



# 1945 Round 4 Saturday 12th May Pratten Park



## Western Suburbs 28

def.

## St George 12

Dick JOHNSON  
 Jack SNARE  
 Bob ANDREWS  
 Colin MAXWELL  
 Fred YANZ Jnr  
 Eric BENNETT  
 Jack RUSSELL  
 Arthur CLUES  
 Ken IBBETT  
 Cliff PEIME  
 Jack WALSH (c)  
 Ray WALDON  
 Wal TAYLOR

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

Cyril HOLT  
 R DEVINE  
 A LAW  
 Fred BROWN  
 Walter MUSSING  
 Les DOYLE  
 Alf COX  
 Bob GILBERT  
 Jim HALE (c)  
 Alister CLARKE  
 Bill McRITCHIE  
 Frank JOHNSON  
 Jack McPHERSON

### Tries

Arthur CLUES (3)  
 Ken IBBETT  
 Cliff PEIME  
 Jack SNARE

Fred BROWN  
 Alf COX

### Goals

Ken IBBETT (4)  
 Dick JOHNSON (1) Field Goal

Cyril HOLT (3)

### Match Description

**St George:** Full-back: C Holt; three-quarters: R Devine, F Brown, A Law, W Mussing; halves: L Doyle, A Cox; forwards: R Gilbert, J Hale, A Clarke, W McRitchie, F Johnson, L McPherson

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: R Johnson; three-quarters: F Yanz, C Maxwell, R Andrews, J Snare; halves: E Bennett, J Russell; forwards: A Clues, K Ibbett, C Peime, J Walsh, R Waldron, W Taylor **Referee: J O'Brien (Rugby League News 26th May 1945)**

Playing with a broken collarbone, Fred Brown, St. George star centre, was the hero of the St. George-Wests League game at Pratten Park yesterday. Wests had a comfortable 28-12 win. Brown broke his collarbone in the first 15 minutes, but refused all pleas to leave the field. He had a reason. He had invited his mother down from Newcastle to see him play and to spend Mother's Day in Sydney. After being shifted to the wing he crashed his way over to score in the corner. Later in the game he saved a certain try when he grounded Snare with a diving tackle. Arthur Clues left the game midway through the second half with a sprained ankle. He was the star of the game, scoring three fine tries for Wests. His second try, when he carried four St. George forwards 10 yards to score under the posts, was a great effort. St. George lost all chances of success when Doyle, Laws, and Devine were stopped by punishing tackles. They should have adopted the short kick more often. The few times they did they were always dangerous. Wests, with hooker Waldron a success, will be a menace to the glamour teams. Half-hearted tackling by an otherwise good set of forwards will have to be eliminated. Holt, who played a grand game, Mussing (backs) and Gilbert, McPherson, Hale (forwards) worked hard for Saints. Wests' backs were solid right through. Maxwell and Andrews were deadly defenders. Apart from Clues, Walsh and Peime led all the forward rushes. J. SHARMAN. **(The Daily Telegraph 13th May 1945)**

... Holt kicked off and there was an early thrill when St. George was in West's 25 but two penalties in succession sent play back to half-way. Holt and Johnson had a kicking duel till Johnson, found the line in Saint's territory, where, from the scrum, Johnson was penalised. From five, yards inside, Ibbett had the kick, but the ball fell just short of the posts. Cox and Doyle tried hard to get their backs in motion, but great tackling by Bennett and Maxwell kept Saints pinned down. Mussing was in the picture next when he raced to half-way. From a scrum 30 yards out Russell shot around the blind side, passed to Snare who when tackled near the line in-passed to the fast-following Clues, who dived over to score well out. Ibbett missed with the kick and the scores were West, 3, St. George nil. Clues, .... The Referee administered several cautions but in, the next scrum, separate fights broke out; and it was several moments before Referee O'Brien, could restore order. After a ruck near St. George's line, Peime forced his way over near the corner from a mass of forwards to score as Brown was taken to the sideline for ambulance treatment. Ibbett converted Peime's try and Wests led by 8 to nil. St. George attacked, and from a scrum Cox nearly sent Mussing over but the winger put his foot into touch. Wests were penalised 30 yards out near the side line and this time Holt made no mistake to kick the goal. Western Suburbs 8, St. George. 3. Shortly afterwards Cox and Doyle handled before Brown dived over to score in the corner. Holt failed to add the extras and Wests led 8 to 5..... **(The Sun 12th May 1945)**

**Notes:** Arthur Clues was back and scored three good tries, although he left with a sprained ankle late in the match. There is a reference to Ron Waldron, but this appears to be an alias for Roy Waldon, a hooker who had played for Wests 1935-39, 41 and for Newtown in 1943/4. Like Roy Dreves, there was a wartime reason for him to play under a false name. There was a lot of fighting in this match, with the Referee O'Brien struggling to keep control. Fred Brown, for St George, displayed great courage to play on with a broken collar-bone, suffered after 15 minutes