

## Stan Tancred

... took his form from 1933 into the following season, which coincided with Wests turning their fortune around in 1934 by taking out the premiership. The 1934 team was full of international and highly talented players, and to some extent Stan Tancred did not receive the recognition due to him in such an exemplary team.

Stan was one of three Wests players that played all seventeen competition and finals matches in 1934. He also contributed to the scoreboard with eight tries, only bettered by the great Vic Hey and Alan Brady who scored eleven and ten tries respectively.

Stan was once again in the Selectors spot light and was selected for the 1934 City team which played NSW Country. The match was played the week after the 1934 grand final and remarkably Wests players filled six of the seven back line positions, and were represented in the forwards by Frank Sponberg and Charlie Cornwell with Jack McConnell on the bench. Stan was also selected in an Australian "Rest" team that played the returning 1933-34 Kangaroos.

Stan started the 1935 season slowly. He was suffering from boils in the pre-season and started the competition rounds in Reserve Grade but made his way back into First Grade by round three. Stan played mainly in the centres but in 1935 he found himself filling in for Vic Hey in the five-eighth position when Vic was unavailable early in the season. When Vic Hey moved to Queensland mid-year, Stan became Wests first choice five-eighth for the remainder of the year. However he missed the Semi Final game against Easts due to an injured knee.

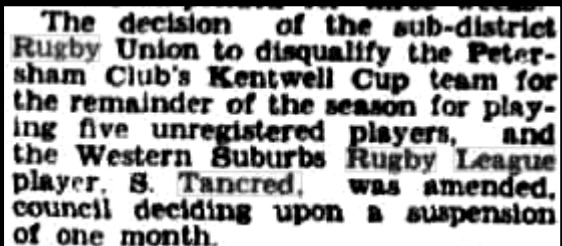


**Tancred Replaces  
Vic Hey As First  
Five-Eighth**

Labour Daily 17 July 1935

Stan Tancred played in the 1936 pre-season and then played the first two rounds of the 1936 competition in his traditional position in the centres. After losing the first two games, the Selectors dropped seven of the First Grade team including Stan Tancred. He appeared to lose enthusiasm for the game during this period playing only one Reserve Grade and one Third Grade game until he returned to First Grade later in the year.

During his absence from Wests, Stan had a dabble at rugby union which didn't work out well for Stan or the Petersham Club that he played with. He was one of five unregistered players that turned out for Petersham in a game against Eastwood in May of 1936. Initially the rugby union authorities banned the Petersham Club from playing for the rest of the season, but this was later altered to four weeks on appeal.



**The decision of the sub-district  
Rugby Union to disqualify the Peter-  
sham Club's Kentwell Cup team for  
the remainder of the season for play-  
ing five unregistered players, and  
the Western Suburbs Rugby League  
player, S. Tancred, was amended,  
council deciding upon a suspension  
of one month.**

Labor Daily 23 June 1936

Stan missed the early part of the 1937 season. The competition that year was comprised only of one round of eight games and Stan played two Reserve Grade games and the final competition round in First Grade.

Following the competition round, the teams played a City Cup round, again comprised of eight games. In the City Cup Stan played six games in First Grade, including the semi final loss to Newtown, and two games in Reserve Grade.

The 1937 City Cup semi final loss to Newtown was Stan Tancred's last game with Wests. The 1938 season saw him go across to Balmain, but an injury early in the season appeared to bring Stan Tancred's Grade rugby league career to an end. There was a record of a Tancred playing for Abattoirs in the Western Suburbs A Grade rugby league competition in 1939, but it is unclear whether this was Stan Tancred.

**S. Tancred, former New South Wales and Western Suburbs Rugby League Club player, has now qualified for Balmain Club.**

Daily Telegraph 7 March 1938

**Balmain Rugby League club third grade centre three-quarter, S. Tancred, was unable to play against Canterbury - Bankstown yesterday. Tancred strained his back during the week.**

The Sun 22 May 1938

Stan Tancred was with Wests from 1931 until 1937. He played forty eight First Grade, twenty three Reserve Grade, one Third Grade and eight City Cup games for Wests. He scored thirty two tries in all games with Wests with eighteen of these in First Grade. He was with Wests in the lean year of 1933 but made a significant contribution to help build the platform that would see Wests take out the 1934 premiership.

Stanley Tancred died at Haberfield, NSW in August 1989. His memorial is located at the Rookwood Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria, Rookwood, NSW, Section Lawn 7, Row Plot 2769.