

1939 Round 10 Saturday 1st July Pratten Park

Eastern Suburbs 19

Jim NORTON Harry NOBBS Mick RANKINE Frank VAUGHAN Percy DERMOND Lionel PAWLEY Fred ROBINSON Andy NORVAL Joe PEARCE Henry PIERCE Jack ARNOLD Noel HOLLINGDALE Ray STEHR (c)

Henry PIERCE (2)

Percy DERMOND Joe PEARCE

Jack ARNOLD

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

def.

Jim SHARMAN Harry ALLEN Bill KEATO Cal LYNCH Jack CAFFREY Jack TISDALE Albert McGUINESS (c) Don MURRAY Don GULLIVER Stan SIMPSON Ken LOCK Alex PATRICK Jack PIPER

Western Suburbs 16

Jack PIPER Jack TISDALE

Goals Lionel PAWLEY (2)

Stan SIMPSON (4) Jim SHARMAN (1) Field Goal

Match Description

Tries

Eastern Suburbs: Full-back: J Norton; three-quarters: H Nobbs, M Rankine, F Vaughan, P Dermond; halves: L Pawley, F Robinson; forwards: A Norval, S Pearce, H Pierce, R Stehr (capt), N Hollingdale, J Arnold

Western Suburbs: Full-back: J Sharman; three-quarters: H Allen, W Keato, C Lynch, J Caffrey; halves: J Tisdale, A McGuiness (capt); forwards: D Murray, D Gulliver, S Simpson, K Lock, A Patrick, J Piper Referee: P Lee (Rugby League News 8th July 1939)

... A fine dodgy run by Lynch took play back to half-way. The relief was only temporary, however. Sharman could not hold the ball and Hollingdale picked up, passed to Pearce, who went over for an easy try. Pawley converted. Eastern Suburbs 8, Western Suburbs 0. ... Then Western Suburbs failed, and from the kick-out Pearce secured, sent to Stehr, who went through, passed to Pierce, swung to Dermond, who scored. Pawley failed. Eastern Suburbs 11, Western Suburbs 0.... From a further penalty, Simpson kicked, a goal, the referee awarding the point after the touch-judges had disagreed. Eastern Suburbs 11, Western Suburbs 2. Eastern Suburbs' forwards took play to their opponents' line, and from a ruck Arnold picked up and scored. Pawley converted. Eastern Suburbs 16, Western Suburbs 2. Practically from the kick-out Eastern Suburbs scored again. Norval secured near half-way, sent to Pierce who showed the pace of a back and easily beat Sharman, to score in the corner. Pawley failed. Eastern Suburbs 19, Western Suburbs 2. Western Suburbs had settled down and getting a good show of the ball, started several good passing movements. Lynch and Allen each made fine runs and at half-time bell, were right on their opponents' line. Half-time scores:—Eastern Suburbs 19, Western Suburbs 2.

Wests, with the breeze in its favour, took play to Easts' 25, where Stehr was spoken to by the referee, and Wests was given a penalty for Simpson to kick a good goal. Eastern Suburbs 19, Western Suburbs 4. A high kick by McGuiness was fielded by Nobbs behind Easts' goal-line, and, coming out, Nobbs sent to Norton, whose kick was charged down by Caffrey. Lynch got to it, sent to Piper, who scored. Simpson converted. Eastern Suburbs 19, Western Suburbs 9. Western Suburbs attacked determinedly and Sharman snapped a neat field goal from Easts' 25. Eastern Suburbs 19, Western Suburbs 11. Western Suburbs was now playing grand football. The backs were throwing the ball about in fine style and several good movements went close to scoring. Sharman secured near half-way, sent to Murray to Lynch to Keato. Tisdale had come round the wing and making a good run scored in the corner. Simpson converted. Eastern Suburbs 19, Western Suburbs 16. Twice Norton saved brilliantly. Tisdale broke through well and running strongly gave to Caffrey, who was forced out by Nobbs. A moment later Caffrey was nearly in again, but Pierce held him up and carried him back infield. Wests continued to attack relentlessly, but Easts' defence just managed to hold Wests out. **(The Sun 1st July 1939)**

Ken Lock, since being shifted from the centre of the scrum, is now revealing his best form in the front row, and together with Jack Piper and Alex Patrick makes a very formidable front row..... Jack Tisdale certainly justified the Selectors' opinion of him, for, since being elevated to the stand-off half position in the Firsts, he has improved considerably, and today ranks with the best. Jack is very quick to seize an opening, and once through takes some catching. A good handler and defender, big things are predicted for him in the future. **(Rugby League News 8th July 1939)**

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Notes: Wests were very poor in the first thirty minutes, missing lots of tackles. The last ten minutes of the half were promising, where Wests started to attack but they were still down 19-2 at half-time. Wests ran with the breeze in the second half and started to completely dominate the play. They nearly scored a number of times in the last ten minutes, including Jack Caffrey being held up over the line. They were very unlucky not to score the winning try.