



1937 Round 6 Wednesday 12th May Pratten Park



Canterbury 21

def.

Western Suburbs 8

Jim PRATT
Aub MITCHELL
Alan BRADY (c)
Charlie CHIGNELL
Joe GARTNER
Bill SPONBERG
Roy McCARTER
Frank SPONBERG
Bill HOWES
Roy McCALLUM
Eddie BURNS
Vivian SAUNDERS
Henry PORTER

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

Jim SHARMAN
Ray HINES
Jack KNOX
Cliff PEARCE (c)
Adrian GLEESON
Pat WHITE
Les MEAD
Don MURRAY
Ray GILLAM
Don GULLIVER
Athol SMITH
Ken LOCK
Herbert HAAR



Tries

Joe GARTNER (2)
Aub MITCHELL (2)
Frank SPONBERG

Ray HINES
Jack KNOX

Goals

Roy McCARTER (2)
Bill SPONBERG (1)

Les MEAD (1)

Match Description

Canterbury-Bankstown: Full-back: J Pratt; three-quarters: J Gartner, C Chignell, A Brady, A Mitchell; halves: W Sponberg, R McCarter; forwards: F Sponberg, W Howes, R McCallum, H Porter, V Saunders, E Burns

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: A Gleeson, C Pearce, J Knox, R Hines; halves: P White, L Mead; forwards: D Murray, R Gillam, D Gulliver, A Smith, K Lock, H Haar **Referee: A Spankie (Rugby League News 29th May 1937)**

There was an attendance estimated at 5000. Western Suburbs were without McGuiness, P. White replacing him. Pearce won the toss from Brady, and McCarter kicked off. Canterbury won the first scrum, but Gartner was downed. Western Suburbs won a scrum. Canterbury's defence was sound but a penalty was given against them for not playing the ball and Mead opened the scoring with a nice goal. Western Suburbs 2, Canterbury nil. Play was held up for attention to Burns, who had hurt his knee. From a scrum infringement Canterbury was given a penalty, but W. Sponberg missed the goal. Gartner received a blow on the nose and temporarily retired. F. Sponberg replaced him on the left wing. Canterbury-Bankstown attacked, and F. Sponberg was nearly over in the corner. From a scrum, the ball went from McCarter to W. Sponberg, to Chignell, to F. Sponberg, who bullocked his way across. Pratt failed to convert. Canterbury 3 Wests 2. Gartner returned to the field. Canterbury received several penalties, W. Sponberg eventually kicking a goal. Canterbury 5, Wests 2. Canterbury maintained the offensive, but Sharman drove them back with a 60-yard line-kick. Wests took a hand, and Mead, Pearce, Mead again, and Hines handled nicely. Play was even and fast, many great rallies by both sides having the crowd on its toes. Canterbury won a scrum near the goal line, and McCarter sent out to Mitchell, who raced across in the corner. W. Sponberg failed to convert. Canterbury 8, Western Suburbs 2. Half-time scores: — Canterbury Bankstown 8, Western Suburbs, 2.

Western Suburbs scored shortly after the resumption. Mead sent out to White, to Hines, who crossed in the corner. Mead failed to convert. Canterbury 8, Western Suburbs 5. Mitchell was over for Canterbury soon afterwards. He received from W. Sponberg but was recalled for a forward pass. Play was not exciting. Pratt defended well and gained 30 yards with a tricky run. Wests were making determined efforts to make up the leeway. They were winning more scrums now and were always on the attack. Pratt got Canterbury out of a tight corner with a penalty kick. The next penalty went to Western Suburbs, and Sharman found the line near the corner. Canterbury won the scrum, and W. Sponberg made progress, but Sharman toed the ball out. McCarter short punted. McCallum secured, and sent to Mitchell, who scored in the corner. Pratt failed to convert. Canterbury 11, Western Suburbs 5. Wests were attacking vigorously when they lost the ball and Brady, bursting through, punted high. When Sharman dived at and missed the ball, Gartner toed it on and, outpacing everyone, went on to score between the posts. McCarter converted. Canterbury 16, Wests 5. Something similar happened almost immediately after; Pearce mulled a pass and Brady took the ball from him, raced into the open and passed to Gartner, who went over again in the same place. McCarter again converted. Canterbury 21 Wests 5. Wests scored again at last. Gillam started the movement, sending on to Pearce, Knox, handled next and passed to Gleeson who lost possession, but regained the ball and sent in to Knox, who scored. Mend failed to convert. Canterbury 21, Wests 8. **(The Sun 12th May 1937)**

Notes: Canterbury were becoming a nemesis for Wests. They had developed a very strong team and were premiership contenders. Jack Schuback was picked in the original team but couldn't make his debut because of an injured ankle. Pat White was back, however, after weeks out with injury. This match was another quick back-up, played on the Wednesday after Saturday's matches.