brown registered the goal. ... A minute or two before the closure, play was within the Eastern twenty five. S Pearce ran around the wing and short punted the ball. McMillan caught it, studied the situation for a moment and lofted gently and followed through. Lane received the ball but the opposition was upon him. Blake secured and threw a high awkward pass to Brady. The centre's prehensile finger tips seized the ball surely and although pounced upon by defenders he battled his way over near the posts and when Mead converted the Western supporters were beside themselves at this change of fortune. Thus ended a greatly interesting and magnificent battle wherein the honours were to the vanquished just as much as to the victors. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 21st May 1934)**

That opportunity sometimes makes the man has been illustrated in the case of George Sherry, who replaced Bob Lindfield in the matches against University and Newtown. ...**(Rugby League News 26th May 1934)**

**Notes:** Wests won this game in the last minute with a brilliant Brady try under the posts, where he juggled a high pass. Easts came out of the blocks early in front of the largest home game crowd for many seasons but Wests were able to weather the storm. Tancred's try was also one of the best for many seasons, with multiple players handling. Lindfield, Mead and Blake were all injured during the game but played on. The worst aspect of the game was the number of goal attempts that were missed. Wests were still undefeated for the season.