



# 1940 Round 1 Thursday 25th April Cumberland Oval



## Western Suburbs 16

def.

## South Sydney 11

Bill KEATO  
Bruce BROWN  
Fred BABER  
Cal LYNCH  
Jack WHITEHURST  
Phil COOPER  
Albert McGUINNESS  
Max GRAY (c)  
Stan SIMPSON  
Ron CAMPBELL  
Ken LOCK  
Alex PATRICK  
Jack PIPER

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

Bill GOODWIN  
Jack WUNSCH  
Alan QUINLIVAN  
Fred FELSCH (c)  
Ken MURRAY  
Jack KADWELL  
Alan SCHAFER  
Jack WALSH  
George KILHAM  
John WHITFIELD  
Johnny BROWN  
Percy FAIRALL  
Eddie HINSON

### Tries

Jack WHITEHURST (3)  
Bruce BROWN

Percy FAIRALL  
Ken MURRAY  
Alan QUINLIVAN

### Goals

Stan SIMPSON (2)

Fred FELSCH (1)

### Match Description

**Western Suburbs:** Full-back: W Keato; three-quarters: B Brown, C Lynch, F Baber, J Whitehurst; halves: A McGuinness, P Cooper; forwards: M Gray (capt), S Simpson, R Campbell, J Piper, A Patrick, K Lock

**South Sydney:** Full-back: W Goodwin; three-quarters: J Wunsch, A Quinlivan, F Felsch (capt), K Murray,; halves: J Kadwell, A Schaffer; forwards: J Walsh, G Kilham, J Whitfield, J Brown, P Fairall, E Hinson **Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 4th May 1940)**

The League's first game at Parramatta proved a successful venture. When the main game commenced there was a crowd of about 5000, despite the inconvenient position of the ground. Frank McMillan, an ex-Australian captain and State selector, started the game, and from the scrum at the centre Gray secured, and with a short kick downfield put Western Suburbs on the attack. Felsch found the line in Western Suburbs territory, with a fine kick from a penalty. Another followed, and Felsch kicked the goal from straight in front, for Souths, who led 2 to nil. South Sydney scored again almost immediately. Quinlivan secured inside half-way and cutting in brilliantly made a grand opening. At the 25 yards mark he sent to Felsch who gave to Murray. The winger outpaced Keato and scored in the corner. Felsch failed. South Sydney 5, Western Suburbs nil. ... Quinlivan, with a brilliant individual effort, scored. Receiving inside Wests' half-way he went hard to the outside wing. Brushing aside two would-be tacklers, he palmed another, and finally slipped out of Keato's tackle to score in the corner. Felsch failed. South Sydney 8, Western Suburbs nil. Spurred on by this reverse, Western Suburbs launched a terrific attack, and Campbell, picking up from a ruck in Souths' 25, passed to Simpson, who tried to bustle his way over. However, he managed to get the ball to Whitehurst, who scored in the corner. Simpson's kick failed. South Sydney 8, Western Suburbs 3....Half-time scores: South Sydney 8.Western Suburbs. 3.

... South Sydney was hard-pressed to keep off determined attacks by the Western Suburbs forwards. Western Suburbs was rewarded, when McGuinness sent to Cooper, to Lynch, who propped, then swerved up-field to cut out several defenders, sent to Brown, who scored, with Murray and Goodwin hanging on to him. Simpson missed the goal. South Sydney 8, Western Suburbs 6. Heavy rain was falling and the ball became hard to handle. ... Goodwin ran straight up field and then sent to Kadwell, to Hinson. Fairall had it next and the South Sydney hooker scored. Felsch failed. South Sydney 11, Western Suburbs 6. ... Wests Immediately scored a try. Gray picked up from a ruck, and Cooper, Lynch, and Baber handled in quick succession. Whitehurst got in right in the corner and scored. Simpson failed. South Sydney 11, Western Suburbs 9. ... Souths were penalised, and this time Simpson made no mistake with his kick, and the scores were 11-all. From a scrum, the ball travelled from Cooper to Lynch and Baber, and then Whitehurst scored in the corner. Simpson converted. Western Suburbs 16, South Sydney 11. **(The Sun 25th April 1940)**

The First Grade Captain Coach is Max Gray, a player with much country experience and a chap that is making himself popular....George Lucas, who played at Armidale last season has increased his waistline, but has shown fine form throughout the trial games, and is sure to catch the eyes of the selectors shortly. George is now locking the scrum for Reserves.....congratulations are extended to our young winger, Bruce Brown, on winning the 100 and 220 yards Championship of the Militia Camp...Jack Whitehurst is now settling down to the new game, and has overcome the difficulty of the play the ball rule.... **(Rugby League News 4th May 1940)**

**Notes:** This was the first game played at Parramatta on Cumberland Oval. Wests were down 8-0 early but came back strongly, even though it rained heavily during the match and handling became difficult. Alan Quinlivan, for Souths, left in the second half with an injured shoulder. Max Gray was back as captain after years in the country, while Billy Keato went to fullback after the retirement of Jimmy Sharman. The big debut was from Jack Whitehurst, a Union convert who scored three good tries.