



1942 Round 1 Saturday 2nd May Hurstville Oval



St George 24

def.

Western Suburbs 15

Ray LINDWALL
Owen CAMPBELL
Noel JONES
A McLURE
Doug McRITCHIE
Roy HASSON
Alf COX
Bill McRITCHIE
Herb GILBERT
Charlie MONTGOMERY
Len KELLY (c)
Alister CLARKE
Jim HALE

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

Bill KEATO
Bruce BROWN
Les HOSCHKE
Cal LYNCH
Colin FEWTRELL
Eric BENNETT
Albert McGUINNESS (c)
George LUCAS
Harry GREW
Fred McKEAN
Wal TAYLOR
Neville SPENCE
Cec WILLIAMS



Tries

Jim HALE
Owen CAMPBELL
Ray LINDWALL
Doug McRITCHIE

George LUCAS (2)
Colin FEWTRELL

Goals

Ray LINDWALL (6)

Bill KEATO (3)

Match Description

St George: Full-back: R Lindwall; three-quarters: O Campbell, A Jones, A McLure, D McRitchie; halves: R Hasson, Alf Cox; forwards: W McRitchie, H Gilbert, C Montgomery, L Kelly (capt), A Clarke, J Hall

Western Suburbs: Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, L Hoschke, C Lynch, C Fewtrell; halves: E Bennett, A McGuinness (capt); forwards: G Lucas, F McKean, H Grew, W Taylor, N Spence, C Williams **Referee: A Shiner (Rugby League News 9th May 1942)**

.... C. Lynch replaced J. Grahame for Wests. Attendance was about 4500. From a scuffle in front of St. George's goal, Bennett crossed but he lost the ball over the line. Lucas, following on fast, scored in the corner, for Keato to kick a clever goal. Western Suburbs 5, St. George nil. Lindwall dashed away inside his own half, short-kicked, and regained the ball on the bounce to score alongside the posts. He also kicked the goal. Western Suburbs 5, St. George 5. Lindwall kicked an easy penalty goal. St. George 7 and Western Suburbs 5. Lindwall was taken to the sideline for attention to an eye. He resumed shortly afterwards. Campbell forced his way over for St. George and Lindwall added the extras. St. George 12, Western Suburbs 5. McGuinness broke away as the half-time bell was ringing and sent Lucas over near the posts. Keato's kick failed. St. George 12, Western Suburbs 8. Then came a glorious West's try. Bennett broke away at half-way and short-kicked over McClure's, head. Diving for the ball he missed and Fewtrell, following on fast, scored. Keato kicked fee goal. Western Suburbs 13, St. George 12. Lindwall was off for a while after the interval, having slight concussion. He was very groggy when he returned. Bennett was taken off with a dislocated shoulder. From a scrum in West's twenty-five, the ball flew from D. McRitchie to Hale, who scored inside for Lindwall to kick a splendid goal. St. George 17, Western Suburbs 13. W. Taylor was called out by the referee, and Wests were penalised. Lindwall kicked an easy goal. St. George 19, Western Suburbs 13. St. George was penalised. Keato kicked the goal from half-way. St. George 19, Western Suburbs 15. Just as the final bell was ringing, D. McRitchie crossed for Lindwall to goal. St. George 24, Western Suburbs 15. **(The Sun 2nd May 1942)**

Premiers St. George, displaying brilliant team work, particularly in the second half, always had the drop on Western Suburbs, whom they dished up 24-15 in the presence of 5000 spectators at Hurstville. At one stage, when the 'Fruit-pickers' hit the front 13 to 12, they momentarily had the Dragon Slayers rattled. Ray Lindwall was the outstanding star for the locals. He scored a clinking try, and booted 6 goals — 15 points— out of 24. Others to glitter for the Saints were A. Cox and D. McRitchie in the backs, while J. Hale, A. Clark, and L. Kelly were a brilliant trio in the vanguard. For Wests Billy Keato as custodian was tops, ably supported by C. Fewtrell and Col Lynch. 'Podgy' McGuinness was not as versatile as he usually is, though his tackling was devastating. 'Snow' McKean certainly pulled his weight in both the loose and rucks. **(Truth 3rd May 1942)**

... Wests' fullback, Keato, was- the best back on the ground. He was under pressure throughout, and made only one mistake. **(The Daily Telegraph 3rd May 1942)**

Notes: Cal Lynch was back after missing most of 1941 with a broken arm. A number of players made their debuts: Harry Grew, Neville Spence, Wal Taylor, Les Hoschke and Cec Williams. Keato played a brilliant game at full-back and Colin Fewtrell's try was a beauty. The key to the game, however, was the injury to star five-eighth, Eric Bennett. He went off with an apparently dislocated shoulder but it turned out to be a broken collar-bone. Wests were well in the match until his departure, but weren't able to hold St George in the last ten minutes.