



# 1934 Round 6 Saturday 9th June Sports Ground



## Western Suburbs 24

def.

## St George 15

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**

Stan ROBINSON  
 Len BRENNAN  
 Bernie MARTIN  
 George WARD (c)  
 Fred GARDNER  
 Harry KADWELL  
 Sid LOUDEN  
 Bill KILLIBY  
 Charles RICE  
 Jim RUTHERFORD  
 Len KELLY  
 Percy FAIRALL  
 Reg SCHUMAN

### Tries

Alan BRADY  
 Frank SPONBERG  
 Vic HEY  
 Charlie CORNWELL

Fred GARDENER  
 Len KELLY  
 Bernie MARTIN

### Goals

Les MEAD (6)

Stan ROBINSON (2)  
 Harry KADWELL (1)

### 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, A Blake, R Lindfield, C Cornwell

**St George:** Full-back: S Robinson; three-quarters: F Gardner, G Ward, B Martin, L Brennan; halves: H Kadwell, S Louden; forwards: W Killiby, C Rice, J Rutherford, L Kelly, P Fairall, R Schuman **Referee: T McMahon (Rugby League News 16th June 1934)**

.... Weakness in St George defence enabled Western Suburbs to gain a handy advantage of 12 points to 2 in the first fifteen minutes play and although St George maintained the offensive for practically the remainder of the half penetration was effected upon one occasion only. .... Gardner had a great duel with his fellow Kangaroo winger Ridley and was prominent in deeds of attack and defence, although Ridley beat him badly with a grand swerve once that led to a try. Martin, the other centre three-quarter, was identified with a great feat of dour Individualism when he broke through many tackles to gain a try. .... Gray was the best of the Western pack, assisted intermittently by Sponberg and Cornwell. Mead found his methods curtailed until well into the second half but was clever when opportunities did arise. The same may be expressed of Hey and Ridley. Nevertheless the latter two appeared somewhat jaded. Possibly the reaction from their surfeit of football in the recent intra and inter State fixtures. McMillan played steadily but was not very successful in finding touch. ....Mead opened the tally with a penalty goal and shortly afterwards he secured in the loose and came through smartly. Cornwell was in support for the pass and went ahead for an easy try. Sponberg almost immediately broke clear from a ruck and beat the defence to add another; Mead converted both. Robinson replied for St George with two neat penalty goals. Gardner paved the way for Kelly's try. The winger went hard along touch and when blocked threw the ball high infield, trusting that a support would be on hand to secure it. Kelly had backed up and, accepting with an open path, he raced over. .. At half time Western Suburbs led by 12 points to 7.

As was the case in the first period, Western Suburbs recommenced in great style and quickly rattled up a further ten points. Sponberg and Cornwell gained a favourable opening for Brady and the three-quarter dashed in for a try. Following this, Ridley gathered the ball, swerved past Gardner and when Robinson tackled him, in-passed to Hey who had no difficulty in scoring. Mead converted upon both occasions. Tries by Gardner and Martin and a goal to Kadwell reduced the leeway for St George. The former who had striven determinedly to gain the line upon many previous occasions often coming well infield to secure possession was rewarded when he got clear in the opposing twenty five. Striding hard for the corner he was finely taken by Sponberg from behind but the Impetus carried them over the line. Martin's effort was the outcome of a determined and battering thrust, through a host of defenders. Just prior to full time Mead recorded another penalty goal, making his sixth for the match. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 11th June 1934)**

Ray Hines, the tall winger of Wests' reserves, has given the fans some entertaining displays this season, particularly in his last few matches. Against Easts he showed fine speed to run down the elusive Fred Tottey. **(Rugby League News 16th June 1934)**

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**Notes:** Wests were lacking early dash but still led 12-2 after fifteen minutes. St George made comebacks in both halves and the match was closer than the final score. Ridley and Gardner, the two Kangaroo wingers, had a great head to head duel. Both hookers were cautioned in a fiery clash, while Max Gray had his best game so far. The note on Ray Hines foretold his good First Grade career, making 29 appearances during 1934-7.