



1934 Round 7 Saturday 16th June Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 37

def.

North Sydney 7

Frank McMILLAN (c)
Vince SHEEHAN
Stan TANCRED
Alan BRADY
Ray HINES
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 RIDGWAY
Grantley BENNETT
Ron HYDE
Doug DEITZ
Alf BIRTLES
Rex HARRISON
Jim FLOWER (c)
Edward SHEPHERD
Ray GILLAM
Eric BENNETT
Harry ALLWORK
Fred NOLAN
A LYONS

Tries

Alan BRADY (2)
Charlie CORNWELL (2)
Vic HEY
Vince SHEEHAN
Ray HINES

Grantley BENNETT

Goals

Les MEAD (8)

Doug DEITZ (2)

Match Description

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

North Sydney: Full-back: S Ridgway; three-quarters: G Bennett, R Hyde, D Deitz, A Birtles; halves: R Harrison, J Flower (capt); forwards: L Shepherd, R Gillam, E Bennett, A Lyons, F Nolan, H Allwork **Referee: L Baggott (Rugby League News 23rd June 1934)**

... Wests absolutely played with Norths, the team of youngsters boomed to the skies as likely to stitch them. What happened? The Magpies led them home by 37-7. It was a real debacle! Norths' performances in recent games had been so great that they were freely tipped to extend unbeaten Wests, but they absolutely disgraced themselves by bringing on to the field a team of backs that had little idea of backing up, and fell for every trick that Wests put over. In those first hectic fifteen minutes Wests only got into Norths' territory twice, and each time it was a score. Shepherd, a fine stamp of lock forward, had different ideas, and he certainly did give winger Bennett a gallop that thrilled the crowd when he sailed from half-way down the line with Hines in hot pursuit. It was a grand race and Bennett was easing up to get over the line at the end of it. Nor was he the only one who put over a fifty yards dash. Brady, who played really brilliantly for Wests, going with his head back to return the compliment, and beat Bennett's dive just as he rolled over for the try. Wests' backs, opposed by the weakest backline they've met this season, revelled in the chances to shine, and shine they did. Tancred was in everything, played his best game of the season, and with Brady had their rivals in the bag all the way. Altogether it was a mournful day for Norths, and for the 8,674 fans who came along to see Wests bowled for the first time. ... After Norths' forwards had looked champions for a while at the jump-off, they got into a heap of bother when Shepherd shot a pass straight into the arms of Alan Brady, who thanked him very much by dashing over at the posts, Mead landing the goal to make it Wests 5-0. Sheehan went over a moment later with Bennett hanging to him like a leech, and a penalty goal by Mead soon after gave Wests a 10-0 lead, which they increased to 15-0 when Bob Lindfield handed a lolly-pop to Constable Cornwell to pound over for an easy try, to which Mead added the extras. That's how it was at lemons, but the boys from over the Bridge raised hopes when Grantley Bennett put over his sensational run for a score, Deitz potting the goal, soon after they strode off again. With scores 15-5 against them Norths heaved into the business, but were heaved out again when Cornwell scored his second try and Mead added another goal. Deitz replied with a two-pointer that made it Wests 20-7, but that was the last, time Norths worried the scorer, as the massacre started, and before the end Hey, Hines and Brady had crossed for Wests. Mead added four more goals to bring his tally to eight out of nine shots, and the final tally to Wests 37-7. **(Truth 17th June 1934)**

When it became known that Alan Ridley would not take the field last Saturday, as a result of a leg injury incurred against St George, no qualms were felt by Wests' selectors, as Ray Hines, who deputised for the international, has been playing in splendid form in reserve grade side, and capped his first appearance in the higher grade with a neat try. **(Rugby League News 23rd June 1934)**

Notes: Ray Hines made his debut for Wests, and scored a try, in a very big win, as Norths had been in great recent form. The match was played on a heavy ground with a strong westerly blowing but Wests' backline was in dazzling form. Hey set the backs going and Stan Tancred made many breaks leading to tries. The goal-kicking woes were temporarily put aside with Les Mead kicking eight out of nine.