



1934 Semi Final Saturday 18th August Sports Ground



Western Suburbs 16

def.

St George 6

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
 Max HOLLINGSWORTH
 Fred GARDNER
 Harry KADWELL (c)
 Sid LOUDEN
 Bill KILLIBY
 Charles RICE
 Jim RUTHERFORD
 Tom HAYWOOD
 Percy FAIRALL
 Reg SCHUMAN

Tries

Alan BRADY
 Jack McCONNELL
 Vic HEY
 Charlie CORNWELL

Bernie MARTIN
 Jim RUTHERFORD

Goals

Charlie CORNWELL (1)
 Les MEAD (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, C Cornwell, R Lindfield, A Blake

St George: Full-back: Stan Robinson; three-quarters: F Gardner, M Hollingsworth, B Martin, L Brennan; halves: H Kadwell (capt), S Louden; forwards: W Killiby, C Rice, J Rutherford, R Schuman, P Fairall, T Hayward **Referee: L Deane (Rugby League News 25th August 1934)**

..... St. George lost on account of their shocking form in the first half. Right from the jump-off Frank McMillan had them running for cover.....Carelessness was the cause of Saints' first downfall. Their forwards were waiting away up field for the game to catch up to them instead of coming back to it when foxy McMillan forced Robinson right back onto his own line. 'Robbie's' boot wasn't strong enough to propel the ball to where his forwards were loafing. It only went to half-way, where Sponberg grabbed the chance with both hands. A perfect take and he was away down the centre, passing to Cornwell, who ran well before veering towards the wing, where a pass to McConnell with four mates alongside and only one rival ahead, made a try a certainty. Mac did his best to murder it by selfishly clinging to the leather, but luck was with him and the tackler only threw him over the line to make Wests 3-0. Hollingsworth felt Hey's breeze as the chunky five-eighth side-stepped him and sped into the open with Brady alongside him. When Brady got the pass it was a case of 'shut the gate.' Mead potted the goal and Wests were jubilant with a lead of 8-0. Saints were palpably rattled now, and even 'Mick' Kadwell fell into an error when he dropped the ball on his own line. From the ensuing scrum Meads lid the leather to Hey who flashed past one man and then into the embraces of three more. Those three made sure they had him but got the shock of their lives when they woke up to the fact that they were mauling one another while Hey had dashed across the line for a try to make the half-time score Wests 11-0.

..... It wasn't long before some muddling by Wests enabled Loudon to snap the ball up and transfer to Bernie Martin, who only had to run to go over and make it Wests 11-3..... He was easy meat for Ridley, and the big chap merely grabbed at his collar and half-heartedly tried to put him into touch. That suited the St. George fireman fine, for collar-stud tackles don't worry him, and he wormed his way over in the corner to the great disgust of Wests' supporters. Wests 11-6. Then came bad luck for Saints, Loudon breaking his leg just when Saints were 'on the up. But Saints held until Mead, who had been threatening for a long time, made a nice run from the scrum and Cornwell hurtling over near the posts. Cornwell added the extras and the final tally read Wests 16-6. **(Truth 19th August 1934)**

Louden fell during the course of play, and did not rise. When assistance went to him it was observed that he was badly hurt. Ambulance men rushed upon the field, and soon had to requisition splints and a stretcher. Whilst they rendered first aid the unfortunate player stoically smoked a cigarette which McMillan, the Western Suburbs full-back procured for him. Later it was ascertained that Loudon had sustained a broken right leg, and was admitted to Lewisham Hospital. **(The Sydney Morning Herald 20th August 1934)**

Notes: Heavy rain before the match didn't seem to affect the quality of the ground. There was criticism of the referee Lal Deane for excessive use of the whistle. Wests were completely on top in the first half but St George were making a strong comeback in the second half until Sid Loudon broke his leg. Amazingly, Frank McMillan gave him a cigarette to comfort him while he was being treated! Where did he get a cigarette from? Hey was an absolute standout in this match where there was also a very tough forward clash.